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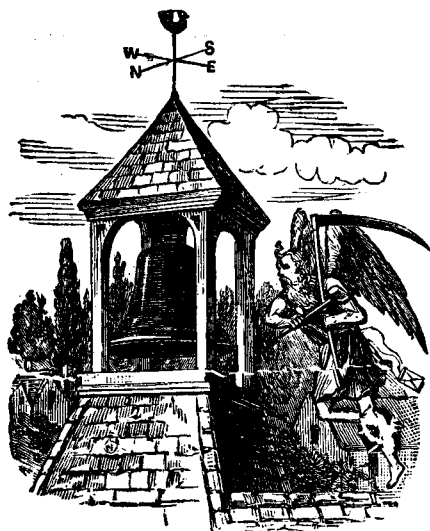
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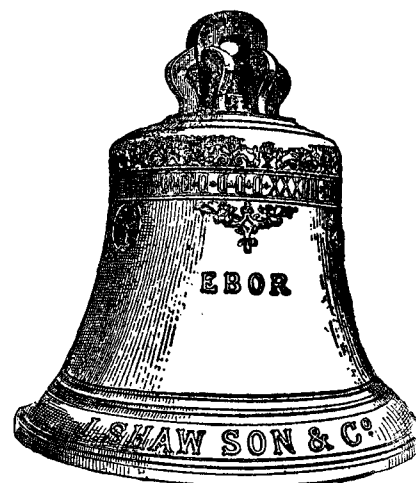
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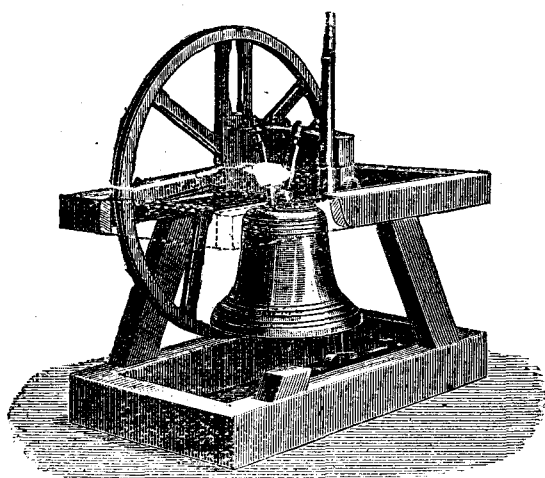
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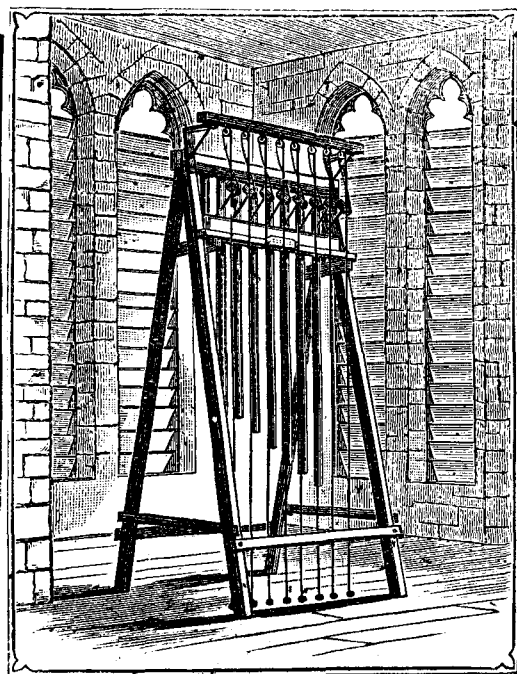
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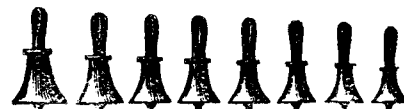
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A REMARKABLE BORDER TOWER.

The celebrated bell-tower of Quex Park, Isle of Thanet, is, we believe, unique, as an example of a tower built by a private gentleman for the express purpose of carrying a peal of ringing bells. As is well known to most change-ringers, at least of London and the south-eastern counties, this remarkable tower contains a peal of twelve bells, upon which some notable peals have been rung of late years, more especially by members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, whose head quarters is the royal parish church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London. It is doubtful, however, if many of the members of that renowned society are aware that the extreme northern county, from which they derive their distinguishing title, contains a private tower of a somewhat similar kind; we say somewhat, for the edifice in question differs in one respect from its prototype in being an integral part of the mansion of its owner; that at Quex Park is built in an isolated position, within the grounds, but at a considerable distance from the residence of its proprietor; and greater difference still, the Kentish bells are hung for ringing, while their northern brethren are but sounded by outside hammers in connection with a clock and barrels, in other words a carillon of the Belgian type, and in fact all but the great hour bell are the offspring of a foreign foundry.

Situated at High Moor, the seat of Edwin H. Banks, Esq., close to the market town of Wigton, and within ten miles of the borders of Scotland, these bells, or at least one of them, might have served a useful purpose in the old days of border forays as a tocsin to warn the worthy burghers of Wigton that Rob Roy and his bare-legged callants were on the war-path—or to speak more properly, "cattle-trail." However, the reiver Scot of these latter days does not do things in that way: now he takes a third-class ticket per Midland Railway to London, and stops there.

But to return to our bells. There are ten of them—a peal of nine, the heaviest probably about 40 cwt., bearing the founder's name. These were purchased by the late — H. Banks, Esq., elder brother of the present owner, at a continental exhibition of that year, and he further ordered from Loughborough a large hour bell: this is a fine specimen of Mr. Taylor's work, bearing his name, and date, 1884, weighing, we were informed, 8 tons 9 cwt., and is 89 inches in diameter.

A very large clock, the pendulum bob exceeding 6 cwt., by Gillet and Johnston, of Croydon, with single dial only, and carillon machine by the same makers, of four barrels, each pinned for seven tunes, completed the outfit. The barrels are changed weekly, the clock being set to play a tune at each alternate hour. Contained within the clock also is an arrangement by which the quarters are chimed on eight bells.

The bell-chamber is attained by a fine spiral stairway of iron, and is open at all sides, giving magnificent views of surrounding country, including the seat of Sir Wilfrid Lawson, and in another direction White Hall, the seat of the heir of the late George Moore, the great philanthropic London merchant of Bow Churchyard, Cheapside, who was a native of Wigton, and who erected a very large and splendid granite drinking fountain in the town in memory of his wife, who pre-deceased him.

The winding of this great clock and its carillon accessories used to occupy two men for upwards of two hours daily. Some year or two ago, however, the mansion was fitted throughout with the electric light, necessitating a gas engine to supply power. This little stranger, no doubt an exceedingly "welcome" one as far as the two labourers were concerned, is now impressed into the winding-up service, and gets through with it in about one tenth of the time.

The pendulum gravely wags from side to side on his unceasing journey, within a beautifully carved oaken case extending from floor to ceiling of the room set apart for his residence. Glazed panels admit of a view of this imposing-looking bob; the other "bob" we all love to hear is of course conspicuous by his absence.

A portrait of the owner of this beautiful place, showing a handsome looking gentleman of about forty, adorns the wall, and seems to look kindly down upon us as we write our names in the visitors' book, the well-filled columns of which are evidence that his generosity is much appreciated.

The pleasure of our visit was greatly enhanced by the cordial reception met with from Mr. S. Stamper, the resident mechanician, who has the sole charge of both clock and bells, in

addition to his more recently acquired responsibility of gas-engine and electric lighting. The whole is in perfect order, and reflects the greatest credit on his industry and skill.

We would venture a modest opinion that much more pleasing results, from a musical point of view, could have been attained by the same weight of bell-metal being distributed even, say twenty-six bells instead of ten only.

THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday evening, December 27th, the ringers of St. Phillip's church were the honoured guests of one of their courteous and generous churchwardens, Dr. Malins, at his residence, to a dinner, and it is needless to say that ample justice was done to the excellent repast provided. Afterwards they adjourned to another room, where, following the example set them, each one made himself at home, with the one intention and sole idea of spending a thorough enjoyable evening, puffing in strong and vigorous style the fragrant weed out of huge churchwardens, thoughtfully provided for them, and listening to several humorous songs rendered by several of the ringers. The hand-bells were brought into requisition and a few selections played, but the churchwardens' pipes possessed such subtle influence that an adjournment to them was considered necessary, and after a look at a large collection of curiosities, which formed quite a museum, and interested all immensely, a few more songs were rendered, and alas! the time for parting arrived, but far too soon. A vote of thanks was proposed to Dr. Malins and family by Mr. G. Walker, and seconded by Mr. J. Jennings, who, on behalf of his brother-ringers cordially thanked the host and hostess for the kind and generous way in which they had been entertained that evening.

Dr. Malins responded, and said it was a great pleasure to him to have such a body of men bent upon so good and skilful a science as change-ringing before him that evening. Although his knowledge at present of the craft was very small, he intended to know something more about it later on. He gave some very good instances of unison, and urged all present to keep intact one with the other, and hoped that this would be one of a series of jovial meetings for them all.

After this the health of Dr. Malins and family was drank with musical honours, and the host singing "Auld Lang Syne," three hearty cheers for Dr. Malins and family brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

HESSLE, NEAR HULL, YORKSHIRE.

DEDICATION OF A NEW PEAL OF SIX BELLS.—This new ring of six bells is the result of the laudable efforts of 120 friends of the late Anthony Bannister, Esq., Alderman of the Borough of Hull, and sometime churchwarden of Hesse. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who took down the old ring of four, and have replaced them by the present peal. The bells were first rung on Friday, December 23rd, 1892, when a company of ringers from Hull met to ring the bells in order to give the architect an opportunity of examining the tower while the bells were in motion, and the following members of the Yorkshire Association rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. T. Verity, 1; J. W. Stickney, 2; H. Jenkins, 3; W. Southwick (conductor), 4; H. W. Needham, 5; C. Jackson, 6. The dedication service was held on Wednesday evening, December 28th, 1892, the Vicar, the Rev. A. Kaye, in the absence of the Bishop, performing the office. After the service the following members of the Yorkshire Association rang a date touch of 1892 changes, comprised of the following methods: 452 Grandsire Minor, 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor. W. T. Verity, 1; J. W. Stickney, 2; H. Jenkins, 3; W. Southwick, 4; H. W. Needham, 5; C. Jackson, 6. Arranged and conducted by H. W. Needham. Afterwards the ringers were very kindly entertained to supper by the Vicar.

The bells have been erected as a memorial to the late Alderman Bannister, and are an excellent peal, the "go" being all that could possibly be desired, and the tune and tone of the bells perfect. The work has been carried out under the supervision of the architect, Mr. Broderick, of Hull.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 26th, 1892, at St. Stephen's, Westminster, a magnificent peal-board, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on September 19th, 1891, was unveiled by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. G. Twining, the Rev. W. H. Manning and the Rev. S. Swire also being present. Before unveiling, a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by J. Willshire. The Vicar then proceeded to draw the curtain, and this having been done it was open to the gaze of about fourteen members, and much admired by them. The rev. gentleman, after reading the inscription, made a few well-chosen remarks on ringing, and the splendid workmanship of the board, and asked if the coloured picture on the top was a representation of the female bellringer? The answer was that the painting in oil colours was an exact copy of the female figure reclining on a bell among the clouds, so well known to College Youths, it being on their certificate of membership. It was very kindly executed by an artist named Rossiter, a friend of Mr. Willshire. Under the painting is a row of raised flowers nicely finished in old ivory, and relieved with gold, then a light-coloured shield with a gold band round it, on a dark ground, the shield bearing the inscription beautifully written in gold.

This ceremony being over, the members had another to perform, in the shape of a testimonial to the Rev. S. Swire, it being the last time he would be among them, as he is leaving Westminster to fulfil his duties as Vicar of St. Thomas, Huddersfield. The testimonial was an apostle bell inkstand, mounted on a polished oak stand, with brass corner pieces, and a plate bearing the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. S. Swire, M.A., by the St. Stephen's, Westminster, Ringers, December, 1892."

Mr. T. R. Bell, in presenting it on behalf of the members, made a short and very appropriate speech, in which he said he hoped Mr. Swire would find the present useful in his new home.

The Rev. S. Swire, in thanking the ringers for their kindness, said he really had not done anything to merit it, and wished he had had more time, so that he could have been in the belfry oftener. As to the present being useful, it was not only useful but ornamental; in fact it seemed a pity to use it; but he should use it so that with about 200 miles between them he should still think of the St. Stephen's ringers in Westminster.

The peal-board was presented to the society by Messrs. James Willshire and Edward Duff. At the close of the proceedings the company broke up, leaving eight members to start for a peal, which came to grief after 40 minutes' excellent ringing. G. Langford, 1; T. R. Bell, 2; A. G. Ellis, 3; H. S. Ellis, 4; W. J. Sorrell, 5; J. Willshire (conductor), 6; J. N. Oxborough, 7; S. Andrews, 8. It was arranged to start again on Saturday, December 31st, when it was successfully brought round in 3 hrs. 8 mins., the same time that is on the peal-board, and its record will be found its proper place.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

RINGERS' ANNIVERSARY.—The Anniversary of the St. Margaret's Society was held on Wednesday, December 28th, when all the members assembled at the "White Horse" hotel, where an excellent spread was placed before them by host John Johnson. Ample justice having been done thereto, the cloth was removed, and Mr. G. Lindoff was unanimously voted to the chair, who gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts in due form. In giving the toast of the "Norwich Diocesan Association," the chairman referred to the extraordinary progress made during the past two years, and how pleased he was to see that it was rapidly recovering the little ground it had temporarily lost in Mr. Attree's analysis. Although his lot was now cast amid the surroundings of another Association, he watched the doings of the "Norwich Diocesan" with keen interest.

The name of the District Secretary, Mr. W. Taylor, was coupled with this toast, and who in responding stated that the Association was making good progress, both numerically and financially. In this district another tower has just been placed in union, with six performing and two honorary members.

Then followed the toast of the evening, "The St. Margaret's Society of Change-Ringers," coupled with the health of the Master, Mr. John Button, who, in responding, congratulated the

Society upon the great progress made during the past year, both in the increase of members and in the number of methods rung.

"The Healths of the conductors" was next given, with thanks to them for the painstaking energy they have shewn, in bringing the Society to its present position, and which was suitably responded to by Mr. A. J. Lincoln and Mr. H. J. Button. "The Health of the Rector, the Rev. B. W. Raven," was next given, with warmest thanks for his kindness in granting the use of the bells when applied for.

"The Health of the Chairman" was proposed by Mr. F. Cooper, who, in responding, stated the very great pleasure it at all times gave him to visit his friends at Leiston, and the tower where he took his first lesson in the science.

Other complimentary toasts followed, and were suitably responded to, and the proceedings were enlivened with some excellent singing by Messrs. H. Baldry, A. Osborn and C. Sampson, while the handbells were kept going at intervals in the Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Grandsire methods, and some performances in tune playing. The final toast "The Host," at 11 o'clock, brought to a close the proceedings of a very enjoyable evening, marked throughout with the utmost harmony and goodwill.

Ringers' Outings.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—On Tuesday, December 27th, eight members of this Association made a trip to Colerne, Wilts, for the purpose of fixing a new peal tablet in the tower recording two peals which had been rung by members of the Guild, one being Taylor's bob-and-single peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. Wotton, which was rung on February 28th, 1891, and the other one being Hubbard's ten-part peal of Bob Triples, rung on October 15th, 1892, conducted by C. W. Bell, this being the first peal in the method on the bells. After the usual duties had been performed, a most successful attempt was made for Annable's six-part peal of Bob Triples, which was brought round in 3 hrs. 8 mins. The ringers and friends afterwards adjourned to the "Six Bells," where they spent a most enjoyable evening. The ringers wish to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—The members of this society had their annual outing on Monday, December 26th, Silverdale being the place selected. On arriving there they were refused admittance to the belfry, the vicar not having arranged with his churchwardens. From this place the members drove over to Beetham, in Westmoreland, a distance of about four miles, the drive being greatly enjoyed. Here they gained admittance, the vicar being very pleased to open the church doors for them. After the bells were raised a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) was rung in 28 mins. T. Watson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Minor ever rung on the bells. Also a few scores with J. Gibson, 6.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, December 18th, a 1040 Kent Treble Bob Royal. G. Morris, 1; O. James, 2; W. Short, 3; W. Devey, 4; J. Mason, 5; H. Martin, 6; G. Hayward (conductor), 7; J. Barber, 8; G. Bourne, 9; W. Ray, 10. The longest touch by all in the method. Also a touch of Grandsire Caters, 395 changes. W. Ray, 1; O. James, 2; G. Hayward (conductor), 3; W. H. Barber (aged 16) 4; J. Mason, 5; H. Martin, 6; W. Devey, 7; J. Barber, 8; G. Morris, 9; W. Short, 10. J. Barber, W. H. Barber and W. Short hail from Clent, W. Devey from King's Norton, H. Martin from Belbroughton.

CHALFORD (Gloucestershire).—On Friday, December 16th, for practice at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 24 mins. A. A. Cook, 1; W. E. Garey, 2; G. F. Cook, 3; A. E. Chambers, 4; A. F. Cook (conductor), 5; G. Pincott, 6. On Sunday evening, December 18th, for Divine Service, four 6-scores in the same method. A. F. Cook (conductor), 1; W. E. Garey, 2; A. A. Cook, 3; A. E. Chambers, 4; G. Pincott, 5; A. Maisey, 6. And three 6-scores with A. E. Chambers, 2; G. F. Cook, 4; the rest standing as before.

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 ANALYSIS OF PEALS: PROPOSED ALTERATIONS.

SIR,—At the last Annual Meeting of the Central Council of bell-ringers, the President (A. Percival Heywood, Esq.) expressed a hope that, in compiling my analysis of peals, I should see a way of inserting no one peal under the name of more than one Association. This suggestion seemed to meet with general approval amongst those representatives attending the meeting, and I propose to adopt some means to carry the above into effect when preparing my analysis for the year 1893. The following plan, it seems to me, will be the best course to pursue for the present, at all events, namely, in my monthly analysis to credit the peal to that Association whose name appears first in "THE BELL NEWS." For example: "The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association:" a peal under this heading would be credited to the Ancient Society and not to the Essex Association; but if the band desired it to be credited to the Essex Association, care must be taken to insert the name "Essex Association" before that of the Ancient Society. If it should be held desirable, I could add below (at the end of the six months and the year's analysis) to the analysis proper, a supplemental list, crediting each Association with the whole of its peals published in its name. I am personally strongly of opinion that it would be advantageous to ringing, that, before starting for a peal it should be decided which Association it should belong to, as it is in cricket matches, football, etc., and it would, to a large extent, diminish the obnoxious custom of electing three, or even six members to a society in the tower before starting for a peal. I should be obliged if you will insert this letter, also any suggestions or improvements that any member of the Exercise may make during the present month. G. F. ATTREE.

8, Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

Re THE EAST-END CLIQUE.

SIR,—The great "I am" of this immaculate "clique" has at last spoken; now that he has opened his mouth, I suppose all the smaller fry must submit to his mighty ruling and retire—completely vanquished. How awful to contemplate over? I do not intend answering all his questions, as he has not the courage to write over his proper name. At the same time I am quite prepared to do so had he given his name. What a tremendous effort it must have cost the "clique" to get that letter together in the short space of four weeks. I wonder they survived the undertaking. I am told that nothing would have been heard about this matter had I not spoken of it. I thought that most ringers take in "BELL NEWS" every week; if not, of course they could not expect to see the letters that have appeared many weeks since, but we read some time ago that in certain places one copy was made to do for a whole band, and, of course, if the above is a case in point, one of the band could not have seen it for several weeks, each ringer being allowed his own time at perusal of the same. I am also told that I like to see my name in print. Well, perhaps so; we all have our weaknesses. At the same time I have no objection to see my name to an 168 or 120, when it is a youngster's first and longest touch, especially when some of the bigger men in the Exercise are not ashamed of it. We are getting nearer home to our friends' "real grievance" as he terms it. I shall be happy to meet them at any time and discuss these points if they wish it; but it appears to me they fight shy, and even run away from their own parish church. I shall also be pleased to meet our friends at the usual practice, and take a pair of handbells (not 7-8) through 168 of Grandsire Triples with him, then I will promise him (when he has learnt how to do it) that I will send a paragraph to "BELL NEWS," with a star to his name, signifying that the first and longest touch double-handed has been accomplished by him. It is sufficient for me that my last letter exactly answered my purpose, and that the cap has fitted on the right head. I don't mind their personalities, I shall get over that as I have done before. I shall also be very glad if our "aggrieved" friends will tackle me personally in the future, instead of cowardly pitching into one who is an invalid when he stands alone.

ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

Obituary.

PETER SNOWDEN.

It is with deep regret that we announced, last week, the death of this good old ringer, in his seventy-eighth year. He died suddenly on Christmas morning while ringing for Divine Service. He was the first in the belfry, so as his brother-ringers came up they wished him a merry Christmas, and he wished the same to them. All went on

well until ten o'clock, when he fell forward and expired. He was a native of Ripon, where he sang in the choir as a boy. He then went to Knaresborough to learn his trade, where he commenced his ringing career, and is supposed to have rung his first peal there, but there is record of it. He came to Leeds and joined the parish church company in 1847, and rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in the above tower in 1859. This is the first peal there is any record of. In the same year he conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples at Otley. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association from its commencement, taking part in three peals and several other peals not recorded. He was a first-class striker, and a very careful ringer, rarely making mistakes in methods he was accustomed to. His genial face will be much missed by friends and visitors to Leeds. He was a man both loved and respected by all his brother-ringers and friends, so straightforward, so good and jovial, and always the same. He was laid to rest on Wednesday, December 28th, in the Burmantofts Cemetery, well within the sound of the bells he loved to ring. He was carried to the grave by four of his brother-ringers, the Sicilian Mariners' Hymn being rung over him before leaving his house (as he wished) by the following members of the company; T. and H. Lockwood (air), A. Windsor, T. Smith, G. Barraclough, and W. Woodhead (bass). A course of Grandsire Caters was rung at the graveside by J. Hutchinson, 1-2; G. Barraclough, 3-4; W. Walker, 5-6; T. Lockwood, 7-8; R. Binns, 9-10. Now he is gone one can only think of the hours spent in his company, his quiet remarks, and happy face. May he rest in peace.

WILLIAM WILKES.

The sudden death of this well-known Shipley ringer took place on Christmas Day under somewhat painful circumstances. Deceased who was in his sixty-fifth year, was suddenly taken ill on Saturday, December 24th, and was at once removed to bed, but he never spoke again, and died on the following morning at eight o'clock. He had been a ringer for forty-four years, and had taken part in many peals on the old six bells. He also became a member of the Yorkshire Association at its formation in 1875, and continued to be a member up to his death. He was a good average change-ringer, and an able conductor. He also took part in fourteen peals on eight bells, all of which were Association peals, and were rung at various churches. He was ever ready to render what help he could to the art of change-ringing, and particularly in the way of assisting young ringers. He was the last of the old band of six-bell ringers at Shipley. The funeral took place on Tuesday, December 27th, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. Ringers were present from Calverley, Birstal, Haworth, and other places. His remains were carried to their last resting-place by his seven brother-ringers, assisted by a late ringer. Mr. B. Firth played "Angels ever bright and fair" as the funeral entered the church, and the Dead March in *Saul* on leaving the church. Muffled touches were rung on the bells before and after the funeral.

DARLSTON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, December 17th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins., being the last three parts of J. Carter's twelve-part peal. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; W. Smith, 3; *C. F. Vickers, 4; T. Lowe, 5; J. Gough (conductor), 6; *J. E. Groves, 7; J. Foster, 8. *Hail from Wolverhampton. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. S. Carter, of Birmingham, formerly of Darlston, and father of Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Tuesday, December 13th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. E. Cox, 1; R. Mack, Esq., 2; W. M. Stephenson, 3; J. W. E. Lynn, 4; R. B. Wilson, 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6. R. Mack, Esq. hails from Catterick; the rest belong to the local company.

PENARTH (South Wales).—On Sunday, December 4th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; D. Thomas, 4; F. Bartlett (first 720 in the method), 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 6th, for practice, a 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. J. Vinnicombe (first 720 as conductor), 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; D. Thomas, 4; T. Norther, 5; C. Smith, 6. On Sunday, December 11th, a 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. On Saturday, December 17th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Jones, 2; D. Thomas, 3; W. Biss, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. W. Jones hails from Morriston, near Swansea.

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THE CIRENCESTER SOCIETIES.

The annual dinner of the parish church (Cirencester) and Watermoor societies took place in the Watermoor schoolroom on Wednesday evening, December 28th, 1892. There was a full attendance. The president of both societies, the Ven. Archdeacon Hayward, occupied the chair, and Mr. G. W. Lait, leader of the Watermoor company, was in the vice-chair. Those present included the Revs. S. Cooper, W. K. Weston, E. H. Townsend, R. C. S. Jones, and G. L. Amphlett; Mr. F. E. Ward (Cheltenham), Mr. F. Boulton and Mr. J. W. Jefferies (churchwardens), Mr. A. H. Gibbons, and other visitors. After ample justice had been done to the repast, the president submitted the loyal toast, which was duly honoured.

Mr. F. Boulton next, in graceful terms, proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese."

The Rev. S. Cooper, who responded, said he thought it was a very good sign that that toast should have been received with such enthusiasm, because it showed that there was a hearty alliance between the ministers of the Church in the tower and the ministers of the Church in the chancel. He did not know what special link of connection there was between them, except this, that he had heard lately that there were some people, he hoped not in that town, but in the world, who thought bells were a relic of barbarism; and there were some people, he had heard, who thought the clergy were relics of barbarism, and that both bellringers and clergy should be disestablished. He thought, as there were such terrible people in the world, they must stick all the more closely together; and he supposed the way to confute their adversaries was for them all to do their work thoroughly well. As one who did not know anything of handling the ropes, he could bear testimony to the excellent work done by the ringers of that parish, and tell them how much it was appreciated by people who had not the honour of belonging to the bands themselves.

The president next proposed the toast of "The ringers of the Parish and Watermoor districts," and in doing so thanked them for himself and also on behalf of the parish for the great trouble they took in practising, to enable them to enjoy the beauties of the bells at services and on other occasions. Nothing could be done without practice, and regularity and punctuality in that practice, and considering how much had been achieved by the ringers of that town, he thought that as a rule they must be very punctual and regular. Referring to the Watermoor band, he said he hoped the enthusiasm which had marked the members in the past would continue to mark them in the future; and with regard to the parish church band, he said they came forward to supply a need, which if it had not been supplied would have been a lasting disgrace, and the improvement that was so visible, if they took different periods and compared them with the present, augured well for the future, and that they should have a first-class company of ringers qualified to ring all their twelve bells. He should like to thank the two bands publicly, promising them that anything they could do to help them forward, and help them on, they should be most ready to do, and hoping the bands might keep together, and all would go on unanimously and harmoniously as that gathering seemed to imply it had gone on unanimously and harmoniously as yet. With the toast he coupled the names of the respective leaders, Mr. E. P. Harmer and Mr. G. W. Lait, who suitably replied, referring to the hearty co-operation of the clergy and churchwardens, and giving favourable reports as to the progress of the bands.

The president next submitted the toast—"The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association," and referred to the impetus given to bellringing when the Watermoor bells were dedicated, when they had the privilege of hearing a very remarkable sermon by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Master of the Association, and also of afterwards witnessing his skill upon the bells. He tendered Mr. Ward, whose name was coupled with the toast, their heartiest thanks for his services in coming up for several months past and instructing the bands, and expressed the hope that he would come again and again, and show the same patience and skill that he had already shown.

The toast was enthusiastically drunk, and Mr. Ward, who is honorary treasurer and a past master of the Association, said in response that the Association had, during the fourteen years it had been established, been steadily progressing, and had pro-

moted a brotherly feeling amongst ringers which at one time did not exist. Fourteen years ago there was great chaos, and a man to be a ringer was a despised person, and oftentimes looked upon as one of the very lowest grades of society. He was thankful to say that that kind of thing had entirely gone, he hoped for ever. Within the fourteen years there had been a steady progress, not only in their diocese but through the whole country. Owing to the institution of guilds and associations for the promotion of change-ringing, there had been created a feeling of brotherhood such as had never existed in the history of ringing, and the result was they now got exhibitions of ringing which, both in the beauty and length of the peals, was far beyond anything that had occurred before. To be a ringer nowadays insured a most hearty welcome where ringing was in vogue. He referred to the benefit that might accrue to the ringer from carrying the habits learned in the belfry into his daily life. Alluding to the kind words with which the toast had been proposed, he said he looked upon it as a matter of duty and as a matter of love, and he had his reward in helping on those who were devoting their time and attention to ringing. Mr. Ward concluded an interesting address by speaking highly of the quality of the Cirencester bells, remarking that those of the parish church, cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, was, if not the first, one of the earliest rings of twelve erected in this country.

The president's health, on the proposition of Mr. Lait, was enthusiastically honoured, and the Archdeacon responded. The Rev. E. H. Townsend proposed the toast of the vice-presidents, to which the Rev. W. K. Weston and Mr. Boulton replied. Songs were given by various members of the party, tunes and changes were rung on the handbells, and the company broke up about twelve o'clock with the singing of the National Anthem, after spending a very pleasant evening.

KING'S NORTON GUILD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The Annual Meeting of this Guild was held on Monday last, January 2nd, in the Schoolroom, King's Norton, for the election of officers and other business. The retiring Master, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, and Wardens, Messrs. W. S. Pritchett and W. Cooke, were unanimously re-elected for another year of office. Mr. John Carter was admitted as the first honorary member of the Guild, and subscribed the roll amidst loud applause. After the meeting those present adjourned to the "Saracen's Head" inn, where they were entertained to supper by the Master, after which Mr. Carter's health was cordially drunk. A touch of 305 Grandsire Caters and a course of Bob Royal were subsequently rung on the handbells, by T. Pritchett, 1-2; A. Pritchett, 3-4; W. S. Pritchett, 5-6; J. S. Pritchett, 7-8; G. Hands, 9-10. A. Barnes rang 9-10 in the Bob Royal. It was decided to alter the practice night from Tuesday to Thursday, with the sanction of the Vicar, and the members intend to follow up their first peal, rung on December 26th, at the earliest opportunity.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

On Saturday, December 31st, 1892, eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild attempted Mr. J. J. Parker's one-part peal of Grandsire Triples, at All Saints' church, but after ringing about 1300 changes it came to grief. H. Coombs, 1; P. Long, 2; A. R. Ward, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 5; H. Jennings, 6; E. Hatcher, 7; A. Ward, 8. Service taking place at 8 p.m., it was arranged to start again afterwards, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Shearne, who entertained the ringers to supper at the Vicarage. The second attempt proved unsuccessful after ringing an hour, W. Ward taking the treble, the rest standing as before. The remainder of the evening was spent in ringing short touches up till 11.58 p.m., when the tenor-man, W. Ward, struck the hour in the usual way. Afterwards 197 Grandsire was rung. On Sunday, January 1st, for Divine Service in the morning at 11 p.m., 1008 Grandsire Triples. M. Salisbury (captain), 1; P. Long, 2; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 3; J. G. Norris, 4; A. R. Ward, 5; H. Jennings, 6; E. Hatcher, 7; A. Ward, 8. Tenor 26½ cwt. in E flat. W. J. Sevier hails from Eastleigh; the rest belong to the local company.

Notices.

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Midland Counties' Association.—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Birmingham, on Saturday, January 14th, 1893, and the following towers will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., viz.—St. Martin's (12 bells), St. Phillip's (10 bells), St. John's, Deritend (8 bells), Bishop Ryder's (8 bells), and probably St. Chad's (R.C.C. 8 bells). Members on arrival are requested to proceed to St. Martin's schoolroom, Park Street, (near St. Martin's church), where bands will be formed for touches at the various towers. Committee meeting at the Cafe, New Street, 5.30. Tea and General meeting 6 p.m. The special trains arranged by the London and North Western Railway Co. leave Derby, 1.55, arriving in Birmingham, 3.10, and Leicester, 1.15, arriving Birmingham, at 3.0. Bands of eight and upwards from other centres who wish to attend the meeting, can obtain fare and quarter tickets at any station, by giving the usual three days' notice. Members and friends who intend being present at the Tea, must inform me not later than Wednesday, January 11th, as a guarantee must be given on that day. The Bishop of Coventry has kindly promised to be present at the tea and general meeting.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

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

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's church, Liverpool, to-day, Saturday, January 7th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Meeting in Cocoa Room at 6 p.m. Business—Election of Secretary.

CHAS. P. STANLEY, *Branch Sec.*

26, Roscoe Street, Liverpool.

Bedfordshire Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn, to-day, Saturday, January 7th, 1893. W. W. L. BAKER, *Milton Bryant Rectory, Woburn.*

Essex Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held to-day, Saturday, January 7th, at Prittlewell. The towers of Prittlewell (six bells), and Leigh (six bells), will be open for ringing. A brake will meet the 1.43 p.m. train at Prittlewell, to convey ringers to Leigh. Tea will be provided at Prittlewell at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.

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

Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at North Wingfield, to-day, Saturday, January 7th, 1893. Peal of six open for ringing during the day. Church ten minutes' walk from Clay Cross Station. EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

Woodseat, Near Sheffield.

Kent County Association.—The annual meeting of the Tunbridge District will be held at the "Fountain" coffee tavern, Westerham, Sevenoaks, on Monday, January 9th, 1893, at 3.15 p.m. The usual allowances will be paid to members attending. N.B.—Change at Dunton Green Station. T. S. CURTIS, *District Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Wolstanton, to-day, Saturday, January 7th. Bells at 4 p.m.

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Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at the church of St. Mary Redcliffe, on Tuesday evening, January 10th, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. C. H. GORDON, *Local Secretary.*

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for practice for January, 1893: Greenwich, St. Alfege; Tuesday, 3rd, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in vestry afterwards. Lee, St. Margaret: Wednesday, 11th, 7.45 to 9 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary: Monday, 23rd, 8 to 9.30 p.m. GEO. T. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A district meeting will be held at Swanscombe, on Saturday, January 14th, at 5 o'clock p.m. Tower open at 3 p.m. Northfleet (6 bells) will be opened after the meeting. 2, Railway Terrace, W. A. COOKE, *Dis. Sec.*
New Brompton, Chatham.

Waterloo Society, London.—The annual dinner of the above society will take place at the "Lord Hill," Waterloo Bridge Road, opposite the Station, on Saturday, January 21st, 1893, at 6.30 sharp. Tickets 3s. Further particulars will be announced.

272, Southampton Street, JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*
Camberwell, S.E.

All Saints' Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, January 14th, 1893. The tower will be open 4.30 p.m. Tea in church-room at 6 p.m., at 9d. each. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers intending to be present should signify the same to the Secretary not later than the Thursday before. JOHN GREEN, *Sec.*
Fulham Palace.

Lancashire Association, Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at the parish church, Eccles, on Saturday, January 14th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m. 54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*
Manchester.

Yorkshire Association.—Will members kindly keep open Saturday, February 11th, for the General Meeting at Wakefield? Particulars later. B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT SHREWSBURY.—Messrs. Holding and Jarvis hails from Crewe; Gibson from Whitchurch; Bratton from Welshpool; T. Groves from Eastleigh; the rest from Wolverhampton. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Roden, the company wishing him many happy returns. This is supposed to be the first peal of Caters in Shrewsbury since the long peal at St. Chad's on June 5th, 1808, being a 10,097 of Grandsire Caters, in 6 hrs. and 47 mins., when the tenor, then only 36 cwt., was rung by two men. The present tenor was exchanged for the old one in 1825, and this is the first peal rang on it. The ringers on leaving the church were met by Sir. Lovelace T. Stamer, Bishop of Shrewsbury, and Vicar of St. Chad's, who heartily congratulated the band on their success, and promised to record the peal by putting a board in the belfry. The ringers afterwards partook of tea at the dining rooms at the Bishop's expense, and were also entertained by Mr. R. Hughes, senior warden. They take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar, and wardens for the use of the bells; also the steeple-keeper for having every thing in readiness.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1893

The Metropolis.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, WALTHAMSTOW, AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 30, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19½ cwt.

F. G. NEWMAN Treble.	W. B. MANNING 5.
T. MAYNARD 2.	F. RUMENS 6.
WM. KEIT 3.	A. G. FREEMAN 7.
JOHN NUNN 4.	W. H. FREEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by F. G. NEWMAN.

This peal was rung as a mark of respect to the new vicar of Walthamstow, the Rev. W. H. Langhorne, and also as a token of the society's regard and esteem towards him for his kindness and consideration to them in promoting the Art of change-ringing.

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

On Saturday, December 31, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON Treble.	WALTER J. SORRELL 5.
THOMAS R. BELL 2.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 6.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 3.	JOHN N. OXBORROW 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS 4.	*SAMUEL ANDREWS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLSHIRE.

*First peal, and hails from Radwinter, Essex. It was rung on the birthday of T. R. Bell, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Also as a farewell peal to the Rev. S. Swire, who is leaving St. Stephen's for St. Thomas, Huddersfield, having been appointed to that benefice.

The Provinces.**BLETCHINGLEY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES BANCE Treble.	WILLIAM BURKIN 5.
FRANK HOLDEN 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS 6.
JOHN BASHFORD 3.	CHARLES GORDON 7.
JOHN HARDING 4.	*JAMES W. TRAPPITT .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY and Conducted by J. W. TRAPPITT.

*Cumberland Youths. All the others are College Youths. Messrs. Bashford and Burkin are local men. The others belong to Beddington.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,***On Monday, December 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,*

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

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

Tenor 30 cwt. in Db.

JOHN W. WHITING* .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
ERNEST BISHOP 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 3.	*ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT* 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Major on these fine-toned bells; also the first peal of Double Norwich rang in the county of Hants. This is Mr. Gifford's 150th peal.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, December 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JOHN W. WHITING .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 7.
ERNEST BISHOP 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells. In this and the preceding peal the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th place at a course-end.

TENTERDEN, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES' ONE-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt. in C#

CHALLIS F. WINNY .. Treble.	ROBERT EDWARDS 5.
GEORGE CRAMP 2.	GEORGE NEVE 6.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 3.	A. EDGAR NUNN 7.
ALFRED HINDS 4.	WALTER CLIFF Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.**THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Tuesday, December 27, 1892, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. Treble.	CHARLES HENRY MARTIN .. 5.
HENRY JAMES MARTIN† .. 2.	ALBERT PITAM 6.
FRANCIS CARROWAY 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
GEORGE B. LUCAS 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

The above is the first peal rung on this fine-toned peal of bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rector and Churchwardens for so kindly granting the use of the bells for the first peal. †First peal of Treble Bob.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Tuesday, December 27, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT MERTON COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 36 cwt.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. Treble.	THOMAS PAYNE 5.
CHARLES FOWLER 2.	ALFRED FOX 6.
ALBERT DUBBER 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
WILLIAM C. BASTON .. 4.	GEORGE WARNER .. Tenor.
	WILLIAM JEFFERY ..

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

COLERNE, WILTS.*On Tuesday, December 27, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART.

WILLIAM SIMMONDS .. Treble.	HENRY W. BROWN 5.
JAMES W. HINTON 2.	JAMES FUSSELL 6.
THOMAS GRAY 3.	CHARLES W. BELL 7.
CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 4.	GEORGE BUTLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. BELL.

First peal by G. Butler. J. W. Hinton hails from Bristol. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to C. Goodenough, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, December 27, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ERNEST BISHOP .. Treble.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	JOHN W. WHITING 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4.	*CHARLES TRIBE Tenor.

Conducted by REV. J. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. It is the Rev. J. E. Robinson's 400th peal; also the 50th peal by E. C. Merritt.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 22, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

HARRY J. PAULSON .. Treble.	HARRY W. HORWOOD .. 5.
THOMAS LINGARD 2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 6.
JOHN H. SWINFELD* .. 3.	HARRY ARGYLE 7.
WILLIAM WILLSON 4.	WILLIAM ADLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CARTER, of Birmingham, and Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

*First peal of Bob Triples. W. Willson hails from Leicester.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(NUNEATON BRANCH)

On Wednesday, December 28, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,
5040 CHANGES IN FIVE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, One of Kent Treble Bob, One of Grandsire Minor, Two of Canterbury, and Two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM HASTINGS .. Treble.	WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM .. 4.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2.	WILLIAM WILLSON 5.
ARTHUR A. ALDHAM 3.	RICHARD F. LANE .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR R. ALDHAM.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

College Trebles, Primrose, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, Killamarsh Treble Bob, College Pleasure and Duke of York.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY TAYLOR .. .. .Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM 4.
THOMAS BETTISON 2.	HARRY TURTON 5.
JAMES EMSN 3.	CHARLES SEVERN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, December 28, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

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

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

S. ROWBOTHAM .. ..Treble.	W. JAKEMAN 5.
F. JAKEMAN 2.	J. H. BRIERLEY 6.
T. JAKEMAN 3.	J. HARRISON 7.
S. TAYLOR 4.	J. CRABTREE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

This peal was rung to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the opening of the bells, and was the fiftieth peal by W. Jakeman.

NORTHAMPTON.—MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. (NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 29, 1892, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

SAMUEL HALL .. ..Treble.	JOHN MACKAY 5.
JOSEPH S. WHITE 2.	ARTHUR O. STEWART 6.
EDGAR H. HAXLEY 3.	WILLIAM H. WOOD 7.
WILLIAM ROBERTS* 4.	ERNEST R. MAULE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH S. WHITE.

*First peal.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON, AND THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 29, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs.

JOHN WRIGHT .. ..Treble.	ALFRED TIPTON 5.
ARTHUR JARVIS 2.	JAMES E. GROVES 6.
RICHARD T. HOLDING 3.	THOMAS GROVES 7.
RICHARD LANGFORD 4.	AARON GRIFFITHS .. ..Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Messrs. Wright, Jarvis, Holding and Langford, hail from Crewe, Cheshire; T. Groves from Eastleigh, Southampton; J. E. Groves and A. Griffiths from Wolverhampton; A. Tipton belongs to the local band.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 29, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

THOMAS HERVEY BEAMS ..Treble.	HENRY H. CHANDLER 5.
JAMES PARKER 2.	WALTER CHARMAN 6.
JOHN RICE* 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
WILLIAM WARD 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE ..Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by F. W. RICE.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1892, in Seven Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 12,096 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE ..Treble.	HERBERT BAKER 5.
JOHN EVANS 2.	JOHN W. TAYLOR 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the longest length yet rung in the method, and it was intended to ring 13,440. But the ringer of the 3rd was taken ill, and the conductor shortened the peal as above. The above are all members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE STANSTED BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1892, in Three Hours,

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:

Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine Treble Bob, Violet Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE JORDAN* ..Treble.	GEORGE GRAY 4.
JOHN LUCKEY 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS 5.
WILLIAM CAVILL† 3.	WILLIAM WATTS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First 5040. †First 5040 with a bob bell. This 5040 was rung on the occasion of a peal board recording the 5040 rang in seven different Treble Bob methods, on Monday, November 3rd, 1891.

BATH.

On Saturday, December 31, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM SIMMONDS ..Treble.	GEORGE TEMPLE 5.
CHARLES GOODENOUGH 2.	JAMES FUSSELL 6.
GEORGE HILL* 3.	CHARLES W. BELL 7.
THOMAS GRAY 4.	FREDERICK G. BEESLEY† Tenor.

No conductor mentioned.

*First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method. †First peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1892, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY WESTON .. ..Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 2.	GEORGE BAKER 6.
GEORGE A. KING 3.	GEORGE F. ATTREE 7.
KEITH HART 4.	JOHN JAY. SEN. .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. ATTREE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled prior to the midnight service.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

WILLIAM HOOKER Treble.	THOMAS HERVEY BEAMS.. 5.
THOMAS ANDREWS 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
WILLIAM PELLING 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
WALTER CHARMAN 4.	JOHN COOK Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This is Mr. Beams' first attempt in the method.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 31, 1892, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5038 CHANGES.
Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 7.
WILLIAM MOTTS* 2.	HENRY BOWELL 8.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 3.	EDWARD REEVE 9.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE.. 4.	ALFRED BOWELL* 10.
GABRIEL LINDOFF* 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 11.
ROBERT HAWES 6.	FREDERICK TILLET* .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

G. Lindoff hails from Chatham, and the rest belong to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. *First peal in the method on twelve bells.

CROYDON.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1892, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 32 cwt. in Eb.

THOMAS PAGE Treble.	*JOSEPH TALBOT 5.
ALFRED ARNOED 2.	WILLIAM STATES 6.
WILLIAM J. CHAMBERS .. 3.	THOMAS VERRALL 7.
WILLIAM GROVES 4.	WILLIAM HILL Tenor.
	*JAMES RUMBLE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM STATES.

*First peal.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 31, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.
Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM JASPER* Treble.	*JAMES PARDOE 6.
WALTER JUCKES 2.	AARON GRIFFITHS 7.
BENJAMIN DALTON 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 8.
JOHN MARSH 4.	†THOMAS GROVES 9.
WILLIAM SMITH 5.	HENRY RODEN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

†First peal of Caters. *First peal of Caters away from the tenor.

SHREWSBURY.—ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Monday, January 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.
Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

CHARLES F. VICKERS .. Treble.	THOMAS GROVES 6.
WALTER JUCKES 2.	THOMAS J. BRATTON .. 7.
JOHN GIBSON 3.	AARON GRIFFITHS 8.
RICHARD T. HOLDING* .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES 9.
ARTHUR JARVIS 5.	HENRY RODEN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal of Caters. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

PENARTH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

On Monday, January 2, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN TWO MINOR METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being one 720 of Grandsire Minor, and six 720s of Plain Bob,
each called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt. in Ab.

JOHN VINNICOMBE Treble.	DAVID THOMAS 4.
WILLIAM B. BISS 2.	FRANK BARTLETT 5.
CHARLES LLOYD 3.	CHARLES SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by C. SMITH.

This is the first 5040 by all the band except the conductor, and the first on the bells, also the first ever rung in South Wales by a local band. It was rung at the first attempt. Great credit is due to the conductor for the way he has brought the band on, having only come to Penarth to reside in September last, no Minor ringing being attempted by the band before that time.

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

On Monday, January 2, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER BROWN Treble.	GEORGE E. TURNER 5.
JAMES H. RIDYARD 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN 6.
JAMES BARRATT 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD 7.
THOMAS G. DOWNS 4.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JAMES WILDE, of Hyde, and Conducted by
RICHARD RIDYARD.

Rung in honour of the election of James Chadwick Mather, Esq., as first Mayor of Eccles. Through the illness and death of the late Vicar, this could not be rung before.

WORSLEY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN EACHUS Tenor.	HARRY CHAPMAN 5.
WALTER BROWN 2.	FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD 3.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD .. 7.
JAMES H. RIDYARD 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, of Hyde, and Conducted by
RICHARD RIDYARD.

A CORRECTION.—The peal of Grandsire Triples published in our last issue as having been rung by members of the Birmingham St. Martin's Guild, should not be credited to it, as four of the ringers mentioned are not in any way connected with the Guild.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN
BRANCH.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Friday, December 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a date touch, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., in the following Minor methods: 92 College Single, 360 Plain Bob, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Oxford Single, and 360 Grandsire. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 4; W. Bramley, 5; T. R. Somerville, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. and 6 mins. W. Hughes, 1; G. R. Rogers, 2; F. Jones, 3; J. Cliffe, 4; T. Hughes, 5; J. Dillon, 6; J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 7; T. Woodward, 8. This is the longest length by W. Hughes, G. R. Rogers, J. Cliffe, and T. Woodward.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

WOLSTANTON.—On Sunday, December 25th, for morning service, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. S. Holder, 1; H. Fitchford, 2; T. Miller (composer and conductor), 3; F. Grocott, 4; J. Goodhead, 5; H. Fitchford, 6; W. Miller, 7; W. Slater, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Monday, December 19th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 2 mins. S. Wilson, 1; T. Miles (conductor), 2; A. E. Bassett, 3; G. Pederick, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. P. Routh, 6; J. Hawkins, 7; T. Everett, 8. Composed by F. Hopgood, of Reading, Berks. This touch contains twelve 4-6s, twelve 6-7s, and seven 7-4s. Each part-end is a lead-end of the plain course, and in the plain course order.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 1st, for evening service, the local company rang a date touch, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. and 22 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect for the late Peter Snowden, who died suddenly in the belfry. T. Lockwood (composer and conductor), 1; A. Windsor, 2; H. Lockwood, 3; M. Tomlinson, 4; W. Walker, 5; W. Woodhead, 6; G. Barraclough, 7; F. Woodhead, 8; W. Snowden, 9; H. Smith, 10.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, December 15th, at Christ Church, a date touch, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., in the following Minor methods: 92 College Single, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 480 Plain Bob, and 720 Grandsire. E. Yates, 1; W. Rushton, 2; W. Short, 3; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 4; R. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. C. E. Wilson belongs to Walton-on-the-Hill.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Monday, December 19th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. P. J. Peters, 1; J. Ansell, 2; G. Huggett, 3; H. Boxall, 4; E. Dodd, 5; J. White, 6; R. Arnold, 7; W. Linch, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. Composed by T. Neal, of Beverley, Yorks, and conducted by H. Boxall. Messrs. Ansell, Huggett, and Arnold hail from Betchworth.

Miscellaneous.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, December 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. F. Johnson, 1; G. Siddons (conductor), 2; J. Mason, 3; A. Archer, 4; R. Vickers, 5; C. Ollier, 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 6th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Verrall, 1; W. Webb, 2; A. Arnold, 3; W. Groves, 4; J. Talbot, 5; W. States (conductor), 6; W. Hill, 7; G. Rosier and J. Rumble, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Saturday, December 17th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing 1 hr. and 3 mins. On the next day, for Divine Service, a 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-two singles and eighteen bobs), in 23 mins. E. Peers, 1; J. Wood, 2; J. R. Pritchard, 3; T. Rogers, 4; S. Wood, 5; G. R. Rogers (conductor), 6.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—Recently at the parish church 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 22 mins. T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. R. Rogers, 5; J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

WATERFOOT (Lancashire).—On Sunday, November 20th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. James's church, 720 College Single. R. H. Halstead (conductor), 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; J. P. Taylor, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; A. White, 6. On Sunday, November 27th, the same 720 was rung, the ringers standing as before. On Sunday, December 18th, the same 720 was again rung.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EARL SOHAM (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, December 7th, at the house of Mr. W. Crickmer, on handbells retained in hand, 1008 Bob Major. F. Clayton, 1-2; W. Flory, 3-4; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 5-6; E. Clayton, 7-8. This is the first 1008 on handbells by the Messrs. Clayton. And a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major standing as before.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, December 17th, 1536 Oxford Treble Bob in 1 hr. H. W. Baldry (longest touch on eight bells), 1; W. Ruffells, 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; F. Clayton, 4; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 5; E. Clayton, 6; W. Grimes, 7; W. Flory, 8. This was an attempt for a 5008, but the conductor missed a bob and "stand" was called. And a touch of Grandsire, being the last 700 of Holt's Original. H. Bedingfield, 1; G. Thurlow, 2; W. Flory, 3; W.

Ruffells, 4; F. Clayton, 5; E. Clayton, 6; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 7; W. Miller, 8.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—Recently, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Beecroft, 1; S. Collins, 2; E. Clayton, 3; H. Clarke (first 720), 4; F. Clayton, 5; D. Collins, 6. And another 720, with J. Read at the treble, being his first 720. On Sunday, December 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob and a touch of Stansted Delight. R. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton (conductor), 5; D. Collins, 6. The 720 of Kent was composed by J. Gobbett and contained fifteen bobs. On Tuesday, December 13th, 720 of Christmas Eve, 720 St. Simon's, and 720 Clayton's Delight. This is a new six-bell method, and was composed by F. Clayton, and is the first 720 by all the band, and the first on the bells. H. Beecroft, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. Recently, at the house of Mr. E. Collins, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Clayton, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; E. Collins (conductor), 5-6. And another 720 (twenty-six singles). D. Collins, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; E. Clayton (conductor), 5-6. And another 720 (twenty-six singles), with E. Collins, 1-2; the rest as before. And 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford, and 360 Bob Minor. F. Clayton, 1-2; E. Collins, 3-4; E. Clayton (conductor), 5-6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Collins, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; E. Clayton (conductor), 5-6.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Sunday, November 6th, at the parish church, a 360 Plain Bob. W. Childs (Edgware), 1; B. Pratchett, 2; J. Cawley, 3; J. Nixon, 4; F. Pratt (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Wednesday, November 9th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. C. Crampton (conductor), 1; H. J. Martin, 2; J. Barrett, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; F. Pratt, 5; F. Kirby, 6. On Wednesday, November 16th, a 720 Plain Bob. H. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; C. Crampton (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 23rd, 500 Grandsire Doubles. C. Crampton, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; A. J. J. Giddings, 5; F. Kirby, 6. On Sunday, November 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 4th, a 600 Plain Bob. H. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; R. Bevan, 3; F. Pratt, 4; G. Smith, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And 360 Plain Bob. E. Pratchett, 1; F. Pratt, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And a 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; G. Smith, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing*—On Monday, October 24th, a 720 Plain Bob. F. Carroway, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; H. J. Martin (conductor), 5-6. On Friday, November 18th, 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles). B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 5-4; H. J. Martin, 5-6. On Friday, December 2nd, 120 Grandsire Doubles, 180 Plain Bob and two courses of Grandsire Triples, F. Jones, E. Pratchett, C. H. Martin and H. J. Martin. On Saturday, December 3rd, a 360 Plain Bob and 360 Grandsire Doubles. H. J. Martin, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; E. Pratchett, 5-6. On Sunday, December 4th, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; H. J. Martin, 5-6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Monday, December 26th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but it was lost after ringing 2½ hrs. J. C. Truss, sen., 1; L. E. Collins, 2; F. J. Pitts, 3; F. J. Harvey, 4; C. Smith, 5; J. C. Truss, jun. (conductor), 6; W. E. Yates, 7; W. Whiffin, 8. At the house of Mr. J. C. Truss, several touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters, Bob Royal, and a course of Grandsire Cinques. W. Truss, 1-2; C. Smith, 3-4; W. Whiffin, 5-6; J. C. Truss, jun., 7-8; F. J. Pitts, 9-10; W. E. Yates, 11-12.

HUGHENDEN (Bucks).—On Tuesday, December 27th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but it was lost after ringing 1 hr. 5 mins. J. C. Truss, jun., 1; F. J. Pitts, 2; F. Biggs, 3; W. E. Yates, 4; W. Whiffin, 5; R. Biggs, 6; J. Evans (conductor), 7; C. Smith, 8.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH (Devon).—On Wednesday, September 14th, at Charles church, the members of the Plymouth and Devonport branch of the above Guild rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled. E. Cross, 1; R. Ford, 2; E. Hendy, 3; E. Taylor (first quarter-peal as conductor), 4; J. Steed, 5; W. Marsh, 6; H. G. Fruin (composer), 7; W. Ford, 8. This was rung as a mark of respect to the late Charles Gent, Esq., of Radnor Lodge. Tenor 24 cwt. On Tuesday, September 30th, at the Dockyard chapel, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Cross, 1; E. Taylor, 2; E. Hendy, 3; J. Steed (first quarter-peal as conductor), 4; C. Smith, 5; W. Pine, 6; H. G. Fruin, 7; W. Ford, 8. Tenor 9 cwt. On Wednesday, October 26th, for practice at Charles church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples

W. Peard, 1; R. Ford, 2; C. Smith, 3; E. Hendy, 4; J. Steed, 5; W. Marsh (conductor), 6; H. G. Fruin, 7; W. Ford, 8. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble, who although he has been a call change-ringer for fifty years, has now learnt change-ringing. The above is his first quarter-peal. On Wednesday, November 16th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled. E. Cross, 1; R. Ford, 2; C. Smith, 3; E. Hendy, 4; J. Steed, 5; E. Taylor, 6; H. G. Fruin (conductor), 7; C. Legge, 8. Composed by H. P. Harman, of Bromley. First quarter-peal by C. Legge. This was rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Beance of Charles parish. On Saturday, December 17th, for practice at the Dockyard chapel, 1386 Grandsire Triples. E. Cross, 1; G. Broderick, 2; Rev. C. Clarkson, 3; E. Hendy, 4; C. Smith, 5; W. Pine, 6; H. G. Fruin (conductor), 7; W. Ford, 8. This is the longest touch by G. Broderick, Rev. C. Clarkson, and W. Pine. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Cross, 1; E. Taylor, 2; E. Hendy, 3; J. Easterbrook, 4; J. Steed, 5; C. Smith, 6; H. G. Fruin (conductor), 7; W. Pine, 8. The above society was formed on August 6th: Rev. N. Vickers, B.A., of Charles church, President; Mr. J. Marshall and Mr. D. Banks (churchwardens), Vice-Presidents; W. Banister, Esq., Hon. Member. There are three practice nights, viz.—Wednesday, Charles church, eight bells; Thursday, Stoke church, six bells; Saturdays, the Dockyard chapel, eight bells. It is hoped that some day the society may also practise on the grand peal of ten at St. Andrew's, tenor 35 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, December 4th, 720 Yorkshire Court Bob, in 26 mins. On Sunday morning, December 11th, 720 Single Court Bob, in 25 mins. On Friday evening, December 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 25 mins. On Sunday morning, December 18th, 720 Oxford Single, in 25½ mins. For Divine Service in the evening, 720 London Single, in 25 mins. T. Johnson, H. Kelly, R. Hurst, T. R. Somerville, W. Bramley, and C. E. Wilson (conductor). Tenor 9 cwt.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—Recently, at the house of Mr. H. Martin, on handbells retained in hand, a touch of Canterbury Triples. H. J. Martin, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; E. E. Huntley, 7-8. On Friday, December 9th, 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, by H. J. Martin, C. H. Martin, and W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor).

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Bow (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, January 1st, 1893, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 38 mins., composed by the Editor. T. Baker, 1; A. Deards,

2; E. Lucas, 3; Y. Green, 4; E. Hall, 5; R. J. Turner, 6; S. Hayes (conductor), 7; D. Sutton, 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH (Salop).—On Christmas Day, at St. Leonard's church, for early communion service (7.0 a.m.) two touches of Grandsire Triples (336 and 350 changes). S. Overton, 1; W. H. W. Warren, 2; E. Hall, 3; J. Howard, 4; J. Hall, 5; W. Mann, 6; J. Overton (conductor) 7; C. Grainger, 8. For the 11 o'clock service, a 1008 was rung by the same band. For evening service a 672 in the same method, the band standing as before.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, December 13th, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. W. Smith, 1; G. Davis, 2; G. Salter, 3; W. H. Smith, 4; T. J. Salter (conductor), 5; W. Wakeman, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob. W. Barber, 1; G. Salter, 2; G. Davis, 3; W. H. Smith, 4; T. J. Salter (conductor), 5; W. Wakeman, 6. First 720s in the methods by G. Davis. On Monday, December 19th, 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. W. Smith, 1; G. Davis, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; G. Salter, 4; T. J. Salter (conductor), 5; W. Wakeman, 6.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WRAXALL (Somerset).—Recently at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. H. Crane, 1; A. Waters, 2; J. Harvey, J. Bishop, 4; J. Yond, 5; *W. Lewis (conductor), 6; John Windsor, 7; James Windsor, 8. Longest touch in the method by all except W. Lewis and J. Harvey. *First quarter-peal as conductor. W. Lewis hails from Tiverton, near Bath, A. Walters from Barrow Gurney, and all the rest are local men.

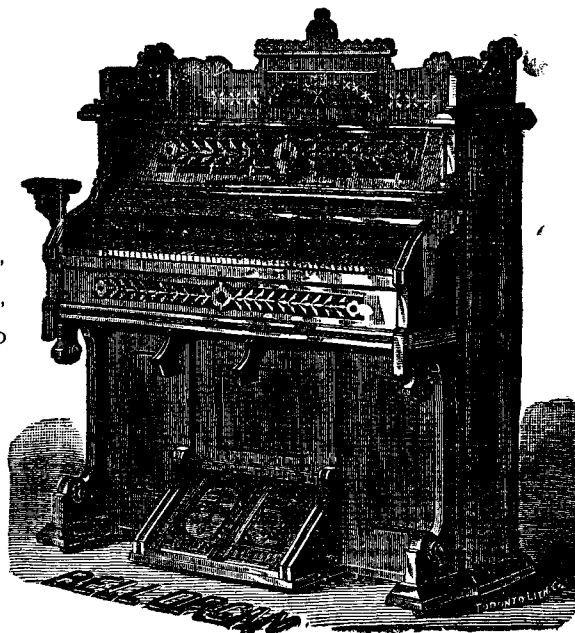
BLACKHILL (Durham).—On Wednesday, December 14th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 31 mins. †P. Reddington, 1; J. T. Dobson, 2; †P. Walls, 3; †J. Walls, 4; A. Nichols (conductor), 5; J. McPhillips, 6. Tenor 22 cwt. †First 720.

EDGWARE (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, December 7th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen singles and three bobs). W. Childs (Edgware), 1; F. Pratt, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; C. Crampton, 5; F. Carroway, (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells. The following ringers of the local band also assisted in ringing 6 scores of Grandsire Doubles: W. Hopper, G. Hill, J. Rolley, J. Knight, H. Harwood, and A. Woodman, conducted by Messrs. Crampton and Pratt respectively. Tenor about 10 cwt.

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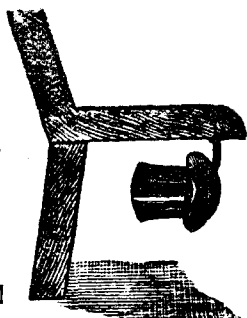
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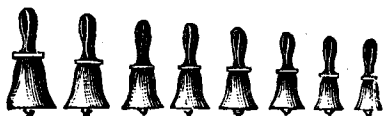


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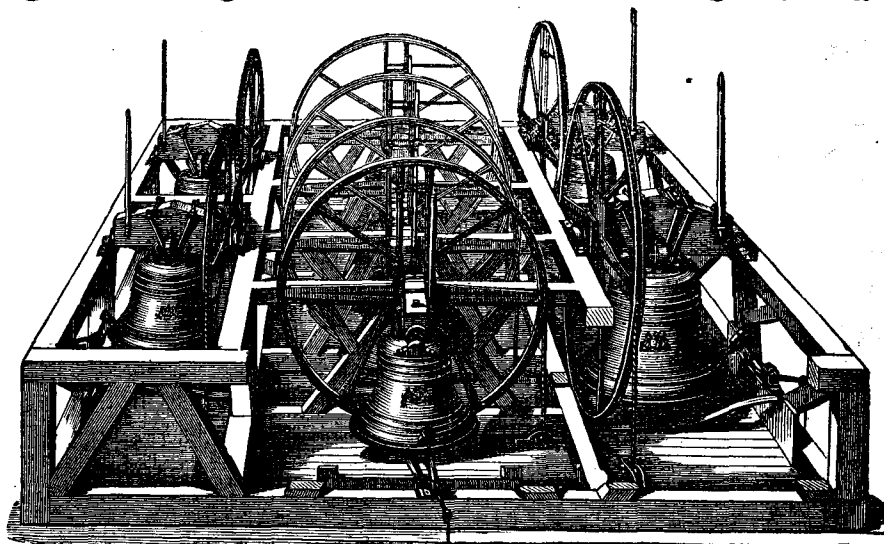
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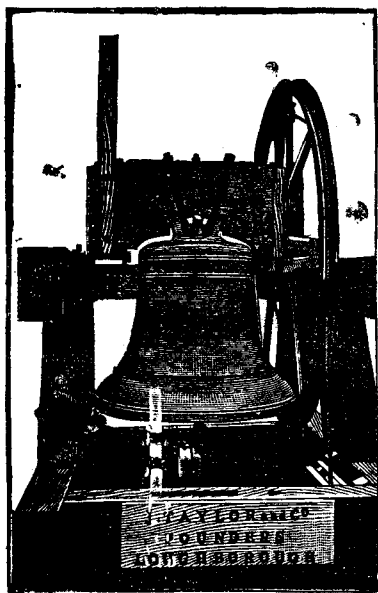
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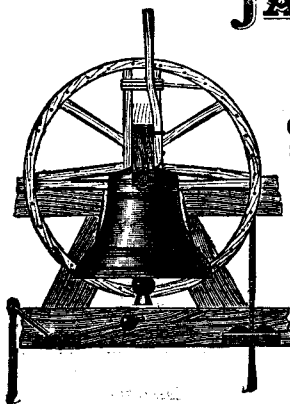
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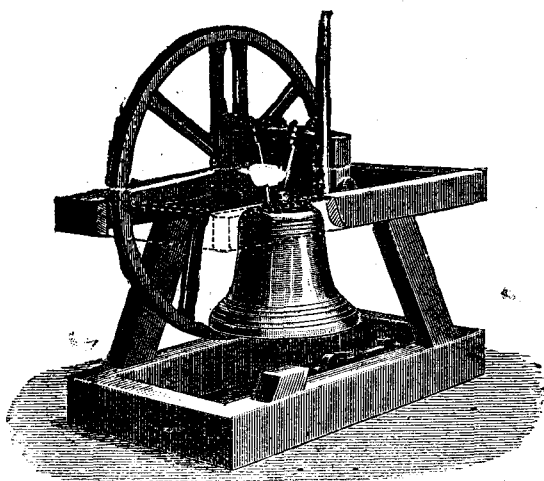


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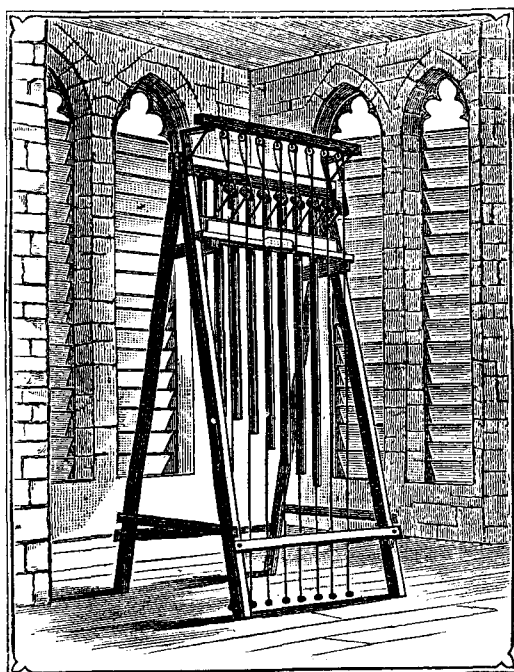
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The ceremony on Saturday was performed by the Right Rev. Bishop Bromby, the Vicar of Wilton, the Rev. D. J. Pring, and a numerous array of the local clergy, being present. The service commenced with the processional hymn, "When morning gilds the skies." The prayers were intoned by the Vicar, and the lesson was read by the Rev. Prebendary Askwith. When the prayers were concluded, the Bishop was escorted to the belfry, where, after a collect had been said, one of the churchwardens handed the ropes of the bells to the Bishop, and asked him to dedicate them to the glory of God and the use of the Church. Appropriate prayers to this purpose were then offered, and the Bishop re-entered the church, the bells meanwhile being rung by the local ringers. The Bishop then ascended the pulpit, and delivered an address, taking as his text Rev. xxii. 17—"And the spirit and the bride say come." They had, he said, the word "come" rung in their ears during Advent, but their Lord was always coming to them. He came to them in every sorrow and trial, in every joy as well as every anniversary of the Church. It was many centuries ago, continued the speaker, since their ancestors hit upon a method of giving a tongue to the people and to the Church by placing bells in their steeples. The bells which they had dedicated that day would speak long after they and their children's children had been called to give in their account. How little it was to give of pounds, shillings, and pence for a work which was to bear its witness to future generations, in whom, surely, all his hearers would be interested. It had been a good work and an expensive work—not too expensive and not too great. He would urge them to pay what remained to be paid, for debts were ugly things in the ordinary commerce of life. They were now close upon the new year; at least they were in time with their bells for that. They could almost hear the last beatings of the old year. It was going to die, and that very soon; but the bells that would tell them that the old year had gone would introduce them to the new year, so full of hopes. May God grant that it might be fuller of realised anticipations than the last, and that the new year might bring something better to them as individuals and as a nation, that there might be a better feeling between capital and labour, that there might be more true religion in the minds of all, so that they might escape from the thralldom of the world; and then they could say with the Poet Laureate, who had been gathered to his rest during the past year—

Ring out the old, ring in the new;
Ring Wilton bells across the snow;
The year is going, let it go,
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

They need not care for its going, if what was false in their hearts and dealings with their fellow-men went with it, and left all that was true. They must not be selfish when they heard those bells ring. Let the patriotic feeling burst out at the celebration of the Queen's birthday, or the birthday of him who was the heir to the throne. In the future let them not live such self-centred lives as they had in the past, for they must remember that they were not units, but part of a grand body. Then when they heard the bells ring for a marriage, let them rejoice with those who were rejoicing, and remember that marriage was a symbol of the union between Christ and His Church. When the solemn tone of the bells should tell them that another spirit

of a neighbour had gone to give in its account, let them not startle, but look into their own hearts. So let them rejoice with those who rejoiced, and sorrow and grieve with those who were sorrowful. Each Sabbath that they were spared they would now hear these bells, which would bring a message of sweet joy to them. He would urge them to look forward to each Sabbath, and let it be as a torch showing them the way to heaven. The duties of life would be then so sanctified that they would help them towards heaven, instead of keeping them back. But would not these bells carry a message to those who looked on Sunday only as a day of animal rest—just as the horses they drove? Would not these bells say to them, "Prepare to meet thy God?"

The address concluded, a special hymn, "Lifted safe within the steeple" was sung, after which the Bishop pronounced the Blessing. The recessional hymn was "Saviour, blessed Saviour."

At the conclusion of the service an opening touch was rung by the parochial ringers. T. Doble, 1; J. Wyatt, 2; J. Mockridge, 3; —. Hayward, 4; F. Wyatt, 5; E. Wyatt, 6. By way of trial a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung. H. Poole, 1; J. Burge, 2; T. Doble (conductor), 3; F. Millard, 4; W. Thorne, 5; J. Maddock, 6. A start was then made for a 720 of Grandsire Minor which was brought round in 25 mins., the ringers standing as above with the exception of G. Yendall, 4; J. Maddock (conductor). The ringers then tried a touch of Bob Minor, in which R. Crossman took the place of T. Doble. It might be mentioned that Mr. Frost, the leader of the local band, was incapacitated by a bad hand from taking part in the ringing, and his place was filled by Mr. T. Doble. Several other ringers have tried the bells, and all express their entire satisfaction as to the "go" of the peal, which speaks well for the efficiency with which the contract has been carried out, and the inhabitants are to be congratulated upon the result.

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RINGERS' SUPPER.—On Wednesday, January 4th, the members of St. Margaret's and St. Nicholas Guild assembled in their ringing-room, Queen Street, at the invitation of W. Burkitt, Esq. to partake of a good old English supper, consisting of roast beef and plum pudding, etc. The chair was occupied by the Rev. W. Daubeney, curate, the vice-chairman being the Master, Mr. W. G. Cross. After having done justice to the good things provided, the handbells were brought out and a touch or two of Bob Major brought round, which was followed by a few songs. The Vicar, who had been engaged at a service, visited the room, accompanied by W. Burkitt, Esq. and a clerical friend who was staying with him. A pleasant chat with the ringers having terminated, Mr. Cross proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Burkitt for his kind hospitality in providing such an excellent repast, the ringers one and all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Mr. Burkitt, in reply, said it gave him much pleasure to come amongst them and do all he could for them. If spared, he should entertain them for many years to come.

The room was nicely decorated with flags of all nations, the Prince of Wales' feathers, the borough arms, and the word "Welcome" was very conspicuous above the chairman's head. Mr. T. Giles painted the designs, and, assisted by Mr. Cross, decorated the room. The company dispersed about midnight, wishing their kind benefactor health and happiness for many years to come.

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OPENING OF A PEAL OF TEN.—On Christmas Eve two new trebles and a new tenor (about 32 cwt.) in place of the old one, which was cracked about twelve months ago, and cast and hung by Mears and Stainbank, were opened with touches of Grandsire Caters by the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild: W. H. George (conductor), T. Groves, W. J. Sevier, J. W. Whiting, F. Hill, Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, H. White, T. Curtis, J. E. Warren, H. Withers, and G. H. Barnett.

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This society held its annual dinner on Saturday, January 7th. The proceedings commenced with several touches on the fine old bells of the parish church. At seven o'clock the members adjourned to the Hackney Restaurant, Graham Road, where host Mignot had provided a most excellent repast. The Rector presided, supported by Messrs. J. Lowles (sidesman), H. Williams (churchwarden), the Rev. Cyril Stanley, and others. The cloth being removed the Rector gave the toast of "The Church, Queen, and Royal Family," which was duly honoured.

Mr. Lowles, in a very eloquent speech, gave the toast of the evening, "The St. John-at-Hackney Society of Change-Ringers," which was very suitably responded to by the Master, Mr. W. Burkin. "Sailing" was sung by Mr. A. Coles, and "True till death" by Mr. Burkin. The toast of "The President and Vice-Presidents" was given by the Secretary, Mr. W. D. Smith, who stated that the present prosperous condition of the Society was undoubtedly due to the Presidents and Vice-Presidents, past and present, especially to the present. He paid a very deserving compliment to Mr. Barnes (churchwarden), who he said had been the ringers' friend for years, in fact as long as he could remember, and no one regretted more than he (the speaker) the enforced absence of so admirable a patron, who by the doctor's orders is precluded from venturing out in the night air.

A capitally well-struck course of Grandsire Triples was tapped off double-handed on the handbells.

In responding to the toast, the Rector stated that being a lover of music, it naturally followed that bell-ringing shared a place in his estimation; and he dwelt strongly upon the position of bell-ringers as Church workers, as the tones produced by their manipulation reached the hearts of those who never heard another preacher, and had no doubt a cheering effect upon those who were prevented through several causes from worshipping within the walls of the church.

Mr. H. Williams, Vice-President of the society, added a very amusing anecdote with regard to his first connection with bell-ringing, stating among other things that if he had not found a steeple containing a peal of bells, he stood a probable chance of remaining a bachelor.

The unsatisfactory state of the bell-gear in general was then commented upon, and it is to be hoped that steps will be taken to place it in thorough going order.

"The Officers of the Society" was given by Rev. Cyril Stanley, who stated that his initiation into the Art almost frightened him, inasmuch as a too vigorous pull had the effect of turning the bell right over, and nearly at the same time giving him a rise in the world. He spoke in great praise of the present executive of the society, also of the arrangements made by the secretary for the evening's entertainment.

Mr. A. Coles (Treasurer) in a brief speech on behalf of the officers, thanked the company for their kind wishes.

Songs were sung by Messrs. J. W. Luxford, H. Fothergill, G. H. Bowden, C. Fitch, and W. D. Smith. Mr. H. Fothergill ably presided at the piano.

"The Press" proposed by Mr. Burkin, was responded to by the Rev. Cyril Stanley, and after singing "Auld Lang Syne" the company separated at 11.30 p.m., after spending a most enjoyable evening.

A CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WITH THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

Under capital arrangements made by Mr. G. Williams of Brighton, a most successful and enjoyable holiday was spent in ringing in Hampshire. On Monday, December 26th, Messrs. Williams and Merritt, from Brighton, Rev. F. E. Robinson from Drayton, Bennett from Guildford, and Whiting from Farnham, arrived at Christchurch shortly after twelve o'clock. They were soon joined by Messrs. Gifford and Gollop from Salisbury, and Bishop from Swindon. A move was at once made for the Priory church, where they were kindly welcomed by the local ringers, who did their utmost to make the visit a success. Everything being in readiness, the bells were soon swinging to the tune of Double Norwich, a 5024 of which was most successfully brought round in 3 hrs. and 27 mins., being the first peal in the method rang in the county, also the first peal of

Major on the bells, and Mr. Gifford's 150th peal, and was conducted by Mr. G. Williams in excellent style. The authorities are to be congratulated on their grand ring of bells, the excellent condition they are in, and the state of the belfry. The "go" of the bells can be tested from the fact that the ringers of the 7th and tenor (32 cwt.) just turn the scale at 9st. 5lbs. On descending from the tower the band were heartily congratulated on their success by the local company, who are themselves change-ringers, and were successful in ringing their first peal of Grandsire Triples in May last, for which a very nice tablet has been erected. Time not allowing for any refreshments, a rush was made for the Bournemouth train, several declaring they were very hungry—one went so far as to ask a passenger if he had anything good to eat to give away, and thought himself fortunate in receiving half a biscuit. Bournemouth was soon reached, and after the wants of the inner man had been satisfied, steps were directed to St. Peter's, where the local band had everything in readiness, and did their best to make visitors happy. A start was at once made for Double Norwich, 5008 changes, with the result that an excellent peal was brought round in 3 hrs. and 14 mins., composed and conducted by Mr. G. Williams in his usually masterly way. This was also the first peal of Major on the bells. After spending a pleasant half hour with the local company, the visitors and others proceeded to do justice to an excellent supper, which, through the kindness and hospitality of Mr. Merritt, sen. (an hon. ringing member of the Guild) had been provided for them. The company separated at a late hour, and sought their quarters, which Mr. Merritt, with great thought and kindness had arranged, and which was warmly appreciated by all. At 9.15 a.m. on Tuesday morning, found seven of the band on the platform, en route for Southampton, Mr. Gifford, to the regret of all, being obliged to leave by an earlier train to Salisbury. Upon reaching Southampton they were met at the station by Mr. C. Tribe, and conducted by him to Holy Rood church. After some little delay owing to the clock winder getting admission before the door was locked, the musical peal of eight (tenor 15 cwt. in F.) were soon swinging to that queen of odd bell methods, "Stedman," with the Rev. F. E. Robinson at the helm, and at 2 hrs. and 48 mins. the welcome "that's all" was heard, this being the conductor's 400th peal and Mr. E. C. Merritt's 50th. The band were greatly indebted to Mr. Tribe for ringing the tenor. Belfry reform is sadly needed here, water having to be put down before ringing. It is to be hoped our friend Tribe will get the right side of the rector (it's no use without) to bring it about. After slight refreshment the band separated. Messrs. Williams, Bennett and Whiting left for Havant, where they met Messrs. Gratham and Hill from Fareham, G. Baker (Arundel), Rev. C. M. Harvey (Portsea), and Mr. Staples from Havant, the last-named gentleman kindly providing tea for the band, after which a start was made at the church of St. Faith for a peal of Stedman, but the first failure of the outing occurred. After ringing about twenty minutes, the clock hammer by some means got entangled in the wheel of the tenor, so all hopes of another peal had to be abandoned. Thus ended one more of these short but most enjoyable and successful outings arranged by Mr. Williams, to whom the band, one and all, wish to tender their sincere thanks; also Mr. S. Merritt and Mr. Staples for their hospitality, and Messrs. Preston, Grist and Tribe for getting the bells in readiness, and others who helped to make the outing so enjoyable.

A RINGER'S JUBILEE.

To-day, Saturday, January 14th, members of the Ancient Society of College Youths intend to celebrate, by attempting a peal of 10000 Treble Bob Major at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, the fiftieth year of office by Mr. Matthew A. Wood of steeplekeeper at that church. Mr. Wood will take part in the peal. All friends who can make it convenient to attend will be gladly welcomed.

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

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.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7th, the above association held their usual quarterly meeting at North Wingfield. The muster of members was very small, as might have been expected considering the state of the roads, which were six inches deep with snow. Members who live a long way from the station may be excused from not attending, but a great number of members live close to stations with trains running every hour, and would be able to to have reached the place of meeting without their feet getting cold. The secretary who devotes many hours of writing and study at home, for the good of the cause, is supposed to attend every meeting, rain, blow or snow. I, myself, had on Saturday to leave home from the works, and not much time for dinner, and then walk one and a half miles to the station through a blinding snow-storm, but for all this I cared not a jot, for I was heart and soul in the object of my calling, expecting to find a large number of old friends at the meeting-place, but alas! only three was there to greet the first meeting of the New Year. In a short time after, the local company raised the bells and rang a 360 of Bob Minor, by this time the next train was due, when we had hopes of still increasing the number from Dronfield, Staveley, Eckington, Killamarsh and Chesterfield, but our hope was crushed, and again it was a blank. The local secretary had arranged for the schoolroom for the meeting, but with only nine members present, it was decided to have the meeting in the smoking room of the inn close by the church; one member remarking that if there was not much ringing they could enjoy a drop of Home Rule whiskey.

Mr. Allibone having been voted to the chair, and the minutes having been confirmed, it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting and Dinner at Norton, on Easter Monday. Mr. T. Clough, of Clay Cross, was elected a member. The Secretary was instructed to purchase some Central Council Reports for members who had not received the same through other associations. The usual vote of thanks concluded the meeting. Messrs. Atkin and Allen, of Norton, enlivened the evening with songs and tunes on the handbells, and when on the point of leaving to catch the 7.13 train, three Chesterfield friends turned up. The next train being 8.23 it was arranged to have an attempt for 720 of Kent which was lost, but 240 was rung by the following:—J. Goodwin, A. Knight, E. James, J. Atkin, J. Allen and J. S. Tarlton, when we had to depart for home. In concluding my rather long report on nothing, I must implore my brother-strings to try and make our meetings worthy of their name, by better attendance. Surely they can spare half a day every three months. E. JAMES.

Ringers' Outings.

ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, CARDIFF.—At the kind invitation of the vicar of Newcastle Bridgend, the members of this society paid a visit to that place, and were met at the station by the steeple-keeper (Mr. Hardwick), who conducted them to the tower. On nearing the church the bells were heard ringing, and on reaching the belfry the visitors were heartily welcomed by the local men, and two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. The visiting and local men were then conducted by Mr. Hardwick to the vicarage, where dinner had been provided for them by Mrs. Davies with her usual liberality and kindness. Having done justice to the good things provided, two plain courses of Triples were rung in the presence of Mrs. and Miss Davies, at the vicarage. J. Cook, 1; E. Stenner, 2; J. Richards, 3; A. Hatton, 4; E. Cook, 5; A. Rowley, 6; G. Hardage, 7; John Cook, 8. A move was made to the tower where three 6-scores were rung by Messrs. J. Cook, J. Richards, E. Cook (conductor), A. Rowley, G. Hardage, and J. Cook. Again the steeple-keeper was on the "good things," as Mrs. Davies had sent him to know what time they would be ready for tea. Then some of the local men rang a few rounds and call-changes, and it is hoped they will soon learn change-ringing. Afterwards five 6-scores, each called differently, were rung by the visitors. A. Hatton, 1; J. Richards, 2; A. Rowley, 3; E. Cook (conductor), 4; G. Hardage, 5; E. Stenner, 6. A move was then made to the vicarage for tea and refreshments. The visitors wish through the medium of this paper to thank Mrs. Davies

for her kindness; also the vicar for the use of the bells; also Mr. Hardwick and the local company for getting everything in readiness.

THE PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY, KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—The ringers belonging to the above society had their annual outing on Wednesday in Christmas week. Though being very late in the year a very pleasant day was spent in Northampton. They first visited St. Giles' church, but were unable to ring there owing to the bad condition of the bells. They visited the ringing-room and the bell-chamber, and it is to be hoped that they will be rehung before very long. Continuing their journey they reached St. Edmund's church, but were unable to ring there for some time owing to services in the church. During that time a visit was paid to the new church on the Kingsley Park estate. On returning to St. Edmund's church the bells raised in peal, and several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. They next visited host Lewis at the "Flower-in-Hand," where a capital meat tea was awaiting them, and to which ample justice was done. They wish to thank the St. Edmund's ringers for making all necessary arrangements. On returning to St. Edmund's church several touches of Grandsire Triples and some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, the junior ringers taking part in these. The bells were then lowered in peal and a pleasant half hour was spent with the St. Edmund's and St. Giles' ringers, the only drawback being having to leave Northampton as early as 7.30. The company reached Kettering about nine o'clock, after having spent a very enjoyable day. They wish to thank all the church officers for their kindness in providing such an outing.

Correspondence.

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

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

THE PEAL AT PENARTH.

SIR,—In your issue of January 7th, I notice that the ringers of Penarth rang a peal of 5040 in two Minor methods, being one 720 of Grandsire Minor and six 720s of Plain Bob Minor, and in also saying that great credit is due to the conductor, C. Smith, for the way he has brought the band on. Having only come to Penarth to reside in September last, and that no Minor ringing being attempted by the band before that time, will the Penarth ringers kindly inform me as to which is the falsehood, the 720 of Grandsire Minor rung on Saturday, May 7th last at Penarth with five of the ringers that took part in the supposed peal on Monday, January 2nd: J. Vinnicombe, 1; J. Belcher, 2; D. Thomas, 3; W. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6; and I think with a little trouble I can tell them that they rung Minor long before May, so I think it is useless for them to keep sending a lot of falsehoods to be published in this record, for which I and my brother-ringers have gave them the credit of doing long ago. Will they kindly answer a few questions through the medium of this paper: (1st), how is it they cannot ring Minor when a independent person listens? the only excuse they then give on several occasions is that it always happens when anyone is about. (2nd), in which I shall use their own words of Saturday, April 2nd last, that is in saying "every praise is due to Mr. Belcher for the earnest and indefatigable manner in which he is trying to teach the Art of change-ringing to local bands, no distance being considered too far by him"; so which do they give the credit to—Mr. C. Smith, who rang Minor with them on May 7th last, or Mr. J. Belcher. EDWARD COOK.

Cardiff.

[This letter is printed as sent; we can hardly follow the writer.—Ed.]

MR. ATTREE'S ANALYSIS.

SIR,—Respecting Mr. Attree's analysis, for myself I do not see any advantage in the proposed alteration, as in my opinion it would have a great tendency to weaken some of the smaller organisations. And as allowance is made in the table for dual performances, it is not at all misleading, and I hope he will continue the excellent work as at present.

JOHN HOPWOOD, Secretary Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

23, Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

AN ENQUIRY.

SIR,—With your permission I should like to ask the conductor of the peal rung at Northampton, and which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 7th, if it was a true peal, and if the bells came into rounds. A. O. STEWART.

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.

Midland Counties' Association.—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Birmingham, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 14th, 1893, and the following towers will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., viz.—St. Martin's (12 bells), St. Phillip's (10 bells), St. John's, Deritend (8 bells), Bishop Ryder's (8 bells), and probably St. Chad's (R.C.C. 8 bells). Members on arrival are requested to proceed to St. Martin's schoolroom, Park Street, (near St. Martin's church), where bands will be formed for touches at the various towers. Committee meeting at the Cafe, New Street, 5.30. Tea and General meeting 6 p.m. The special trains arranged by the London and North Western Railway Co. leave Derby, 1.55, arriving in Birmingham, 3.10., and Leicester, 1.15., arriving Birmingham, at 3.0. The Bishop of Coventry has kindly promised to be present at the tea and general meeting.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

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

All Saints' Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting will take place to-day, Saturday, Jan. 14th, 1893. The tower will be open at 4.30 p.m. Tea in church-room at 6 p.m., at 9d. each. Business meeting afterwards.

Fulham Palace. JOHN GREEN, *Sec.*

Lancashire Association, Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at the parish church, Eccles, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*
Manchester.

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A district meeting will be held at Swanscombe, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 5 o'clock p.m. Tower open at 3 p.m. Northfleet (6 bells) will be opened after the meeting.

2, Railway Terrace, W. A. COOKE, *Dis. Sec.*
New Brompton, Chatham.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, January 21st, at Christ Church, West Bromwich. Ringing at Christ Church at 2 p.m., and at All Saints after 5 p.m. Short address at 5 p.m. at Christ Church. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m.: One shilling per head to all who send notice before the 18th instant, to

10, Bull Street. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

P.S.—Members wanting copies of photo will be able to get them at this meeting.

Waterloo Society, London.—The annual dinner of the above society will take place at the "Lord Hill," Waterloo Bridge Road, opposite the Station, on Saturday, January 21st, 1893, at 6.30 sharp. Tickets 3s. The tower of St. Martin-in-the-Fields will be open at 4 p.m. Tickets may be had of the following:—Mr. G. Wild, 8, Frances Street, Waterloo Road; Mr. F. Perrin, 25, Lower Bland Street, S.E.; Mr. F. L. Davies, 15, Melbourne Square, Brixton; and J. C. Truss, 46, Paternoster Row. JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*
272, Southampton Street, Camberwell, S.E.

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for practice for January, 1893: Lewisham, St. Mary: Monday, 23rd, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. T. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, 24th instant. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—A smoking concert will be held at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, the 28th instant, when any ringers and friends will be cordially welcome. Chair to be taken at 7.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A committee and quarterly meeting of this association will by kind permission of the Rev. E. V. Hall, M.A., who will preside at the meeting at 5.30 p.m. prompt, take place in St. John's school-room, Bromsgrove, on Saturday, January 28th, 1893, at which meeting all subscriptions are due in accordance with rule 7. The tower, containing ten bells, will be open for ringing.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

Yorkshire Association.—Owing to other engagements of the Bishop and Archdeacon, the general meeting will be held at Wakefield, on Saturday, February 4th, (not 11th as previously intimated). The newly-augmented ring of twelve bells at the Cathedral will be at the disposal of members from 10.30 a.m. This meeting will be the official "re-opening" of the bells after augmentation and re-hanging; there will therefore be short choral service and sermon in the Cathedral at 3 p.m. Tea in the Zetland Street schools, at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. The local Hon. Sec., is Mr. John T. Hollis, 22, Albion Street, Wakefield. Circulars in due course.

B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal be desired One Shilling additional must accompany such a request.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By H. N. DAVIS, *Camberwell.*

5088.

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

Repeated.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford.*

13,440.

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

The last eighteen courses to be called five times. Call a bob instead of the first single in the third and sixth parts of the peal. By omitting the seven bobs at 6 (as braced) the peal is reduced to 12,096, which was rung at All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on December 31st, 1892, conducted by its composer.

A 720 OF GRANDSIRE MINOR.

By J. FISHER, *Ducklington.*

2	3	4	5	6
8 5 6 2 4 3				
- 3 4 5 2 6				
- 6 2 3 5 4				
6 5 2 4 3				
6 4 5 3 2				
- 2 3 6 5 4				
- 4 5 2 6 3				
4 6 5 3 2				
4 3 6 2 5				
4 2 3 5 6				

Five times repeated.

Call the 6th out with a single in the first and fourth parts.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5408.

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

The last five courses to be repeated.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th twenty-two times in 6ths place, the 3rd once, and the 2nd never in that position. If the calling of the first six courses is twice repeated, a peal of 6240 is produced, with the 2nd never in 6ths place. If the calling of the last five courses is twice repeated, it runs 4992 changes, with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place at the course-ends.

5056.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
2	6	3	5	4	2	in	&	5ths 2
3	6	5	2	4	I	-		2
6	2	5	3	4	I	-		
2	4	5	3	6	I			2
2	4	3	6	5	2		2	I
2	3	6	4	5			I	2
2	6	4	3	5			I	2
3	2	4	6	5			I	

Repeated.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, the 2nd and 3rd never in that position, and it is the first published containing these properties.

If the first course is called 2M, 1H, the same course-end is brought up, and the number reduced to 4928, which is the longest two-part composition obtained on this plan with the tenors together throughout. The 4928 can be increased to 5344 by inserting a course between the fourth and fifth courses of the second part, thus:-

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

A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By A. SYKES, *Huddersfield.*

1893.

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

M	W	H
5	6	2
4	3	2
6	5	1
1	1	1

Repeated.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES.

By JAMES MOTTS, *Ipswich.*

5038.

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

Calling bobs with 10th and 11th before completes the peal.

DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By E. ANDREWS, *Wakefield.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
6	5	3	2	4		7th in with s ; out at 2 with s		
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2	5	4	3	2		9th in three, s.		
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Round as usual.

Mr. A. Sykes, of Huddersfield, informs us that the Date Touch in last week's "BELL News" should read 2 middle, 1 wrong in the first course.

DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By ERNEST E. VINEN, F.C.O., *London.*

1893.
First four changes thus:

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*9th in 3 ; 9th in and out at 2.

In Preparation. To be Published by Subscription.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1893.

A NOTICE on another page informs us that Mr. MATTHEW WOOD has served the office of Steeple-keeper at the parish church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, London, for fifty years, and that in consideration of such a long term of office the members of the Metropolitan society to which he belongs will signify the event in a manner peculiar to ringers. Perhaps we shall hear by-and-by that the Rector and Wardens are considering whether they should not present such an excellent servant with a valuable testimonial of some kind. Let us hope so.

A generation or two ago Mr. Wood was one of the principal men in the Exercise; indeed, it may be said that among his compeers he was the most popular. Ringers visiting the metropolis at the period we refer to, by a sort of instinct found their way to "The Green," and in most instances were able to say when they returned home that they had rung a peal or two in London under the auspices of MATTHEW WOOD. His residence has been the trysting-place of many a ringer, some of the most influential having there arranged a peal in a method which they could not have at their own town or village. The Exercise generally will regard the veteran—for he now comes under that denomination—with more than complacency at the arrival of his jubilee year of office, and will hope, with us, that he may occupy the position for many years to come.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.—PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Honorary Secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers begs to remind the Hon. Secretaries of Associations and Guilds represented on the Council that subscriptions for 1893, at the rate of half-a-crown for each representative elected, are now due, and should be paid, without fail, before the next meeting of the Council, which will be held at Oxford on the Tuesday in Easter-week—April 4th.

Notices of motions, with proposer's and seconder's names attached, and in writing, should reach the Honorary Secretary of the Council by Saturday, March 4th, after which date a fuller notice of the meeting and the agenda will be published in this paper.

All subscriptions and communications should be sent to the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, who would be thankful to receive also intimation of all changes in the names and addresses of Secretaries and Representatives which have occurred since the last meeting of the Council.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 7, 1893, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 41 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	*JOHN OXBORROW 7.
HENRY SPRINGALL* 2.	*WILLIAM E. GARRARD 8.
MATTHEW WOOD 3.	JOHN M. HAYES 9.
HENRY R. NEWTON* 4.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 10.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN* 5.	EDWIN HORREX 11.
RICHARD FRENCH 6.	*WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

*First peal of Maximus.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Thursday, January 5, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PUTNEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR R. DAVIS Treble.	WALTER C. HASTED 5.
HAROLD N. DAVIS 2.	*JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
WALTER J. SORRELL 3.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. 7.
FREDK. G. PERRIN 4.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal as conductor. This peal was rung at the second attempt. W. J. Sorrell was elected a member of the above society previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. R. Davis, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

The Provinces.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, January 5, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM ADLER Treble.	HARRY ARGYLE 5.
HARRY J. PAULSON 2.	LIONEL LONGNEY 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3.	HARRY HORWOOD 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER 4.	JOHN BALLARD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

L. Longney, who hails from Croome, Worcestershire, was elected a member of the above Association prior to starting for the peal.

A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d.
Contains the full extent of changes on nine bells. Forwarded Post Free, on receipt of 7d. By James Hewett, 16, Chapel Row, Gosport.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 5, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight and ½ Mins.,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-THE-EASTGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

GEORGE WARNER Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 5.
PERCY A. HIND 2.	THOMAS PAYNE 6.
CHARLES FOWLER 3.	WILLIAM C. BASTON 7.
ALBERT DUBBER 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal of London rang in the County of Oxford; and the first peal in the method by all except the Rev. F. E. Robinson; and the 450th peal of the conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Friday, January 6, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES.

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

FRANK BROWN Treble.	JAMES ADAMS 7.
JOHN HOPWOOD 2.	JOHN THORP 8.
JOHN LEIGH 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN 9.
THOMAS TAYLOR 4.	JAMES S. WILFIE 10.
THOMAS G. DOWNS 5.	SAMUEL WOOD 11.
SAMUEL BOOTH 6.	ALBERT ADAMS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

The above was rung in memory of Canon Eagar, who had been rector of the above parish upwards of twenty-two years, and was interred on the above day, having attained the age of 78 years.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 6, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being one 720 of College Single and two each of Court Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN W. CHEAL Treble.	ALFRED CRIPPS 4.
EDWARD COMBER 2.	MAURICE STEER 5.
ALBERT FEIST* 3.	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. Tenor.

*First 5040.

Conducted by F. W. CRIPPS.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 6, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHAPEL OF EASE OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

W. G. CROSS* Treble.	W. BROOKE 5.
C. CROME 2.	W. CURSTON 6.
W. J. SEDGLEY† 3.	R. CROME 7.
T. GILES 4.	G. HOLLAND Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. SEDGLEY.

*College Youth, and Hon. Secretary of the Eastern Counties' Guild. †District Secretary of the Norwich Association. This is the first peal by all.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1893, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

ALFRED G. GALLIMORE* .. Treble.	†JOHN JAGGAR 6.
GEORGE WRIGHT† 2.	FREDERICK J. COPE 7.
WILLIAM SMITH† 3.	†GEORGE ROBINSON 8.
CHARLES BARRETT 4.	†LEONARD BULLOCK 9.
HENRY MEACHAM† 5.	JAMES H. GALLIMORE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by F. J. COPE.

*First peal in any method. †First peal of Caters. ‡First peal of Grandsire Caters. This is also C. Barrett's first peal with a bob bell, and F. J. Cope's as conductor. The peal was arranged and rung as a welcome to the Very Rev. Herbert Mortimer Luckock, D.D., the new Dean of Lichfield. Messrs. Bullock, Jaggar, Robinson and Smith hail from Burton-on-Trent, the rest belong to the Cathedral Society.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

THOMAS HERVEY BEAMS..Treble.	ALFRED D. MILLS 5.
JOHN AKEHURST.. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
WALTER CHARMAN 4.	*EDWIN JORDAN Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN JORDAN.

*First peal as conductor on eight bells.

FRIEZLAND, YORKSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, January 7, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

Duke of York, Yorkshire Delight, Kent, Merchants' Return, New London Pleasure, Oxford, and Violet. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES GRATRICK* ..Treble.	JOSEPH WOOD 4.
GEORGE T. SHAW 2.	THOMAS B. DICKEN 5.
JAMES DICKEN 3.	JOHN T. DICKEN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES DICKEN.

*First 5040 on six bells. Gratrix hails from Manchester; Wood from Saddleworth; T. B. Dicken from Mossley.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

(THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.)

On Saturday, January 7, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. H. SUMNER.. ..Treble.	W. COOKS 5.
W. S. PRITCHETT 2.	J. CARTER 6.
THEODORE PRITCHETT .. 3.	J. S. PRITCHETT 7.
ALFRED PRITCHETT 4.	*G. COOPER Tenor.

Conducted by J. S. PRITCHETT.

*First peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1893, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH.. ..Treble.	WILLIAM RICHES 5.
FRANK BARKWAY 2.	FREDERICK SMITH 6.
CHARLES GILLMAN 3.	JAMES SOUTER 7.
CHARLES C. T. P. BRICE 4.	HENRY SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

Brice hails from Wansford, Peterborough; Riches from Fressingfield, Suffolk; the rest are members of the Redenhall society.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, January 7, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. MARTIN,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT 1-2.	CHARLES HENRY MARTIN 5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3-4.	HENRY JAMES MARTIN.. 7-8.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Umpire—Mr. H. Martin. Mr. G. Chad also heard part of the peal.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ALFRED LECLEERCQ ..Treble.	GEORGE H. BARNETT .. 5.
JOHN HARDING 2.	SERGT.-MAJOR B. ROSE .. 6.
ALFRED SMITH* 3.	EDWARD CLAPSHAW 7.
HENRY GARFATH 4.	FRED A. BARNETT Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GARFATH.

*First peal with a bob bell. J. Harding hails from Beddington, and was elected a member of the above Guild before starting for the peal.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE WARNER ..Treble.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 5.
THOMAS SHORT 2.	WILLIAM FINCH.. .. 6.
CHARLES FOWLER 3.	THOMAS HIBBERT 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW.. .. 4.	ALFRED BARNEY.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

It was intended to ring Caters, but one of the band was kept away through a severe cold.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 14 cwt. in F#.

ARTHUR COGHLAN ..Treble.	†GEORGE PASSINGHAM .. 5.
JAMES ELCOMBE† 2.	FRED HILL 6.
TOM COLE† 3.	JOHN W. WHITING 7.
CHARLES TRIBE 4.	*JESSE WALKER.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. WHITING.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. †First in the method with a bob bell. This was rung as a birthday compliment to C. Tribe, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 9, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BRIDGEMAN ..Treble.	JOSEPH HANDS 5.
THOMAS NEWMAN 2.	GEORGE ESSEX 6.
EDWIN MENDAY* 3.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 7.
HARRY SIMMONDS* 4.	ERNEST POTTINGER.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late W. I. Palmer. This is the first muffled peal rung on these bells; also the first peal by E. Pottinger since the year 1886, who has just returned from America. *First peal in the method with a bob bell.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 9, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE..Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 5.
ROBERT C. HUDSON* .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
WILLIAM HOLMES 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON.. .. 7.
ERNEST E. BEWICK 4.	FRANCIS LEES Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. J. HARRISON and Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. This composition never has the and in 5-6, or the 3rd in 6ths place.

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

On Tuesday, January 10, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

G. TURNER	Treble.	FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE	5.
S. G. DOWNS	2.	HARRY CHAPMAN	6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD	3.	RICHARD RIDYARD	7.
JOSEPH DERBYSHIRE	4.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by R. RIDYARD.

This peal was rung as a Jubilee for Mr. Josiah Rogers, a ringer at the above church, who attained his 50th birthday on the above day, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns; all being very sorry that he could not be amongst them owing to illness.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE. **THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, January 10, 1893, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

J. GRATRIX	Treble.	W. JAKEMAN	5.
S. TAYLOR	2.	*J. H. BRIERLEY	6.
T. JAKEMAN	3.	T. B. DICKEN	7.
W. INGHAM	4.	J. HARRISON	Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. Gratrix hails from Manchester; Ingham from Oldham, and Dicken from Mossley.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Sunday, January 1st, for morning service at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Freeman, 1; A. Pitstow, 2; A. F. James, 3; W. Dallimore, 4; E. Pitstow, 5; J. F. Penning, 6; F. Pitstow, 7; W. Marshall, 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq., and conducted by F. Pitstow. W. Dallimore hails from West Ham; the rest belong to the local company.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Saturday, December 31st, a date touch of Grandsire Triples was rung for the midnight service in 1 hr. 5 mins. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling, 5; F. Sanders, 6; T. Harford (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. Composed by J. Carter.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WRAYSbury (Bucks).—On Wednesday, December 28th, at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 15 mins. E. Whatmore, 1; T. E. Harwood (composer), 2; Rev. J. H. Hindson (conductor), 3; G. Stanbrook, 4; H. Shanks, 5; G. Whatmore, 6; R. Flaxman, 7; J. Guttridge, 8.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Saturday, December 31st, at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins. R. Dawson, 1; J. B. Fenton (composer), 2; W. A. Hodson, 3; C. Wells (conductor), 4; W. Skelton, 5; F. W. Walker, 6; J. W. Watson, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. J. W. Watson. W. Skelton hails from Retford.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

ROSSENDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, January 1st, 1893, (just after Saturday midnight), a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Shepherd (composer and conductor), 3; L. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; H. Walls, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; J. W. Ormerod, 8.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Sunday, December 8th, at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of Bob Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. H. Wyburn, 1; G. Hill, 2; T. Gray, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; F. Skuse, 5; G. Temple, 6; H. W. Brown (composer and conductor), 7; F. Beesley, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Wednesday, December 7th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, a 720 Wells Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray (first 720 in the method), 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (first in the method as conductor), 6. Also 720 Superlative Surprise. G. Jordan (first in the method) 1; W. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 11th, for morning service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob (2nd the observation). J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, December 14th, for practice, a 720 Bristol Surprise. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method), 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 18th, for morning service, 720 Duke of York. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service a 720 Oxford Treble Bob (5th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; W. Cavill, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Christmas Day, December 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 York Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; W. Watts (conductor), 4; W. Cavill, 5; G. Monk, 6. G. Monk hails from Hertford. Tenor 14 cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, December 27th, at St. Margaret's church, an attempt was made for G. Lindoff's peal of 5152 Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 4860 changes in 2 hrs. 50 mins., it came to grief owing to a change-course. A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Wilson, 3; C. Sampson, 4; G. Lindoff, 5; G. Thompson, 6; W. Button, 7; H. J. Button, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. G. Thompson hails from Kelsale; W. Button (formerly of Leiston), from Colchester.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 25th, at St. Mary's church, 720 each of the following: Double Oxford, London Single, Canterbury Pleasure, and 360 Double Court. H. Beecroft, 1; W. G. Crickmer, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins, 6. At the house of Mr. D. Collins, on handbells, 720 and 464 Bob Major. D. Collins, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 5-6; E. Clayton, 7-8. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Clayton, 1-2; S. Collins, 3; H. Creasey, 4; E. Clayton, (conductor), 5-6.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, December 4th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Killamarsh Treble Bob and 240 of College Trebles. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. On Monday, December 5th, for practice, 1440 in 50 mins., being 120 each of the following: Superlative Surprise, Tulip, Primrose, College Trebles, New College Treble Bob, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Killamarsh Treble Bob, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and New London Pleasure, standing as before. On Sunday, December 11th, for morning service, a 720 of Killamarsh Surprise, and for evening service, a 720 Superlative Surprise, standing as before. On Sunday, December 18th, for evening service, a 240 each of Tulip, Primrose, and 120 of College Trebles. H. Greaves, 1; W. Price, 2; C. Severn (conductor), 6; the rest as before. W. Price hails from Eckington. On Saturday, December 31st, a 720 each of Tulip and Primrose. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; the rest as before.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY (Kent).—On Monday, December 26th, at St. Stephen's church, a start was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing over 4000 changes owing to two bells changing course. M. W. Pierce (first attempt), 1; H. G. Fairbrass, 2; F. Constant (first attempt), 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor), 4; G. Sayer (first attempt), 5; P. H. Pierce (first attempt with a bob bell), 6; A. Allen, 7; J. Balaam, 8.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, January 1st, after midnight service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Huxley, 1; R. Humphery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; F. Sanders, 6; T. Harford, 7; G. Simpson, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—Recently on a Friday evening, for practice at Christ Church, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) in

28 mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday evening, January 1st, for Divine Service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. W. Ormerod, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; W. Smith, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Thursday, December 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; T. Parsons, 3; F. Finch, 4; J. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 22nd, 720 College Evercise. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; T. Parsons, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; T. Linfield, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; T. Parsons, 2; C. Clear, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 26th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; T. Linfield, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Saturday, December 31st, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; C. Clear, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, November 20th, at All Saints' church, Hamer, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), 5th the observation bell. W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Sunday morning, December 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Sunday morning, December 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) 5th the observation, in 25 mins. W. Airey, 1; E. Schofield, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Sunday morning, December 18th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles). W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday evening, December 18th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Sunday evening, December 25th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (twelve bobs and fourteen singles) in 23 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; E. Schofield, 6. On Saturday evening, December 31st, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), 5th the observation-bell. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. All being conducted by J. Crossley.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Saturday, December 31st, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs and ten singles), in 26 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Suart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, December 29th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. E. Barroughs, 1; W. E. Ryder, 2; W. H. Idle, 3; F. Ryder, 4; T. B. Idle, 5; J. Eachus (conductor), 6. First 720 by the local company.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BEESTON (Notts).—On Sunday evening, December 18th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Clifford (aged 14, and longest length), A. Lowe, Jno. Lowe, J. Huckby, J. Clifford, W. Clifford (conductor), G. Oldham, and J. Lowe. On Sunday evening, December 25th, for Divine Service, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 36 mins. J. Paling, G. Oldham, Jno. Lowe, J. Huckby, A. Lowe, W. Clifford (conductor), H. Martin, and J. Lowe. H. Martin hails from Belbroughton, Worcestershire.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Tuesday, November 22nd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. J. Matthews, 1; W. Cornish, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symons, 4; H. Stubbington, 5; C. Simmonds, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Sunday evening, November 27th, 588 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; W. Cornish, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symons, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; R. Harman, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. Also a 588. A. Stone, 1; C. Privett, 2; W. Cornish, 3; J. Harper, 4; J. Symons, 5; C. Simmonds, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Tuesday, November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Stone, 1; W. Cornish, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symons, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; R. Harman, 6; Rev. R. C. M.

Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Matthews, 8. On Tuesday, December 6th, a start was made for the first local peal, but it came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 13 mins. owing to a change-course. C. Groves, 1; W. Cornish, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symons, 4; H. Stubbington, 5; C. Simmonds, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Matthews, 8. On Sunday morning, December 11th, for Divine Service, 503 Grandsire Triples. J. Harper, 1; W. Cornish, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; R. Harman, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Sunday evening, December 18th, for Divine Service, 1092 Grandsire Triples. A. Stone, 1; C. Groves (longest touch with a bob bell), 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Matthews, 4; J. Symons, 5; R. Harman, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, December 4th, a 560 of Double Norwich. H. Simonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, December 11th, a 504 Stedman Triples. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Smith, 3; J. Hands, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; E. W. Menday, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. For evening service, a 504 Stedman Triples. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Smith, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; E. J. Woodley, 8. On Sunday, December 25th, a 672 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman (first touch in the method with a bob bell), 3; H. Smith, 4; J. Hands, 5; H. Simonds, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; E. Pottinger, 8. On New Year's Eve a 560 Double Norwich. H. Simonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. On New Year's Day, a 336 Bob Major and a 672 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; H. Smith, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simonds, 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—On Tuesday, December 27th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing about 20 mins. One of the band being taken ill, Mr. G. Wright, of Whitechurch, was telegraphed for at the last minute, and very kindly came over to make up the band, but owing to the late start, and Mr. Wright having to leave by the 9 p.m. train, it was impossible to start a second time for the peal, so a half-peal was rung. F. Hughes, 1; W. Maddox, 2; E. Thomas, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; G. Wright, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8. The calling was the first half of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' variation of Holt's six-part.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Sunday, December 25th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Gasson, 1; J. Wedge, 2; C. Holman, 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; T. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Gasson, 1; J. Wedge, 2; E. Streeter, jun., 3; R. Streeter, 4; T. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 6. Also 720 in the same method. J. Wedge, 1; E. Streeter, jun., 2; F. Streeter, 3; R. Streeter, 4; T. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Wedge, 4; T. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Wedge, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, sen., 4; T. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Wedge, 4; E. Streeter, sen., 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6.

CHELSEA (Middlesex).—On Saturday, December 31st, an attempt was made by the local band to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part), but after ringing well into the third part of the first half it came to grief. It was thought advisable not to start for the peal again. The band afterwards decided to ring the second part of the same peal, (2562 changes), which was rung in 1 hr. 35 mins. W. Barber, 1; E. H. Adams, 2; S. Luscombe, 3; W. H. Rowland, 4; C. Hindes, 5; T. E. Bailey, 6; J. W. Driver (conductor), 7; G. Roberts, 8. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 mins. A. Ough, 1; E. H. Adams, 2; S. Luscombe, 3; W. H. Rowland, 4; C. Hindes, 5; J. Green, 6; T. E. Barber, 7; C. Charge, 8; J. W. Driver (conductor), 9; W. Barber, 10. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

EYNSFORD (Kent).—On Thursday, December 15th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. T. Booker, 1; F. Head, 2; T. Collier, 3; R. Baldwin, 4; W. Innes, 5; W. Wash (conductor), 6. In the evening, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 15 mins. T. Midleden (first 360), 1; F. Head, 2; T. Collier, 3; R. Baldwin, 4; W. Wash (conductor), 5; A. Mantle, 6. On Sunday morning, December 18th, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Booker, 1; F. Head, 2;

T. Collier (conductor), 3; R. Baldwin, 4; W. Wash, 5; T. Midleden, 6. First in the method by the treble and fifth men; also the first by the local band.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Saturday, December 31st, at St. Mary's church, for the midnight service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. Rollison, 1; E. Willoughby, 2; C. Lewis (first quarter-peal), 3; J. Billings, 4; J. Lewis, 5; T. Lewis, 6; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 7; J. Osborne, 8.

HARWICH (Essex).—On Sunday, December 11th, for Divine Service at St. Nicolas' church, 360 Bob Minor. A. Brewster, 1; G. Knock, 2; T. Aldis, 3; J. Brewster, 4; C. P. Ramplin (conductor), 5; G. C. Scowen, 6. On Saturday, December 17th, after several attempts a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung on handbells retained in hand. *G. C. Scowen (conductor), 1-2; *W. Green, 3; *C. P. Ramplin, 4; D. Huff, 5; *G. Knock, 6. First 720 by D. Huff and G. Knock. *Members of the Essex Association.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, December 31st, at St. Andrew's church, 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled. W. H. Spink, 1; J. H. Clark, 2; J. Hilton, 3; S. C. Skinner, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; J. T. Holmes (conductor), 6; E. Houlden, 7; W. Priestley, 8. Whilst the old year was passing away, the tenor was rung, after which the muffles were removed and a start was made for a quarter-peal, but was lost after ringing 400 changes. Another start was made, and 168 Grandsire Triples was brought round, the ringers standing as before, conducted by S. C. Skinner. On Sunday evening, January 1st, 1893, for Divine Service, 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Spink, 1; J. H. Clark, 2; J. Hilton, 3; S. C. Skinner, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; *J. T. Holmes (conductor), 6; E. Houlden, 7; W. Priestley, 8. Longest length of Triples by Messrs. Spink, Clark, Hilton, Dickinson, and Houlden. *Longest length as conductor. On Monday, January 2nd, for practice, a quarter-peal was attempted, but was lost after ringing 1200 changes. W. H. Spink, 1; J. H. Clark, 2; J. Hilton, 3; J. T. Holmes, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; E. Houlden, 6; S. C. Skinner (conductor), 7; W. Townsend, 8. W. Townsend hails from Sleaford; the rest are local men.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday afternoon, December 25th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 48 mins. F. Ricketts (aged 15), 1; J. Harrison, 2; W. Hexter, 3; J. R. Ward, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Paxon, 6; W. R. Hexter (conductor), 7; J. Bailey, 8. On Monday, December 26th, a 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. *J. Bailey, 1; *F. Ricketts, 2; *J. E. Hexter, 3; W. Hexter, 4; T. H. Thompson, 5; H. W. Wilde (composer and conductor), 6. *First 720 in any method. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Sunday evening, January 1st, 1893, for Divine Service at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. G. Butler, 1; W. H. Royston, 2; H. D. Davis, 3; S. E. Romans, 4; J. Smith, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, December 11th, for Divine Service at Christ Church cathedral, three courses of Stedman Caters. C. Fowler, 1; A. Hawes, 2; W. Baston, 3; K. Payne, 4; A. Fox, 5; A. Dubber, 6; C. Hounslow, 7; T. Payne, 8; J. W. Washbrook, 9; A. Barney, 10. On Monday, December 12th, seven courses in the same method. C. Fowler, 1; A. Hawes, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; P. Hind, 4; A. Fox, 5; A. Dubber, 6; W. Baston, 7; T. Payne, 8; J. W. Washbrook, 9; A. Barney, 10. And a course of London Surprise Major. G. Warner, 1; P. Hind, 2; C. Fowler, 3; A. Dubber, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; T. Payne, 6; W. Baston, 7; J. W. Washbrook, 8. Tenor 42 cwt. On Thursday, December 15th, for practice at St. Peter's-in-the-East, three courses of London Surprise Major. G. Warner, 1; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 2; C. Fowler, 3; A. Dubber, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; T. Payne, 6; W. Baston, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8. And three courses in the same method. A. Fox, 1; P. Hind, 2; C. Fowler, 3; A. Dubber, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; T. Payne, 6; W. Baston, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8.

THORNE (Yorks).—On Wednesday, December 7th, at the parish church, the first half of Hubbard's ten-part peal of Bob Triples in 1 hr. 40 mins. C. West, 1; F. Sanderson, 2; A. Hemingway, 3; W. H. Sanderson, 4; A. Haines, 5; F. Tate, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; E. Walker, 8. Messrs. Sanderson (2), Hemingway, and Walker belong to Thorne; the rest hail from Goole. A peal would have been attempted, but the Goole men had to catch the last train home. The above company hope to ring a peal at an early date. Longest length by all the band, also on the bells.

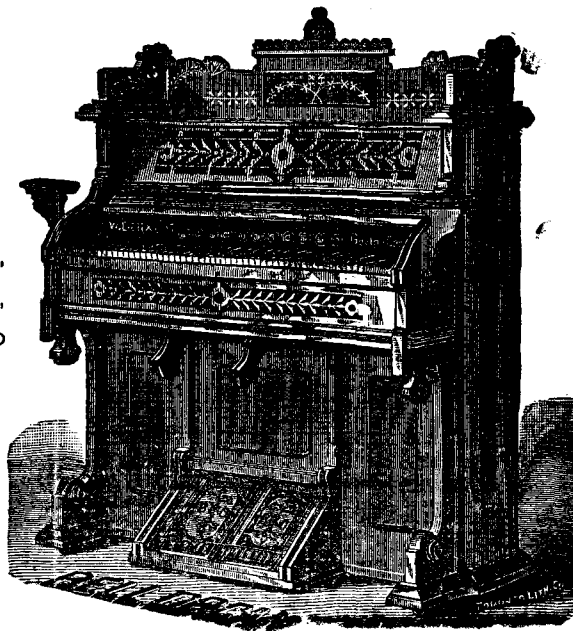
WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).—On Saturday, December 17th, the members of the local company rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. H. James, 1; T. Pallett, 2; G. E. Peace, 3; G. Thurgood, 4; F. Jelf, 5; D. Tarling, 6; T. Colverd, 7; H. Reeves, 8. Composed by W. A. Alps and conducted by F. Jelf.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Saturday, December 31st, at 9 p.m., with the bells half-muffled, 1064 Grandsire Triples. H. Lincoln (longest touch), 1; G. Sorrell, 2; R. Wood, 3; R. Miller, 4; W. Lincoln (conductor), 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; F. Radley, 7; F. Edwards, 8. This is the longest touch completed by the present local company. At 11 p.m. various short touches till 11.55 p.m. and at 12, with the bells open to welcome the new year, 532 Grandsire Triples. G. Sorrell, 1; A. Head (formerly of Writtle), 2; R. Wood, 3; W. Miller, 4; W. Lincoln (conductor), 5; A. Edwards (formerly of Writtle), 6; F. Radley, 7; F. Edwards, 8.

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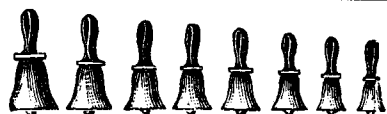
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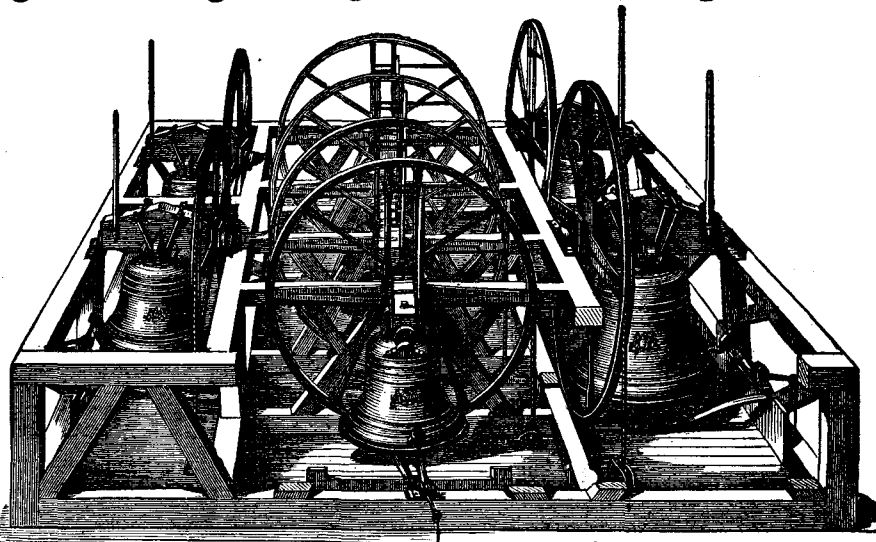
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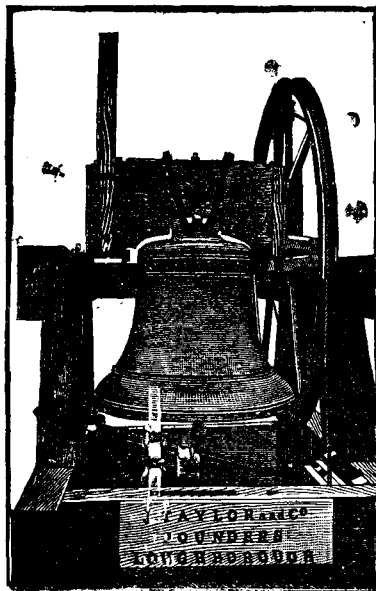
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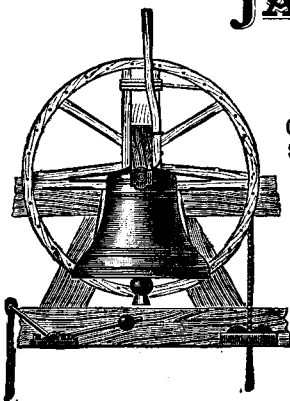
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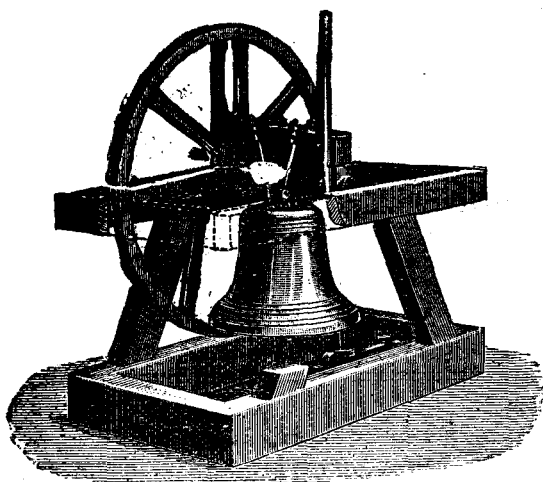


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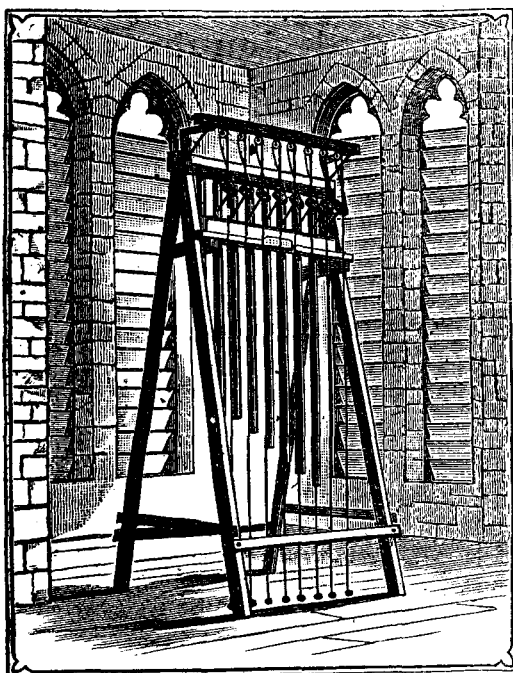
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ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM.

On the evening of Wednesday, the 11th inst., the ringers at this church assembled to try the "go" of their ring of ten, which have just been thoroughly overhauled and rehung with entirely new fittings by Mr. James Barwell, of this city. Besides his own band, the ringing master, Mr. John Carter, had invited other ringers and friends to be present, including one of the churchwardens, Dr. E. Malins, Messrs. John Day, H. Bastable, and W. Kent, of the St. Martin's Guild, and Messrs. J. S. and W. S. Pritchett, of the King's Norton Guild.

After an inspection of the work in the bell-chamber, which appeared of a very sound and substantial character, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, and the company adjourned to the ringers' meeting house, the "White Swan" hotel, Edmund Street. The ringers and those present, numbering between twenty and thirty, were then entertained at supper by Mr. Barwell, represented by his foundry manager, Mr. Godden; the foreman bellhanger, Mr. C. Fluck, and others employed on the work in the tower being also present.

At the close of the supper the chair was taken by Mr. Carter, who proposed "The Health of his Lordship, the Bishop of Coventry (as Rector of St. Philip's), and the Wardens," explaining the difficulties which had to be overcome before they had been able to get the bells rehung, and the way in which he had been met by the church authorities. He also explained the absence of Dr. Malins from the supper in consequence of being called away to a patient. This toast having been duly honoured,

Mr. John Day followed with "The Health of Mr. Carter, and success to the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society." He expressed to those present his sincere pleasure at being invited to be present at a re-opening of the bells he had known so well during all his ringing career, and upon which he had gained his early instruction. He informed his listeners that this was the first time in the history of St. Philip's bells, the oldest ring in Birmingham, that they had been thoroughly overhauled, and he was pleased to find that it had been done in so satisfactory a manner. Congratulating Mr. Carter upon having gathered round himself so many and promising young ringers, he sincerely hoped that now St. Philip's bells were in such good working order peals of as good quality as he himself had formerly heard on them might again be rung. As connected with the St. Martin's Guild, he referred to Mr. Carter's wish of sometimes seeing some of the St. Martin's ringers in St. Philip's belfry, by thanking him for the invitation, and assuring him in return that any members of the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society would always be made heartily welcome at the gatherings of the St. Martin's Guild. He trusted that the differences between the two Societies might only be one of friendly rivalry—a rivalry in achievements which should never diminish the friendship existing between the individual members. He had been pleased to see many of those around him at the last smoking concert of the St. Martin's Guild, and hoped to see still more at the one to be held in the present month.

In replying, Mr. Carter thanked the last speaker on behalf of the Society and himself for the expressions of good will, and assured those present that he did not intend to relax the efforts he had made for so many years past to form a really capable band of change-ringers at St. Philip's. He then proposed "The Visitors," coupling with the toast the health of Mr. John Day, and "Success to Mr. Barwell's foundry."

Mr. Day and Mr. Godden having suitably responded, were followed by Mr. W. S. Pritchett, who, in the course of his remarks referred to the fact that hardly any of the faces he had seen at St. Philip's belfry twenty years ago were present at this gathering. He warmly welcomed any ringers present to the tower at King's Norton, and reminded the younger members that their beautiful science was not to be acquired solely by

belfry practice of perhaps once a week, assuring them from his own experience that it required almost daily study and a lot of sticking to. In conclusion he wished each and every one present a happy and prosperous new year.

These speeches were interspersed with a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, and some capital songs. Not the least of the attractions was a selection of music on the handbells by the St. Philip's tune ringers, under the leadership of Mr. Carter. These were capitally rendered, especially the "Huntsman's Chorus," which was performed in a remarkably crisp and spirited manner.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, CARLISLE.

The members of this company, being a branch of the Cumberland Diocesan Association, held their annual meeting and dinner on Monday, January 16th, at the Viaduct Temperance hotel, Carlisle. The chair was ably filled by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Hodge, supported by the curate, the Rev. W. G. Bird, and faced by the Honorary Secretary, Mr. L. W. Jennings.

After the repast, which consisted in the main of the standard roast beef of Old England, with the proper accessories, followed as a matter of course, the time being so near Christmas, by plum pudding.

The rev. chairman, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the pleasure he felt at meeting his good friends the ringers upon such an occasion, and in the course of the evening entertained the company present, especially the younger members, by his reminiscence of the struggles and vast amount of begging he had gone through in his efforts, happily crowned with success, to get a church built in what was at the time the churchless district, and at the same time the poorest in the city, of the now St. Stephen's parish. Happily his efforts, through no direct appeal of his own, came to the knowledge of that beneficent lady, the Baroness Burdett Coutts, who with her usual generosity, desired him to retain all he had in hand towards an endowment fund, and defrayed the entire cost of the building from her own purse. Even then the tower was more than half built before the subject of a bell or bells occurred to the Vicar, who upon writing to her Ladyship to know her wishes on the subject, was astonished and delighted at the receipt of a reply to the effect that her Ladyship would present him with a peal of eight. These were opened by a band of College Youths from London, who rang a peal of Triples, and henceforth for a period of about eighteen years no change-ringing was heard in Carlisle, until a Lancashire gentleman, Mr. Gregson, settled in the city, who took the thing in hand, and in a short time, by vast energy and perseverance on the part of himself and a few of the faithful, enabled a peal of Grandsire Triples to be rung by a local band.

The Honorary Secretary, after having given his annual financial statement, proceeded to expatiate upon a grievance, in our experience but too common in provincial towns, *i.e.*, the laxity of attendance, both for service-ringing and practice; this laxity having a disastrous effect and cutting both ways; first by having a very disheartening and disappointing effect upon those of the ringers who conscientiously attend to their duties, and in the second place by rendering it impossible to give the colts the practice needful to render them efficient, thus cutting off the supply needed to fill vacancies that naturally occur with time. He ventured an opinion that an honorarium or salary, however small it might be, would have the effect of altering this untoward state of affairs, and in this opinion was warmly supported by Mr. Fred. Gibson and Mr. George Little, the two most prominent and active members of the company, who at the same time disclaimed any desire for such recognition on their own behalf. That a genuine and disinterested love of the Art alone actuates these two gentlemen, may be inferred from the fact of their unremitting zeal and attendance, without fee or reward, for many years, in the case of Mr. Little this amounting to upwards of twenty years, in fact covering the whole period of the existence of the church.

The Vicar having promised to bring the matter before the churchwardens, with a view to seeing if some such arrangement as suggested could be made, vacated the chair, and the remainder of the evening passed in harmony and good friendship, enlivened by many tunes upon the handbells, which performance seemed to meet with much appreciation from a bevy of young ladies attached to the hotel.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

The Sixteenth Quarterly Meeting of the above was held at Macclesfield on Saturday, January 14th, when twenty-five members attended from Poynton, Prestbury, Gawsworth, Bollington, and Macclesfield. A 406 of Grandsire Triples was rung prior to the usual tea by W. Matthews, 1; T. Bollington, 2; J. W. Kenny, 3; J. Kenny, 4; J. Minshall, 5; W. Walmsley (conductor), 6; T. Minshall, 7; W. Gayes, 8. T. Bollington belongs to Bollington; the rest belong to the local company. At five o'clock the members sat down to a good substantial tea in the school-room, which was presided over by the Rev. Canon Turner, supported by the Rev. H. Barber (curate), both of Macclesfield.

The business meeting was held in the vestry shortly after, the chair being occupied by the Rev. Canon Turner, who spoke well of the Guild and its objects, and in a few well-chosen words gave all a hearty welcome, and urged on the members to be united, to work together and persevere with their noble art. The position of the branch was fully explained, both financially and numerically, by the secretary, and after a general discussion about several things it was decided to hold only two branch meetings in the year, being one in January, and the other in May, and then the Guild annual meeting in August. The meeting passed off pleasantly and beneficially, the members present taking a deep interest in the business. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

The belfry was again visited, a large portion of the members having to leave without a pull, but a 539 of Grandsire Caters was rung by the Macclesfield men, assisted by W. Henshall, of Gawsworth, and a 720 of Bob Minor on the back six by J. Minshall, 1; J. R. Potts, 2; W. Atkinson, 3; E. W. Taylor, 4; J. Snape (first 720 as conductor), 5; W. Walmsley, 6. Messrs. Minshall and Walmsley belong to Macclesfield; the rest from Poynton. Tenor 20 cwt. in E. After leaving the tower a convivial hour was spent, and 120 Grandsire Doubles, a plain course each of Grandeire Triples and Bob Major and three bob leads of Kent Treble Bob Major were tapped on the piano by W. Walmsley.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

The fourth annual dinner of this branch of the Sussex County Association took place at "The Star" inn, on Thursday evening, January 12th, when all the members were present. The company, numbering in all twenty-eight, sat down to an excellent repast, the vicar, the Rev. A. Pridgeon, presiding, the vice-chair being occupied by Mr. G. Gatland, captain. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been given and responded to, the toast of the evening was proposed by Mr. Griggs, 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 songs, sentiments, and handbell ringing by various members of the company, and at 11 o'clock the National Anthem was played on the handbells and brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.

On Thursday evening, December 12th, on the occasion of the unveiling of a peal-board, made and erected by Mr. A. Bowell, recording the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rang on the day the bells were opened, and kindly presented by the Vicar and churchwardens, the young company succeeded in ringing their first 720, being six 6-scores of Bob Doubles, with the help of their tutor. Also an 18-score of Bob Doubles. A. Youngs, 1; A. Fenner, 2; C. Osborne, 3; E. Abott, 4; A. Bowell (conductor), 5; F. Clements, 6. Also some some 6-scores on handbells. C. Osborne, 1-2; A. Fenner, 3; A. Bowell (conductor), 4-5. The company of about a dozen range from fifteen to twenty years old, and have not yet had five months' practice. They contemplate joining the Essex Association at Whitsuntide.

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THE HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

This society held its fourth annual dinner on Saturday, January 14th, at their headquarters, the "Baker's Arms," Hertford. A capital dinner was provided by the Hon. Master of the society, Mr. J. Kentish. and at the hour appointed there were present the Rev. Lord W. G. Cecil, the Rev. N. S. Hodson, E. P. Debenham (St. Albans), J. Kentish, A. Shepherd, J. Shepherd, W. Powers, J. Rumney, H. Tharby, J. T. Kentish, H. Shepherd, J. Smith, N. Mitchell, J. Richardson, and J. Hollingsworth. After dinner, when the loyal toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, the Rev. Lord W. G. Cecil proposed "The health and future prosperity of the society." He said as a ringers' society they could congratulate themselves; first, as to the regular and voluntary services of the society on Sundays throughout the past year; secondly, that he could testify to the fact, that they knew they were ringing not for their own pleasure, but for God's holy services, and also that he could see a firm footing of respect they had gained for themselves from their fellow-parishioners. He hoped they would continue to prosper in the noble art, and he hoped that they would always be as united and as good in harmony as they had been during the past year.

The Rev. N. T. Hodson in a few words then proposed the toast of "The Herts. County Association of Change-Ringers."

Mr. E. P. Debenham (Hon. Sec.), in replying, said it had always been his endeavour to further the art of change-ringing and belfry reform. He was thankful to say that owing to belfry reform the time was past when ringers and bells could not go together without the ringers imbibing a certain quantity of beer to enable them to move the ropes. He spoke in high terms of the usefulness of the district and other meetings held by the various societies from time to time, and was never so well pleased as when helping some on through their first 168. In conclusion he said at these meetings they met those whom they would not have otherwise met; old friends and new, sometimes forming friendships that are never likely to be severed.

After a few more toasts had been given, intermixed with songs by various members of the society, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by J. Hollingsworth, 1-2; J. Shepherd, 3-4; E. P. Debenham, 5-6; A. Shepherd, 7-8; J. Kentish, 9-10. This brought to a conclusion a most pleasant evening.

YEADON, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

Mr. Edward Denison, cloth manufacturer, Westfield Mills, Yeadon, has just made some new additions to his extensive works, which, being at the Guiseley end of the town, has been hitherto without a public timekeeper. Mr. Denison has added a clock tower to his extensions, and has had fixed a first-class clock showing the time on two 6-ft. illuminated dials, and fitted with automatic gas apparatus, Lord Grimthorpe's gravity escapement, compensated pendulum, and all the latest improvements, and will be lighted up for the first time this week. The new clock has been made and fixed by Messrs. Potts and Sons, of Guildford Street and Cookridge Streets, Leeds, who made Yeadon church clock about forty years ago; Yeadon Town Hall, clock presented by J. Peate, Esq.; Messrs. Brown and Brayshaw's Mill clock, also the adjoining church clock at Guiseley, erected over forty years ago, the whole of which have gone well and given every satisfaction.

RAMSEY, HUNTINGDON.

On Thursday, January 12th, the members of the local company had their annual dinner at the "Lion" hotel. The proceedings commenced at 4.15 with an hour's practice upon the tower bells. Several scores of Grandsire were rung, after which at 6 p.m. the Rev. R. Black, M.A., vicar, and the Rev. G. F. Watson, M.A., curate, joined the members and friends at an excellent repast provided by the Association. This was followed by music, songs, and recitations by friends and members. Several performances upon the handbells were much enjoyed by those present.

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WELLINGBOROUGH (NORTHANTS).

DEATH OF THE REV. CANON BROUGHTON.—It is with regret that we have to record the death of the Rev. Canon Broughton, formerly vicar of Wellingborough, which occurred on Friday evening at Bedford, at the age of 74 years. The deceased Canon was educated at St. Peter's College, Cambridge, and took his B.A. degree in 1841, and his M.A. in 1844. In 1841 he was ordained deacon, and in 1842 priest. In the last mentioned year he was appointed Vicar of Wellingborough, and held the living until 1871, when he removed to Polebrook. He stayed at Polebrook until 1875, when he was appointed to the living of St. Mary's, Leicester. The deceased gentleman was made Hon. Canon of Peterborough Cathedral in 1869, and from 1873 to 1875 was Rural Dean of Oundle, Division 1. During his nearly thirty years' residence in Wellingborough, Mr. Broughton did a much-appreciated and valuable work in the interests of the church, and his departure was hailed with a considerable amount of regret on the part of the parishioners, as he was extremely popular in the town. Therefore we need hardly say that the news of his death was received with much sorrow by those who were acquainted with the Canon. At the parish church both morning and evening, and at St. Barnabas' church in the evening, the Dead March in Saul was played on the organ, and at the former place in the evening the Rev. W. H. Davies made reference to the sad event, and said the vicar would further allude to the subject next Sunday. On receipt of the news on Sunday, the chimes were stopped, and the five heaviest bells only were chimed for services during the day. The "sermon bell" on each occasion was tolled instead of rung. From twelve to one p.m. on Sunday the great bell was rung as "passing bell" in the customary manner. On Wednesday, the day of the funeral, the "minute bell" was tolled from 3.30 to 2.30 p.m., and in the evening (from seven to eight and nine to ten) full muffled peals were rung on the old six bells, which constituted the peal at the time the late Canon was vicar of Wellingborough, and which were re-hung three years before he left the town (1868.) Of other work carried out in connection with the structure during the time the rev. gentleman was vicar of Wellingborough, it may be mentioned that in 1844 the top of the spire was re-built in 1851, the restoration of the interior of the church, viz., the removal of the old galleries and the re-seating of the chancel was commenced, under the direction of Sir Gilbert Scott, the eminent architect. The restoration was continued in 1861, all the old pews throughout the entire building being replaced by the present oaken seats. The nave was re-roofed (ceiled) with pitch-pine, the west (belfry) arch opened out, the old ringing loft done away with, and the ringers brought down to the level of the pavement.

OPENING OF TWO NEW TREBLES AT BANSTEAD, SURREY.

On Wednesday, January 11th, the two new trebles were consecrated at a Dedication Service by the Rector of Banstead, and were rung for the first time by a band of ringers of the Surrey Association. These trebles, which complete the octave, were bequeathed by a late resident of the parish. The work, which included tuning the old six, and providing a new frame, has been ably executed by Messrs. Warner and Sons. On the evening named, eight ringers arrived from different parts, the duty of collecting the band having been kindly performed by Mr. W. P. Routh, of Sutton. At a special place in the Dedication Service, the Rector sounded each of the two new bells three times, and pronounced a dedication upon them. During the service a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung by J. Plowman, J. Holder, G. J. Plowman, T. Miles, J. Fayers, E. Bennett, C. Gordon and C. Bance; and after the service a few touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples by the same ringers, with Mr. Routh and Dr. A. B. Carpenter. The "go" of the bells is all that can be desired, and the two new bells were admitted by all hands to be an excellent splice, while the tone of the old six is much improved by the tuning process. After the ringing, the performers and the local ringers were entertained at a sumptuous repast kindly provided by the churchwardens, Mr. H. Reid and Mr. Secretan, and the Surrey Association men were afterwards very kindly driven to Sutton,

as the hour was too late for local trains. At the supper "The Vicar and Churchwardens" was briefly proposed by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, who called for a very hearty vote of thanks for the kind entertainment the ringers had received, and this was responded to in a very appropriate manner by Mr. Secretan.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

On Saturday, January 7th, Messrs. Elcombe, Cole and Walker, of Romsey, and C. Tribe, of Southampton, paid a visit to the above place, by the kind invitation of Mr. J. W. Whiting and other local ringers, to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples to commemorate the birthday of Mr. C. Tribe. On reaching Fareham, they at once reported themselves to the officer in command, Mr. J. Whiting, who very kindly invited them to tea. On arriving at the belfry, Messrs. Coghlan and Passingham were already in attendance, and had the bells all raised in readiness for the start, they were soon after joined by Mr. F. Hill, and at 6.15, "go" was called. All went well until 800 changes had been rung, when a chnage-course being detected, "stand" was called. Another start was however soon made, and "that's all" was called in 2 hrs. and 47 mins. from the start, the striking being very good throughout. This was the tenor man's first peal, also the first peal of Grandsire by Messrs. Elcombe and Cole, who had never before rang a plain course in the method on tower bells, and also the first peal by Mr. Passingham. The visitors wish to heartily thank Mr. Whiting for his kindness and hospitality, and also the other local ringers for their kind assistance, and would here like to add that it is such men as the Fareham ringers and a few of their old comrades (who are always ready and willing to assist a young beginner through his first peals) who deserve the greatest thanks of all true ringers, for who of us is there but what has experienced the great advantage of a good sound conductor, and one or two other good steady men at the ropes in scoring our first peals?

Late Notices.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.—The general meeting of the above society will be held after the usual practice at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Wednesday, January 25th, when the election of officers for the ensuing year and other important business will take place. Members are requested to attend.
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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Anniversary Meeting, Gloucester, Monday, January 23rd. Divine Service, Cathedral, 10.30. Address by Rev. Canon St. John. Members are particularly requested to attend, and to be in their places in good time. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately afterwards. Election of officers, etc. Dinner at the "New Inn" hostelry (near Cross) at one o'clock, at 2s. 6d. per head; 1s. 6d. allowed to members who send 1s. postal order to the local secretary before or by the 18th. Address: Mr. A. Roberts, 18, Swan Lane, Westgate Street, Gloucester. Belfries open to the Association: Cathedral of St. Peter, 8; St. Mary-de-Crypt, 8; St. Michael's, 8; St. Mary-de-Lode, 6; St. Nicholas, 6. REV. PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.
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THE ST. MARY'S (STRATFORD-LE-BOW) SOCIETY.—The annual dinner of this Society will be held at the "Still and Star," Aldgate, on Thursday, January 26th, at 7.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. All particulars may be obtained of H. SPRINGALL,
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S REPORT.—A few copies of this Report still remain, and are to be obtained of the Hon. Sec. to the Council, Rev. H. E. Bulwer, Stanhoe Rectory, Norfolk, at the price of 1d. each and postage at the rate of 1d. for a single copy; and an extra 1d. for every two additional copies. By parcel post 13 for 3d., and an extra 1d. for every additional 13, or any part thereof. No copies sent without pre payment.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

The Annual Meeting of this society took place on Saturday, January 14th, in the Church Room. Members began to assemble at 4.30 p.m., when touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob Royal were conducted by Messrs. Driver, Woodiss, Adams, Garrard, and Basden, respectively. At 6 p.m. the members were entertained by the vicar to a good substantial tea in the Church Room. At the conclusion of the meal the general business was transacted, the vicar occupying the chair. The balance-sheet having been read and accepted, and the Master reporting the progress and performances of the past year, the election of officers was then proceeded with, when the vicar was again re-elected as President of the society, and Mr. J. W. Driver re-elected as Master, all the retiring officers being again re-elected. A hearty vote of thanks was then passed to the vicar for presiding, and also for the room. The members then proceeded to the tower, where more touches of different methods were successfully brought round, after which the meeting was brought to a close, it having been a very pleasant and successful one.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

A few evenings ago the bellringers of this parish and their friends, to the number of twenty were, through the kindness of one of the Churchwardens (Mr. Stephen Knowles) invited to "The Squirrel" inn, to a most substantial supper. The chair was taken by Mr. James Butler, who proposed the loyal toasts, and subsequently "The Health of Mr. Stephen Knowles," which was drank with musical honours. The ringers are most assiduous in their practice, and the kindness that has been shown to them this season by their churchwardens will, no doubt, tend to increase their love for the work that they are doing so well. The company present included Mr. Stephen Mapp (nephew to Mr. Knowles), Mr. W. Daw, and Mr. R. Martin. The rest of the evening was devoted to singing and various amusements provided by Mr. Knowles, and at ten o'clock the company separated after spending a very pleasant evening.

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

RE THE EAST END CLIQUE.

SIR,—The first part of the letter under the above head in your issue of January 7th, we pass over, as it deserves contempt. I will commence at that part of the letter where the writer thought that most ringers take in "THE BELL NEWS." Well if they did, we think it would be a good job for "THE BELL NEWS" staff and ringers throughout the country, as we should be able to have an enlarged paper. Yes, the East End clique, each and every one of them, take in "THE BELL NEWS," not even omitting the double numbers, as some of the Romfordians do, because it costs two pence those weeks, and they (the clique) neither borrow nor lend to any one; they also read everything that is interesting in it, but of course when they come to anything that they think uninteresting, they pass it by until their attention is called to it, and then behold they find they have passed something which is very interesting to them, inasmuch as they have gained a new name. But who and what is this great Romfordian of light and leading? Is he the dictator of the bell-ringers of Essex who are to meet where he commands? Let us tell him once for all that the clique at any rate declines, and very properly too, to meet him at West Ham or anywhere else to discuss a local squabble; that has nothing to do with him whatever; or is it that the West Ham locals feel they are not able to defend themselves, so they have employed this great Romfordian Attorney-General to defend them. From what we know of these men they are quite able to defend themselves, especially the invalid, who is soft-soaped down so very nicely. If what we hear is right, this great personage found himself much discomfited on the occasion of the peal of Double Norwich at Walthamstow. Again, are we to be dictated to by him as to what church we shall ring at? We would remind this individual that although we live in West Ham we are nothing more than the greatest strangers in England—with regard to the ringing there we are simply visitors. Surely then we have a discretionary power as to whether we go to the parish church or not, as we do not go there for the loaves and fishes. But the clique holds

three important documents of this important personage that creates their grievance with him, of which he may or may not have an opportunity later on to try to defend himself, so he had better rest his weary brain awhile in case he "falls down in a faint," as he is apt to do. Now then comes the question of handbell ringing, and here we would say it must be a very great trial to this Romfordian that he is unable to find a trumpeter, as he must find it exceedingly hard to be blowing every breath out of his mortal body in sounding his own. No wonder that he faints. The East End clique do not profess handbell ringing, they are quite satisfied with their abilities on the tower bells, poor though they know them to be, but they would advise this trumpeter to repair himself to London for that part of the science, and meet the handbell ringers of the society of College Youths, and when they pronounce him able to accurately conduct 168 of Grandsire Triples, the clique will take into their serious consideration as to whether they will go under his tuition, and if such decision should be favourable to him, we will make this stipulation that on no condition whatever shall the "first touch" published in "THE BELL NEWS" with or without a star be less than 168, as they do not deem anything less worthy of record; and speaking of stars, the clique are rather fond of them, so they too, have their weaknesses. They are not like this Romfordian; they do not think it lowers their dignity as ringers. They think it is an honour especially when a peal is the outcome of the star; it shows they are still making progress, although advancing in years they are not standing still in the science. One word as to the questions asked in our previous letter. This individual declines to answer them on a side issue; we defy him to deny them; we have witnesses to prove that he did go down to Barking about a fortnight after the peal was rung at Westminster, and before any letters were written, and denounce the conductor in calling a false peal, and the band in ringing a very bad peal, and that he did as stated in that letter produce what he said where the course-ends that came up in the ringing, and they were out-of-course changes, and yet in his first letter he states that he said nothing after he left Westminster. We leave those gentlemen to judge for themselves.

SAMUEL HAYES.

SIR,—The letter of Mr. Perkins the week before last does not answer either of the questions put to him. He boasts of his abilities largely, and runs down those of other people. But what he ought to answer is the questions put to him. In his first letter he makes an assertion that he said nothing whatever of the Westminster peal beyond giving his opinion about it to the band "in a friendly way" the same evening, and he adds, "as far as I was concerned the matter dropped." But it is confidently stated that some time after this peal was rung, Mr. Perkins met a company somewhere else, and alluding to this very peal before them, produces the out-of-course changes and says the bells were out of course for about two hours. These are the questions for him to answer, and not try to shirk them by a collection of rubbishy statements. Whatever prestige he has or thinks he has, has been damaged if not lost by his letter. ONE OF THE BAND.

* * Several other letters are unavoidably left over until next week.

THE RINGING AT PENARTH.—We have received a great quantity of very long letters in reply to the one published last week by E. Cook. The subject appears of no interest whatever to our readers at large, being apparently a very small local difference, and an exhibition of jealousy on the part of the above-named writer. We therefore must respectfully decline to encumber our pages with a terrifying array of letters on the subject. Their publication would not do the least good.

Obituary.

AMOS CRESSER.

We very much regret to announce the decease of this talented Birmingham ringer, which occurred on Thursday, January 5th, after a few days' illness. A generation or two ago Amos Cresser was a prominent member of the Birmingham St. Philip's society, when the renowned William Chattell was at the head of the affairs of that belfry. He had taken part in a number of peals, among which may be mentioned the 10,047 of Stedman Caters rung at Aston in 1859, and the long peal of Stedman Cinques, 9238 changes, rung at St. Martin's on February 28th, 1891. He warmly enjoyed a high character as a ringer, and, as a correspondent states, was one of the finest strikers in peal-ringing to be found. For some years he followed the business of a church bell hanger, being engaged both at Messrs. Taylor's, of Loughborough, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. He was in his 63rd year.

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 in connection with this society will be held to-day, Saturday, January 21st, at Christ Church, West Bromwich. Ringing at Christ Church at 2 p.m., and at All Saints after 5 p.m. Short address at 5 p.m. at Christ Church. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Bull Street.

P.S.—Members wanting copies of photo. will be able to get them at this meeting.

Waterloo Society, London.—The annual dinner of the above society will take place at the "Lord Hill," Waterloo Bridge Road, opposite the Station, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 21st. 1893, at 6.30 sharp. Tickets 3s. The tower of St. Martin-in-the-Fields will be open at 4 p.m. Tickets may be had of the following:—Mr. G. Wild, 8, Frances Street, Waterloo Road; Mr. F. Perrin, 25, Lower Bland Street, S.E.; Mr. F. L. Davies, 15, Melbourne Square, Brixton; and J. C. Truss, 46, Pater-noster Row. JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*
272, Southampton Street, Camberwell, S.E.

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for practice for January, 1893: Lewisham, St. Mary: Monday, 23rd, 8 to 9.30 p.m. GEO. T. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, 24th instant. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—A smoking concert will be held at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, the 28th instant, when any ringers and friends will be cordially welcome. Chair to be taken at 7.30 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A committee and quarterly meeting of this association will by kind permission of the Rev. E. V. Hall, M.A., who will preside at the meeting at 5.30 p.m. prompt, take place in St. John's school-room, Bromsgrove, on Saturday, January 28th, 1893, at which meeting all subscriptions are due in accordance with rule 7. The tower, containing ten bells, will be open for ringing. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
37, Simms Lane, Neitherton, Dudley.

Yorkshire Association.—Owing to other engagements of the Bishop and Archdeacon, the general meeting will be held at Wakefield, on Saturday, February 11th, (not 4th as previously intimated). The newly-augmented ring of twelve bells at the Cathedral will be at the disposal of members from 10.30 a.m. This meeting will be the official "re-opening" of the bells after augmentation and re-hanging; there will therefore be short choral service and sermon in the Cathedral at 4.0 p.m.; the Lord Bishop of Wakefield has promised to preach the sermon. Tea in the Zetland Street schools, at 5.0. Business meeting to follow. The local Hon. Sec., is Mr. John T. Hollis, 22, Albion Street, Wakefield. Circulars in due course. B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Stephen's Church (City), on Tuesday evening, the 24th inst. at 7.30 p.m. G. H. GORDON, *Local Sec.*

Lancashire Association, Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, January 28th; bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. JNO. MILLETT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at the Meeting House, the "Cardigan Arms," Bramley, on Saturday, January 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. (Members please note contributions for the current year now due.) R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Crossens, on Saturday, January 28th; bells open 3 p.m. meeting 6 p.m. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

Lancashire Association. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6 o'clock. J. B. TAYLOR, *Branch Sec.*
Seven Church, Waterfoot.

Midland Counties' Association, Nuneaton District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held at Hinckley, on Saturday, January 28th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Sec.*
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Owing to the deaths of two highly respected members of this society—Mr. G. Mash and Mr. G. Tanner—having taken place on Wednesday and Thursday last, the peal announced in our last issue to have been attempted at Bethnal Green, on the 14th inst., has been postponed until Saturday, February 4th.

Lancashire Association, Fylde Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's church, Blackpool, on Saturday, February 4th; bells open from 3 o'clock. Meeting in the school at 6. J. FELL, *Branch Sec.*
Lytham.

Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will take place at Kingston-on-Thames, on Monday, February 6th. Further details in next number. REV. E. G. BURR, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*
15, S. John's Grove, Croydon.

A CORRECTION.—The date touch rang on December 31st, by the North Lincolnshire Association, at St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, reported in your last issue, was not rung as stated "to celebrate the wedding of Mr. J. W. Watson" (who took part in the touch), but was rang with the bells half-muffled to note the departing of the old year. W. W. J.

FALSE COMPOSITIONS.—The peal 5038 of Grandsire Cinques by J. Motts, of Ipswich, is said by Mr. G. Hayward (of Bromsgrove), and others, to be false. Mr. Wilcox, of Bidston, Cheshire, says: "The 720 of Grandsire in 'THE BELL NEWS,' January 14th, is false. The first course-end at hand-stroke occurs in the first bob, 34526."

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By HENRY DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

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

Twice repeated. Single for last bob at 4 in third and sixth parts.

This composition contains the 6th twenty-four times each way in 5-6.

By adding a bob at 4 to first course of the first three parts, the eighth course-end of these parts is produced, and the changes are reduced to 6000 exact; and by adding a bob at 4 to the third course of the other three parts, the seventh course is produced, and the changes are reduced to 5040. In this latter form the composition was first rang by the Kent County Association at Crayford, on Monday December 5th, 1892, conducted by Edwin Barnett. Several variations attain from this composition: the bobs at 4 in the ninth course can be removed to the last 4 of each part, and a bob at 1 may be added to the 6th course of every part.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1893.

JUST four months ago we commented on the fact that MESSRS. BARWELL, of Birmingham, had been commissioned to restore the ring of ten bells at the church of St. Philip, in that city. This restoration has been happily accomplished, so we read, and the change for the better within the old tower, carried out by the above-named firm, is of the most substantial and satisfactory character. For many years these bells suffered in repute; ringers looked askance at any suggestion or hint of a peal upon them; in short, it was well-known that "they went bad." Now we rejoice to say all this is altered, and ringers in the Midland District have at their use another peal of ten where they will be able to indulge themselves in any or all the methods known, easy or complex. The veteran of Birmingham—MR. JOHN DAY—at the opening festivity on the 11th instant, said "he hoped that now these bells were in such splendid condition, peals of an equal quality to those he had heard in times gone by would be again rung." With such a sentiment we are in perfect accord.

The church we are dealing with, will we suppose, be the head quarters of the Birmingham Amalgamated Society, whose presiding genius is Mr. JOHN CARTER, a worthy successor, by the way, to those who have held

similar positions in the same belfry. To ringers beyond middle age who knew anything of ringing matters in the Midland Counties, the church of St. Philip, Birmingham, has a great interest. For the "workshop of the world"—as Birmingham has not without reason been called—was the Midland ringing metropolis, so to speak, and members of the Exercise for miles around were wont so to regard it. THURSTANS, LATES, JOHNSON, T. DAY, CHATTELL, ROBERTS, and others, who attended at St. Philip's, as well as St. Martin's, were a galaxy of celebrities such as many towns have not been able to boast of. Need it then be wondered at that ringers of a past age journeyed to Birmingham with much the same feelings which possesses a pilgrim when he visits some noted shrine? They journeyed there not always to ring, but in many cases to see the men at one church or the other who, even in what we may term "pre-reformation" times, had caused the Art of ringing to be talked of. Therefore in such a place as this the Exercise will rejoice to hear that one important centre of ringing has been retrieved; and also that if the same modes of wielding power adopted by the above worthies are not accurately followed, it is gratifying to know that at the head of affairs in St. Philip's, there is an equally competent head; a worthy successor of those gone before.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.—PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Honorary Secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers begs to remind the Hon. Secretaries of Associations and Guilds represented on the Council that subscriptions for 1893, at the rate of half-a-crown for each representative elected, are now due, and should be paid, without fail, before the next meeting of the Council, which will be held at Oxford on the Tuesday in Easter-week—April 4th.

Notices of motions, with proposer's and seconder's names attached, and in writing, should reach the Honorary Secretary of the Council by Saturday, March 4th, after which date a fuller notice of the meeting and the agenda will be published in this paper.

All subscriptions and communications should be sent to the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, who would be thankful to receive also intimation of all changes in the names and addresses of Secretaries and Representatives which have occurred since the last meeting of the Council.

We deeply regret to hear of the deaths of two distinguished London ringers—MR. GEORGE MASH, for many years steeple-keeper at St. Saviour's, Southwark; and MR. GEORGE TANNER, of Spitalfields. We shall next week give a notice of these lamented gentlemen.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR JACOB Treble.	HARRY RANDALL 6.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. 2.	*GEORGE PEARL 7.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 8.
THOMAS TITCHENER 4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 9.
CHARLES WILKINS 5.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by ARTHUR JACOB.

*First peal of Royal. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich.

THE ST. LUKE'S ASSOCIATION, CHELSEA.

On Monday, January 16, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PUTNEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. BARBER Treble.	*CHARLES HINDES 5.
WILLIAM H. ROWLAND .. 2.	*THOMAS E. BARBER 6.
JOHN G. GREEN 3.	JAMES W. DRIVER 7.
EDWARD H. ADAMS 4.	GEORGE ROBERTS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. DRIVER.

*First peal. This is the first peal by the local band since the year 1826.

The Provinces.

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On Tuesday, January 10, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FRANK STONELY Treble.	JOHN MINSHULL 5.
TOM MINSHULL 2.	WILLIAM W. STEEL 6.
JOHN KENNY 3.	JOSEPH NORBURY 7.
WILLIAM WALMSLEY .. 4.	WILLIAM GAYES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WALMSLEY.

First peal by all except the Conductor, and the average age of the band is twenty one years. It is the first peal on the bells since they were restored, and nearly seven years since the previous peal which was Holt's Original, also conducted by W. Walmsley before he was twenty years old.

SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 12, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

E. B. METCALFE Treble.	W. L. MASON 5.
J. BOOTHMAN 2.	H. HORNER 6.
S. DOUGHTY 3.	W. BILLOWS 7.
F. METCALFE 4.	W. D. HILLARY Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

This peal, in fourteen courses, has the 5th and 6th the extent each way in 5-6, with eleven of the twelve 8,5,7's, and is now rung for the first time.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, January 12, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

WALTER T. BENNETT* .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. PATES 6.
JOHN AUSTIN* 2.	FREDERICK MUSTY 7.
FRANCIS E. HART* 3.	*WILLIAM DYER 8.
FRANCIS E. WARD 4.	*ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 9.
HENRY ROBERTS 5.	*REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor.

Composed by J. RILEY and Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal of Royal. Messrs. Bennett, Austin, Hart, A. Roberts and James belong to the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester; the other five to the Cheltenham society.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. W. SAYER Treble.	W. R. SMALL 5.
E. GOODREDS 2.	J. HALL 6.
J. CARTER 3.	J. JONES 7.
R. HALL 4.	H. HIPKISS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Peter Spencer, who had been a sidesman of the above church for the last twelve years. Messrs. Carter and Jones hail from Birmingham; Goodreds and Small from Tipton; Hipkiss, and J. and R. Hall, West Bromwich; and Sayer belongs to the local company.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY AND THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 13, 1893, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5136 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

FRANK BROWN* Treble.	JAMES ADAMS 7
JOHN HOPWOOD 2.	JOHN THORP 8.
THOMAS BRADLEY* 3.	*GEORGE BRADDOCK 9.
THOMAS WROE 4.	GEORGE LONGDEN 10.
JOHN LEIGH* 5.	JAMES S. WILDE 11.
SAMUEL BOOTH 6.	SAMUEL WOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal of Maximus. The above peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rector.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 13, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS SAXBY Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
WILLIAM I. REEVE 2.	ROBERT WILKINS 6.
GEORGE CONYARD 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
HENRY GIBBS 4.	CHARLES WILKINS Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT and Conducted by CHARLES WILKINS.

The above is a five-lead-course peal, and is now rung for the first time. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to Robert Wilkins.

DEVONPORT, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE PLYMOUTH AND DEVONPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHAPEL OF THE ROYAL DOCKYARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S SIX-PART.

EDWARD CROSS* Treble.	CHARLES SMITH 5.
RICHARD FORD 2.	HARRY FRUIN 6.
EDWARD HENDY* 3.	*WILLIAM FORD 7.
JOHN STEED 4.	*GEORGE STEPHENS Tenor.

Conducted by H. G. FRUIN.

The bells were rung half muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Captain Sir W. Wiseman, R.N. *This is the first peal by the above branch.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES RALPH Treble.	HARRY DEMAINE 5.
JOHN SUNDERLAND 2.	JOSEPH YEADON 6.
SAMUEL BROWN 3.	JAMES BALDWIN 7.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON 4.	*FREDERICK WM. DIXON Tenor.

Composed by the late J. BARKER, of Liversedge, and Conducted by FREDERICK WM. DIXON.

*First peal as conductor. C. Ralph hails from Otley, the rest belong to the local company.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor about 14 cwt.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS .. Treble.	ARCHIBALD E. JONES .. 5.
WILLIAM CHESHIRE 2.	*BENJAMIN GOUGH 6.
GEORGE JAMES FELLOWS .. 3.	EDWARD GOODREDS 7.
FREDERICK G. HORTON .. 4.	ALBERT E. LAW Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN GOUGH.

This is the first peal of Triples on the bells, and is the first peal of Triples by W. A. Jeacons, G. J. Fellows, F. G. Horton, A. E. Jones and A. E. Low. *First peal of Triples as conductor. E. Goodreds hails from Tipton.

BALDERSTONE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT GREENWOOD* .. Treble.	*AMOS DEARNLEY 5.
HARRY WALMSLEY† 2.	*JOHN BUCKLEY 6.
JOHN KERSHAW* 3.	JOHN MILLETT 7.
THOMAS BUCKLEY† 4.	*EDMUND CHADWICK Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BUCKLEY.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor Messrs. Millett and Walmsley hail from Heywood; the rest belong to the local company.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK DENCH* Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	GEORGE PAICE 6.
JOHN RICE† 3.	†JAMES PARKER 7.
WILLIAM WARD 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal in any method with a bob bell. †First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman as conductor.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine and ½ Mins.,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WARE Treble.	GEORGE STANBROOK 5.
T. EUSTACE HARWOOD* .. 2.	REUBEN FLAXMAN 6.
GEORGE KIRBY* 3.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

*First peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWARD HULL Treble.	GEORGE W. CARTMEL 5.
HENRY JAMES MARTIN 2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 6.
JESSE W. BREWER* 3.	CHARLES H. MARTIN 7.
BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT .. 4.	WALTER BATTLE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells for over 100 years.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.

EDWARD HINTON Treble.	THOMAS F. BEST 5.
GEORGE PRESTON 2.	THOMAS GROVES 6.
ELI WATERS 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 7.
STEPHEN BEST 4.	HENRY PRESTON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d.
Contains the full extent of changes on nine bells. Forwarded Post Free, on receipt of 7d. By James Hewett, 16, Chapel Row, Gosport.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 16, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. DAY'S COMPOSITION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. SMALL Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE 5.
BENJAMIN GOUGH 2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.. 6.
SAMUEL SPITTLE 3.	REUBEN HALL 7.
JAMES HALL 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

W. Painter was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 17, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven and ½ Mins.,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN PRESCOTT Treble.	ALFRED HALTON 5.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.. .. 2.	JOHN WATTS 6.
JAMES SHOLICAR 3.	GEORGE PRESCOTT 7.
JAMES PILKINGTON 4.	FRANK STONEBRIDGE.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

A CORRECTION.—Mr. F. W. Cripps, of Docker's Lodge, Plummer's Villa, near Horsham, writes: "The 5040 rung at Lower Beeding, January 6th, was four different Plain Minor methods, not Treble Bob."

Date Touches.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SIBSEY (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, January 7th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1893 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 11 mins. E. Clayton, 1; F. S. Staffurth, 2; A. O. Barber, 3; J. Sharp, 4; E. Mason (conductor), 5; J. Sharp, 6. The Rev. F. Besant, Vicar, kindly entertained the company to tea at the Vicarage. E. Mason hails from Boston; the rest belong to Freiston.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 8th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1893 changes in 1 hr and 6 mins. in the following methods: 93 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Violet, 360 Duke of York, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 New London Pleasure. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggle, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

READING (Berks).—Recently on a Sunday evening, for Divine Service, a date touch of Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 18 mins. F. Hopgood, 1; C. Giles, 2; W. Johnson, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; C. Bennett, 6; W. Goseltine, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; L. Rolfe, 10. Composed by Edgar Bennett.

MIRFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 8th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. and 13 mins. H. Peacock, 1; C. Peacock, 2; A. Holmes, 3; G. Thornton, 4; T. Crawshaw, 5; W. Barrowclough, 6; W. Peacock (composer and conductor), 7; S. Peacock, 8; B. Robinson, 9; J. Peacock, 10. Tenor 30 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Sunday, January 8th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. W. Langton, 1; H. G. Dawson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. C. Hudson, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. After service, at the residence of Mr. Thos. Hudson, on handbells, retained in hand, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T.

Hudson, jun., 1-2; Miss Hudson, 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 5-6. First 720 by all on handbells. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, Miss S. A. Hudson, aged nine years, ringing the treble.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Christmas morning, at St. John's church, 503 Grandsire Triples. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; J. W. Roper, 2; W. G. Routledge, 3; H. Lindsey, 4; F. Lees, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; J. H. Clapperton, 7; H. Pearson, 8. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at All Saints' church, on Thursday, December 29th, came to grief just after the half-way single. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; R. S. Story, 2; W. Story, 3; A. Hillier, 4; F. Harrison, 5; J. Simm, 6; F. Lees, 7; G. Dixon, 8. Tenor 19 cwt.

WHICKHAM (Durham).—On Saturday, December 3rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). G. Stark, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; P. Harbottle, 3; W. Custance, 4; J. Linedon (St. John's, Newcastle), 5; J. W. Nicholson (conductor), 6. And 720 College Single. W. Custance, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; P. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson, 6. On Tuesday, December 13th, on the 30th anniversary of the restoration of the church, another 720 was rung. G. Stark, 1; W. Custance, 2; P. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, December 28th, 720 College Single, in 25 mins. G. Stark, 1; W. Custance, 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor. G. Stark, 1; W. Custance, 2; J. W. Nicholson, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. On Saturday, January 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Custance, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; P. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson, 6.

WINLATON (Durham).—On Sunday evening, December 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles), in 28 mins. S. Atkinson, 1; R. B. Atkinson, 2; E. R. Avery, 3; Z. Scott, 4; J. B. Dobson, 5; J. Pattison (conductor), 6. R. B. Atkinson is fourteen years of age, and it is his first 720 with a bob bell. On Thursday evening, December 22nd, for practice, 720 Yorkshire Court (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. T. Atkinson, 1; J. B. Dobson, 2; Z. Scott, 3; J. Pattison, 4; J. Smith, 5; G. Atkinson (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the ringers.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, December 25th, at St. James's church for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. H. Poole, 1; H. Creed, 2; T. Harbottle, 3; J. Maddock, 4; T. Doble, 5; J. Burge (first 720 as conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Poole, 1; J. Burge, 2; T. Harbottle, 3; A. Doble, 4; W. Thorn, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. On New Year's Eve, with the bells muffled, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. H. Poole, 1; R. Crossman, 2; J. Burge, 3; A. Doble, 4; W. Thorn, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. On New Year's Day, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. J. Maddock (conductor), 1; J. Burge, 2; H. Poole, 3; A. Doble, 4; R. Crossman, 5; W. Thorn, 6.

BAGBOROUGH (Somerset).—On Monday, December 26th, at St. Mary's church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a 720, 240 Grandsire Minor was rung. H. Poole, 1; T. Doble, 2; J. Maddock, 3; A. Doble, 4; G. Yeandle, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6.

BISHOPS LYDEARD (Somerset).—On Monday, December 26th, at the parish church, several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung, but owing to the bad state of the bells nothing further could be done.

BATH.—On Sunday, December 25th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. J. Smith-Flower, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; W. Wells, 3; H. Wotton, 4; F. Skuse, 5; J. Wotton (conductor), 6; C. W. Bell, 7; A. Harford, 8. J. Wotton hails from Yorkshire. On Thursday, December 29th, at St. Saviour's church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. H. W. Brown, 1; A. Wilcox, 2; C. Goodenough, 3; H. Mills, 4; J. Fussell, 5; C. W. Bell (conductor), 6.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

ERITH (Kent).—On Monday, December 26th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. A. R. Davis, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; F. Perrin, 3; H. Warnett, 4; F. Davis, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; A. E. Church, 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8.

WALWORTH (Surrey).—On Wednesday, December 28th, at St. Peter's church, the last 700 of Holt's Original. A. Davis, 1; E. P. O'Meara, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; F. Davis, 4; H. Langdon, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; F. Perrin, 7; H. Peters, 8.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 8th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, for evening service, 1360 Bob Major, in 50 mins. F.

Davis, 1; G. Smith, 2; W. O. Hasted, 3; R. Bevan, 4; F. Pitts (longest length in the method as conductor), 5; J. E. Davis, 6; H. N. Davis, 7; J. C. Truss, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TURVEY (Beds).—On Saturday, November 19th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Davidson, 1; C. West, 2; H. King, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; I. Hills, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. A 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; P. Howard, 2; C. West, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. King, 5; H. Sharp, 6.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, December 4th, 588 Stedman Triples. P. Howard, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. West, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Keech, 8. On Sunday, December 18th, 408 Stedman Triples. H. Sharp, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; J. N. Frossell, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Sharp, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 672 Stedman Triples. W. Shimmans, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; C. West, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; H. Sharp, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 336 Stedman Triples. S. Constant, 1; H. Sharp, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; C. West, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Saturday, December 31st, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Cullip, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Sharp, 6; H. Sharp (first 504 as conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Saturday, December 24th, at St. Mary's, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; S. Constant, 5; H. Sharp, 6. On Saturday, December 31st, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Gable, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Hall, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). H. Sharp, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Sharp, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, December 13th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the opening of the Ryde Institute, 742 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; G. H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. On Tuesday, January 3, on the occasion of a wedding, 546 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; G. H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. And 672 Grandsire Triples. J. G. Norris, 1; P. Long, 2; G. H. Coombes, 3; W. E. Ward, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings, 6; A. R. Ward (conductor), 7; A. Ward, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; G. H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris (conductor), 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings, 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, January 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. P. Tarling, 1; W. T. Boxall, 2; J. White, 3; P. J. Peters, 4; E. E. Dodd, 5; A. Dobinson, 6; H. Boxall, 7; W. Lynch, 8. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham, and conducted by H. Boxall. On Monday evening, January 2nd, for practice, 504 in the same method. W. P. Tarling, 1; A. Hollingdale (first 504 with a bob bell), 2; J. White, 3; E. E. Dodd, 4; P. J. Peters, 5; A. Dobinson, 6; H. Boxall, 7; W. Lynch, 8.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Sunday, January 1st, at St. Peter's church, for afternoon service, a 594 Stedman Triples. C. Privett, 1; A. Coghlan, 2; G. Grafham, 3; F. Goghlan (first 500 in the method), 4; F. Hill, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; P. Corbett, 8.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday, January 1st, at the Abbey church, for morning service, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles, with 6-7-8 behind. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; T. Cole, 3; A. Newman, 4; C. Tribe, 5; C. Cole, 6; J. Walker, 7; G. Saint, 8. For afternoon service, 180 Bob Minor, and for evening service, two 180s of Bob Minor. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; T. Cole, 5; C. Tribe, 6; J. Walker, 7; W. Elcombe, 8.

SOUTHAMPTON (Hampshire).—Recently for practice on handbells, at the residence of Mr. J. Cross, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Bridle, 1; C. Cook, 2; J. Elcombe, 3; T. King, 4; C. Tribe, 5-6. This is J. Bridle's first 6-score of Doubles and his first attempt at change-ringing.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—Recently by the local band and a few others, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. A. Rheams, C. Jones (Gloucester), J. Yeates, G. Miles, H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor). And 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. A. Rheams, F. Gillett, A. A. Waite, J. Yeates, H. Mitchell (conductor),

G. Miles. Also 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 27 mins. F. Gillett, J. Yeates, G. Miles, C. Roles (Deerhurst), H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor). On Tuesday, November 22nd, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-five bobs and ten singles) in 26½ mins. A. Rheams, F. Hannis (Brockworth), D. J. Aston, C. Roles, H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor). On Tuesday, December 13th, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. A. Rheams, D. J. Aston, A. A. Waite, C. Roles, H. Mitchell (conductor), G. Miles. Several six-scores of Stedman, Grandsire, St. Dunstons and Bob Doubles were rung at the various practices.

BROCKWORTH (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, November 10th. Messrs. Mitchell, Waite and Miles visited this place and assisted the local company in ringing a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. G. Price, H. Downham, F. Hannis, G. Miles, H. Mitchell (conductor), A. A. Waite. On Thursday, November 24th, a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 25 mins. J. Price, G. Miles, H. Downham, G. Price, H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor). Messrs. Mitchell, Waite and Miles belong to the Barnwood society.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Wednesday, December 7th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. R. Bovington, 1; J. Parker, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; G. Basden, 4; J. Bovington, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. On Wednesday, December 14th, 720 Bob Minor. On Christmas Day, for Divine Service in the morning, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by C. Clarke. For afternoon service, 720 Minor. On Saturday, December 31st, at midnight, four 6-scores of Doubles and 720 of Minor. On Wednesday, January 4th, 720 Grandsire Minor, the first by R. Bovington with a bob bell. And several 6-scores of Doubles, conducted by G. Basden.

UXBRIDGE (Middlesex).—On Monday, December 26th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Beadle, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; W. Taylor, 3; G. Stanbrook, 4; J. Basden, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. And 336 Grandsire Triples, with the Rev. H. G. Bird, Vicar of St. Andrew's, ringing the 5th, and one of his ringers the tenor. Six of the band had met short for a peal of Stedman.

BURNHAM (Bucks).—On Thursday, January 5th, at St. Giles' church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Eldersfield, 1; R. Bovington, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; J. Bovington, 4; C. Clarke (conductor), 5; G. Adler, 6. And another 6-score, with G. Adler, 1.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, January 9th, the day appointed for the funeral of the late Mr. William F. Palmer, one of the leading members of the firm of Messrs. Huntley and Palmer, biscuit manufacturers, the bells of St. Giles were rung half-muffled. While the procession was forming a 643 of Grandsire Triples was rung. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; A. W. Reeves, 4; A. H. Evans, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. After the interment the usual whole pull and stand was rung, followed by a 336 of Grandsire Triples. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; H. Smith, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. H. Smith hails from Caversham.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL (Hereford).—On Saturday, January 7th, an attempt was made for Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples as a compliment to the conductor, but it came to grief through a change-course after ringing 1 hr. and 40 mins. F. P. Hughes, 1; W. Maddock, 2; E. Thomas, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. H. Brunsden, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8. W. H. Brunsden hails from Gloucester, and was made a member of the above Society before starting. On Sunday, January 8th, for evening service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. C. F. Tallis, 1; W. Maddock, 2; E. Thomas, 3; W. H. Brunsden (conductor), W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton, 7; L. Gittins, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday evening, January 15th, at the Abbey church of St. Margaret, for Divine Service, a peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. Composed by the Editor, containing the twenty-four 6-7s. H. E. Parker (first quarter-peal), 1; A. Deards, 2; E. Lucas, 3; R. Sewell, 4; F. Norris, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6; A. Wright, 7; C. Deane, 8.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, December 24th, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. H. Barber, 1; W. Boughton, 2; G. Workman, 3; J. Barber, 4; W. Huxley, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 360 of Plain Bob. W. Shilcock, 1; G. Workman, 2; C. Boughton, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; W. Huxley, 5; J. Barber (conductor),

6. On Sunday, January 1st, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Huxley, 1; W. Boughton, 2; C. Boughton, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. This is W. H. Barber's first attempt at Treble Bob with a bob bell.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Thursday evening, January 12th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), with 6-8 covering, in 27 mins. S. Croucher, 1; H. Burling, 2; *C. H. Drake, 3; E. Bridges, 4; W. Taylor, 5; F. Hunt, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; C. Swaffer, 8. *First 720 by C. H. Drake, Organist and choir-master of the church.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, January 8th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 42 mins. A. Pheasant, 1; A. Warnett (conductor), 2; T. Deal, 3; A. Bedwell, 4; T. Chandler, 5; W. Bedwell, 6; A. G. Freeman, 7; A. A. Avis, 8.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—Recently for practice at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham, 2; F. Rice, 3; W. Ward, 4; G. Paice, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; J. Rice, 8. A 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham, 2; J. Rice, 3; J. Parker (conductor), 4; W. Ward, 5; R. Jordan, 6; F. Rice, 7; G. Paice, 8. And a 288 with G. Paice, 7; F. W. Rice (conductor), 8. On Thursday, December 22nd, the last 742 of Holt's Original. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Ward, 3; P. Tyler, 4; F. Rice, 5; G. Paice, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; J. Rice, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham, 2; J. Rice, 3; W. Ward, 4; F. Rice, 5; G. Paice, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; P. Tyler, 8. On Friday, December 30th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original, which came to grief after ringing 4700 changes, owing to the conductor calling a bob too late. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wadey, 3; J. Rice, 4; W. Ward, 5; T. H. Beams, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; P. Tyler, 8. On Sunday, January 8th, a 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Dench, 1; F. W. Rice, 2; J. Rice, 3; W. Ward, 4; G. Paice, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; P. Tyler, 8. And another 504. F. Dench, 1; J. Parker, 2; J. Rice, 3; P. Tyler, 4; W. Ward, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6; R. Jordan, 7; G. Paice, 8. And a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. F. Dench, 1; F. W. Rice, 2; J. Rice, 3; W. Ward, 4; G. Paice, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; P. Tyler, 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman ever rung by the local band, and was rung at the first attempt.

FAIRFORD (Gloucestershire).—On Monday evening, January 2nd, at the parish church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. T. Barnett, 1; H. Griffin, 2; R. Jefferies, 3; T. Wicheell, 4; C. Bate, 5; E. Perrin, 6; J. Kitchener (conductor), 7; T. Smith, 8.

FROXFIELD (Hants).—On Thursday, December 29th, for practice at the parish church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. G. Hall, 1; G. Squib, 2; F. Powell, 3; H. Page, 4; J. Knight (conductor), 5; J. Spencer, 6. First 120 by the local band on the bells.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Monday, December 26th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, the following touches were rung on handbells: 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Page, 1-2; S. Cotton, 3-4; T. J. Salter (conductor), 5-6; W. H. Smith, 7-8. A 336 of Bob Major, 240 Grandsire Major, and 168 Stedman Triples, conducted by W. H. Smith. W. Page hails from Worcester; S. Cotton from Leicester.

MOORSIDE, NEAR OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, January 8th, for Divine Service, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 28 mins. T. Harrison, 1; S. Taylor, 2; W. Pitman, 3; T. Greenwood, 4; J. Taylor (conductor), 5; J. Shaw, 6; L. Hampson, 7; J. T. Prince, 8.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Tuesday, December 27th, the following members of St. George's Guild rang on the middle six at St. George's, Jesmond, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 29 mins. C. Corvell, 1; *Rev. W. D. Heelas, 2; †E. Hesketh, 3; F. Lees (conductor), 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; *S. E. Pennefather, jun., 6; *H. Widdell, 7; F. Marshall, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. *First 720. †First 720 with a bob bell.

PENARTH (South Wales).—On Tuesday, December 21st, for practice at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; D. Thomas, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 26th, one 720 of Grandsire Minor and two 720s of Bob Minor, called differently. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; D. Thomas, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 9.

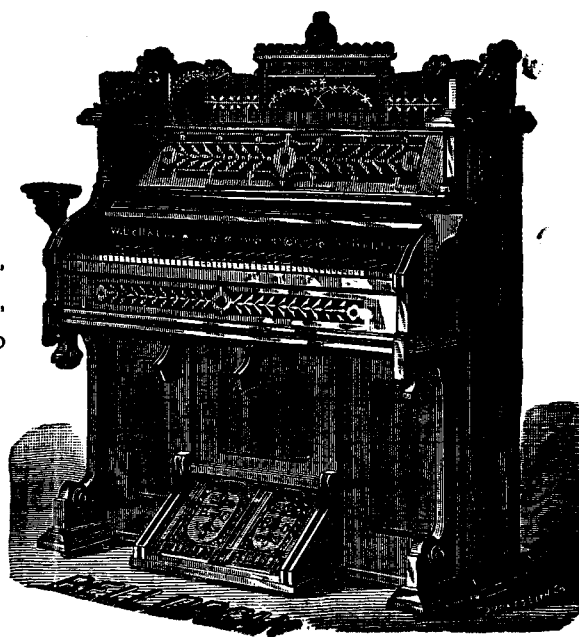
READING (Berks).—On Saturday, December 31st, at St. Lawrence's church, a 924 Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. C. Foxell, 1; J. Potter, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; W. Goseltine, 4; W. Johnson, 5; W. J. Williams (conductor), 6; W. Newell, 7; L. Rolfe, 8. On Tuesday, January 3rd, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Agnes Hilda Guilding, only daughter of the vicar of the parish, to Captain W. T. Percival Ricketts, of the Indian Medical Service, 1025 Grandsire Caters in 42 mins., and 672 Bob Major by the same band with the exception of W. Holloway, 1; C. Foxell, 2.

SKIRBECK (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, December 31st, at St. Nicolas' church, with the bells muffled, three 6-scores of Bob Doubles. J. Colman, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; J. E. Clark, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5. And to welcome the new year, with the bells open, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Colman, 1; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 2; J. E. Clark, 3; H. Palmer, 4; T. Woods, 5.

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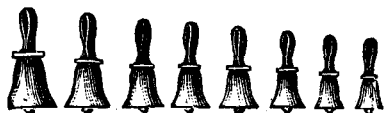
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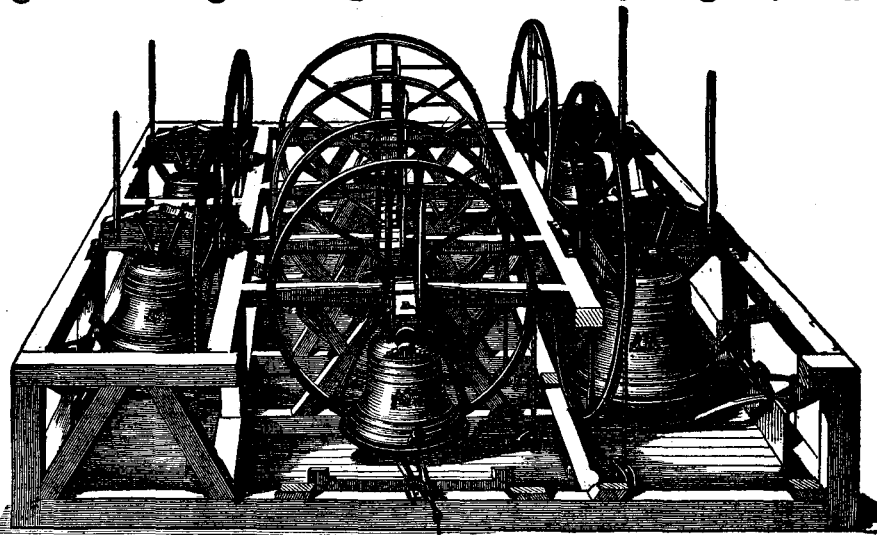
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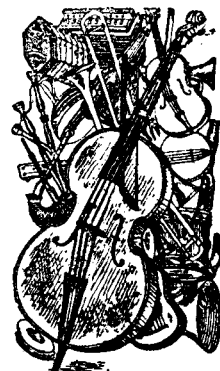
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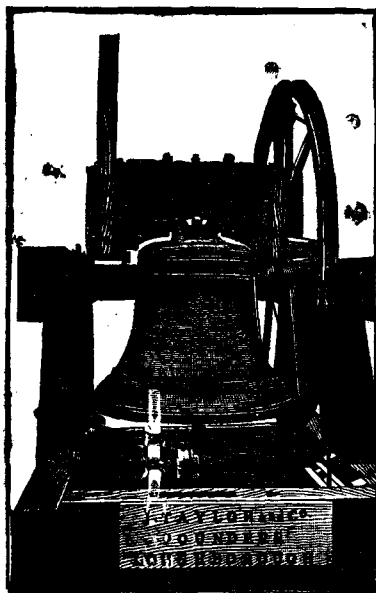
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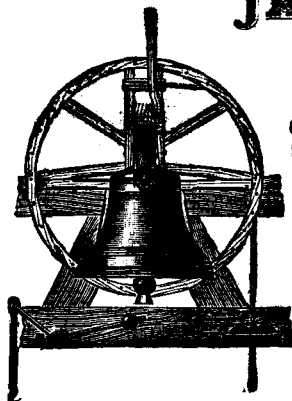
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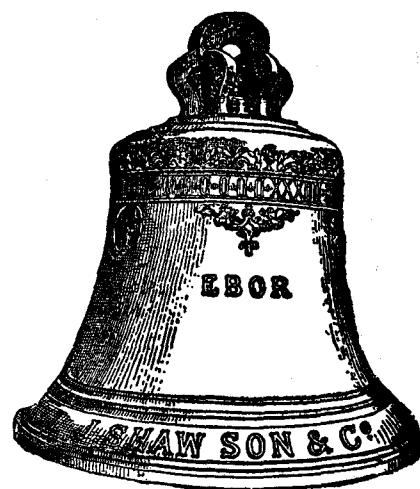
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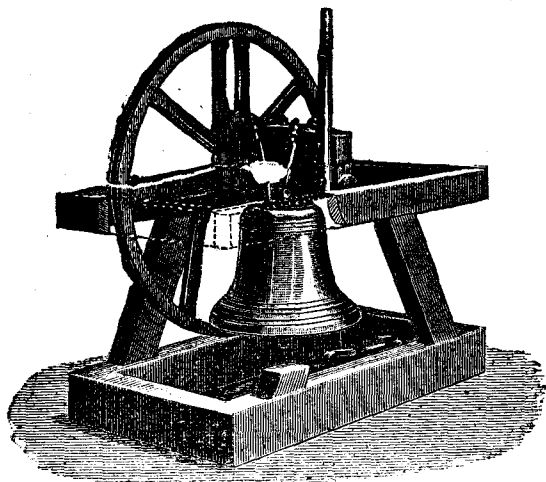


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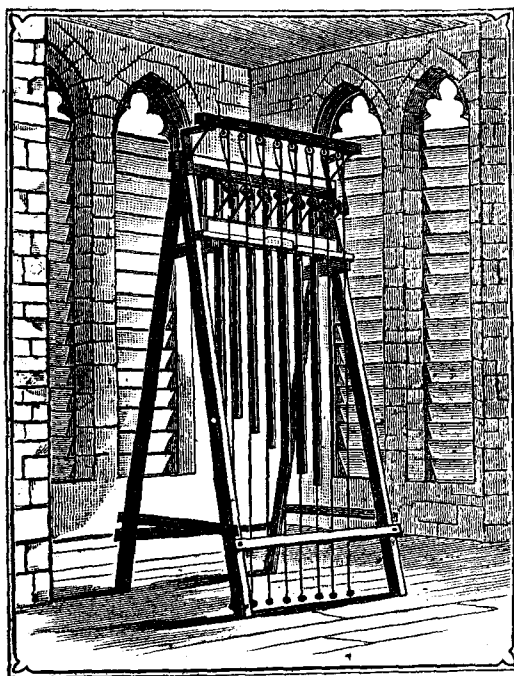
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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Gloucester, on Monday, January 23rd. There were fifty-three members present from various parishes. After Divine Service in the Cathedral, at which the Rev. Canon St. John addressed the ringers, an adjournment was made to the Chapter House for the business meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the President and Vice-presidents were all unanimously re-elected. The election of Master was then proceeded with, and the Rev. H. A. Cockey (Vicar of Oldland) having signified that it was impossible for him to devote as much time to the interests of the Association as he could wish, although if re-elected he would still continue to further its objects as far as in him lay, the following other names were suggested: Mr. F. E. Ward (Cheltenham), and Mr. W. Bennett (Gloucester). The members then proceeded to vote, the result being the Rev. H. A. Cockey, 17; Ward, 9; Bennett, 2; whilst several abstained from voting. The Chairman then declared the Rev. H. A. Cockey to be duly re-elected, a fact which gave universal satisfaction. The Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Vicar of St. Augustine's, Bristol, was then unanimously re-elected Hon. Secretary, and consented to serve again provided the Association would agree to the election of the Rev. C. H. Joberns, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Bristol, as assistant-Secretary, to help him at such times of pressure when fresh reports and lists of members are needed. This was cordially agreed to, and the Rev. C. H. Joberns was duly elected.

Then Hon. Secretary then read the Treasurer's (Mr. Ward's) annual statement, showing a balance of £12 17s. 4d., and apologising for his enforced absence. Mr. Ward was duly elected Hon. Treasurer.

Dursley was then fixed upon as the place of next quarterly meeting. Some other business having been transacted, the members subsequently dined together at the "New Inn" ancient hostelry under the presidency of the Master, when the usual toasts were given and warmly received. Mr. A. Roberts, local Secretary for Gloucester, made all the arrangements, which were entirely satisfactory barring the bad "go" of the St. Mary-de-Crypt ring, and the worse state of the musical ring of six at St. Mary-de-Lode. The Cathedral, St. Michael's and St. Nicholas seemed to be the favourite belfries during the day, and some good work was accomplished in the two former towers.

There is a fair but incomplete ring of six at St. John the Baptist, the crooked spire near the Cathedral, which at one time was the only "shelter from the stormy blast" for the Cathedral ringers. The tenor is broken. We hope that the enthusiasm displayed a little higher up the street at St. Michael's, where eight now exist instead of six, may lead to the restoration of the ring at St. John the Baptist. The Cathedral bells recently over-hauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co. are in excellent order, and the "go" everything that can be desired.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this branch of the above Guild was held at Wokingham, on Saturday, January 21st, sixty-four ringing and seven honorary members being present. After tea, at 6 p.m., at the Terrace Room, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis took the chair for the business proceedings. The Secretary's report and balance-sheet for the past year were then laid before the meeting, a brief review of the general work of the Guild was given by the Chairman, and the officers were elected for the ensuing year. Chairman, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, the Rev. E. Broome; the Rev. J. T. Brown, Rural Dean, to represent the branch on the general committee. Leaders were then chosen for each belfry by its ringing members, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the various officers. The remainder of the evening was spent in ringing at the towers of the two Wokingham churches. This was the thirteenth annual meeting since the formation of the branch.

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The third quarterly meeting of the year was held at Birmingham on Saturday, January 14th, when the following towers were open for ringing: St. Martin's, St. Philip's, St. John's, St. Chad's. Members attended from Duffield, Derby, Burton, Lichfield, Nottingham, Loughborough, Leicester, Barwell, Hinckley, Nuneaton, Rugby, Tamworth, Birmingham and surrounding districts to the number of 120. The General Meeting was held at Queen's College, the President, A. Percival Heywood, Esq., presiding, supported by the Lord Bishop of Coventry. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and duly passed, seven life and seventeen ringing members were proposed and unanimously elected.

The Chairman then asked for two names to be submitted to audit the accounts of the Association, and Messrs. C. Draper and H. C. Woodward (Derby) were unanimously agreed to.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Association was now entitled to another delegate on the Central Council, and Mr. Stephen Cooper (Leicester), was unanimously elected to fill that important position.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Lord Bishop of Coventry for his attendance, and to the Clergy for the use of the bells that day.

In reply, his Lordship said that he was pleased of the opportunity of being present, and assured the Association that his brother clergy and himself were very happy to place their bells at their disposal.

Thanks were also given to Messrs. Godden and Carter for their very great assistance in making arrangements for the meeting, and to the President for presiding.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—CREWE BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of this branch was held at Crewe, on Saturday, January 21st, when thirty members were present from Alsager, Acton, Crewe, Sandbach, and Wrenbury. The tower of Christ Church was open for ringing at 2.30. Tea was provided by the Vicar in the parish room, after which the meeting was held. The Secretary read the report for the year, also the financial statement. The Rev. G. J. Howson was elected President; A. Wilson, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; R. Langford the representative of the branch on the general committee along with A. Wilson; and R. T. Holding was elected Instructor. Several new members joined the Guild at the meeting.

A service was held in the church at 6.30. The prayers were read by the Rev. O. E. Rice, and the Rev. G. J. Howson gave an excellent address from Psalm 109, verse 1 (Prayer Book version). The service ended, the ringers again visited the tower and rang the following touches: 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Evitts, 1; J. Broome, 2; A. Harding, 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Wright, 5; T. Johnson, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; D. Taylor, 8. A 756 Grandsire Triples. R. Mostyn, 1; A. Jarvis, 2; G. Wright, 3; J. Wright, 4; R. Langford, 5; T. Johnson, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Dudley, 8. A 476 in the same method. J. Thomas, 1; A. Jarvis, 2; A. Harding, 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Wright, 5; R. Langford, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; D. Thornhill, 8. Also three courses of Grandsire Triples. W. Evitts, 1; J. Broome, 2; A. Harding, 3; J. Wright, 4; A. Jarvis (conductor), 5; A. Wilson, 6; G. Harding, 7; A. Dudley, 8. For evening service on Sunday, December 22nd, 1008 of Grandsire Triples. J. Thomas, 1; A. Wilson, 2; A. Jarvis, 3; J. Wright, 4; R. Langford, 5; G. Harding, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Dudley, 8.

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

We are glad to learn that the Dean and Chapter, with a view of the more frequent ringing of the magnificent peal of twelve bells which the Cathedral possesses, and with the further object of change-ringing, have decided on the foundation of a Guild of Voluntary Ringers, such as now exists in connection with many churches, and have requested the Rev. H. Clifford to act as Warden of the Guild. Those interested in bell-ringing and desirous of joining the Guild may obtain a copy of the rules on application to the Rev. H. Clifford, College Green, Worcester.

PEAL RECORDS.

When the peals rung during the year just ended have been inserted, the peal-book of the Kent County Association will be full. It was incumbent upon me, as Secretary, to draw the attention of our committee to this fact last month; and in doing so I took occasion to suggest printing as a more satisfactory as well as more economical mode of recording peals than what may be termed the *mediæval* plan of illuminated writing. The question was not settled, but referred for discussion to the District Committees; and according to the opinions expressed by them, the Central Committee, I suppose, will decide as to the course to be adopted.

Since the meeting of our Central Committee on the 12th of last month, a most astounding idea has seized upon the minds of some of our members, which, we would have thought, no ringer could have entertained for a single moment, viz.: that our Association intends for the future to keep no proper record of peals. To the existence of this idea, perhaps, may be attributed the curious fact that for the last few weeks Kent County Association peals have been conspicuous by their absence from the pages of "THE BELL NEWS." But, however that may be, the question is one of interest to all our Guilds and Associations; and for that reason I ask for a little space in your columns in order to bring it before the Exercise.

Now it seems to me that the Associations possessing no headquarters where members are in the habit of assembling, a large folio peal-book is of no use whatever; unless a glimpse of it at the Annual Meeting, and the knowledge or belief that for the rest of the year the secretary keeps it safely locked up, be considered a sufficient satisfaction and compensation for the expense of writing (of course the burden laid upon the poor secretary of lugging one or two such volumes to and from meetings is of no account!) Writing may have been a very good and sufficient method of recording peals, when, as in the early days of our Association, the number rang during the year could be counted on the fingers of one hand. But when peals come to be rung at the rate of seventy, or eighty, or even more per annum, I think it is worth consideration, whether the printing of peals, every five or ten years, or in series of three or four or five hundred, would not be a more satisfactory plan. You might have a nice handy volume containing the register of (say) five hundred peals, of which every member or band might possess a copy, instead of the one solitary tome in the Secretary's cupboard, which nobody sees. By way of preface or appendix you might insert a heap of matter interesting to peal ringers, such, for instance, as the composition of the peals, the number of times each has been rung, an index containing the names of members taking part in the peals, a short account of the towers, &c., &c. Interesting volumes like this would be to my mind infinitely preferable to the old-fashioned, expensive, and because of its general invisibility, uninteresting peal-book (with capital letters!), which some ringers appear to hold in such supreme veneration. Of course, if printing were adopted, the manuscript register of peals would still be kept among the other documents of the Guild or Association. I shall be glad to see the ideas of other ringers on this subject in your valuable paper.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE,

Hon. Sec. Kent County Association.

THE ALL HALLOWS' SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

The annual supper of this Society took place on Thursday, January 19th. After having done justice to the good things provided, and the cloth being cleared, the toast of "The Society" was proposed by the Rev. W. Starey, and responded to by Mr. H. Barnett (Master). Other toasts followed, being interspersed with songs, etc., by members of the company. Shortly after 11 o'clock the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought to a close what proved to be a most enjoyable evening.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Saturday, January 13th, through the kindness of E. A. Davies, Esq. (churchwarden), the local ringers and some friends from London were invited to a friendly meeting at the Abbey Church of St. Margaret, the occasion being the opening of three new peal boards, in all of which performances Mr. Davies took part. Two of them record peals of Stedman, and the other one a peal of Grandsire Triples; the whole of the expense of these tablets being borne by Mr. Davies. After some touches of Bob Major, Stedman, Oxford Bob, and Grandsire Triples, rung by E. A. Davies, A. J. Davies, C. Dean, A. Deards, E. Hall, E. Lucas, F. Norris, R. Sewell, H. E. Barker, A. Whight, S. Hayes, H. Springall, Y. Green and T. Baker, the company were invited by Mr. Davies to a meat tea at the "Red Lion" hotel, where a splendid spread was in readiness. The Vicar, the Rev. H. H. Henson, presided, the curates, churchwardens and sidesmen being also present. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, the remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing, toasts and songs; Mr. Davies' health being drank with musical honours. Messrs. S. Lake, F. Norris, A. J. Davies and H. E. Barker, presided at the piano.

EVERTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

The ring of bells at this place has been rehung with entirely new fittings, and the bells quarter-turned. The framework has also been strengthened with long bolts, and angle cornered, and a new floor has been put in the clock-chamber. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury, and has given entire satisfaction. On Saturday afternoon the bells were rung for the first time after rehanging, when the ringers from Sandy joined those of Everton. The Vicar (Rev. T. Shaw) presided at a capital meat tea. A set of guides for the ropes is needed, and it is hoped they will shortly be supplied. The ringers were J. Tott, 1; T. Blackburn, 2; L. Leonard, 3; A. Goddard, 4; A. Barnes, 5. Tenor 8 cwt. The other ringers present were Messrs. J. Dennis, W. Tott, W. Smith, J. Blott, W. Fox, and O. Kempe.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Wednesday, January 18th, the members of the Bishop Stortford St. Michael's Society of change-ringers had their annual supper. The proceedings commenced with a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes, at St. Michael's church, by the following: G. Prior, 1; A. Tucker, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; P. Springham, 4; F. W. Chapman, 5; C. Charge, 6; H. Prior, 7; J. Sampford, 8. After which an adjournment was made to the residence of Mr. H. J. Tucker, where a splendid meal awaited them, the chair being taken by Mr. F. W. Chapman, supported by G. E. Pritchett, Esq., F.S.A., H. J. Tucker (master and treasurer), A. Tucker (secretary), and members to the number of eighteen. Go was called at 7.45 sharp, the bobs and singles dropping in rather thick, the peal being brought round at 8.50, after which the usual toasts were given, including the health of G. E. Pritchett, Esq. (their hon. life member) who in responding said that it always gave him great pleasure when he heard the bells ringing, and stated that since the bells had been repaired he had not heard one single complaint about the ringing, but altogether the reverse. The health of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Tucker having been given and drank, Mr. H. J. Tucker responded, saying that it always gave him great pleasure when he met ringers, and he hoped the young members would persevere in the art of ringing, so that they could get as good a ten-bell band as there was in the County of Herts. The rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing (double handed), lapping, and tune-playing, not forgetting the few songs which lasted till the small hour of Thursday morning, after which they all separated, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

* * We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

RIPON AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the members of this association was held on Saturday, January 14th, in Sharow Church belfry, there being present the Rev. J. E. Crabtree, curate, H. M. Bowen, Esq., Messrs. Turner, Robinson, Atkinson, Benson and Dickenson from St. Mary's Society, Harrogate; Rumbold and T. Metcalf of Ripon; J. Baines from Hutton Conyers; W. Pick and Son, A. and W. Gibson Clark (Hon. Sec.), Matson, J. Shepherd, Jno. Rumbold, S. Shepherd and A. and T. Ingleby of Sharon; nearly every one present having a ring. The chief performances, although not of much scientific importance to an accomplished society, nevertheless promises for an improved future in this young association. First a touch of Grandsire Triples. W. Pick, 1; Joseph Baines, 2; Robinson, 3; Dickenson, 4; Turner, 5; Atkinson, 6; Clark, 7; Rumbold, 8; which was followed by a 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Gibson, 1; Baines, 2; T. Clark, 3; Matson, 4; A. Ingleby, 5; J. Shepherd, 6; T. Metcalf, 7; H. Rumbold, 8. A course of Plain Bob Major as a preliminary for a start to ring the Hon. Sec's date touch for the present year was rung; an attempt being made by the following: A. Gibson, 1; Baines, 2; Robinson, 3; Atkinson, 4; T. Metcalf, 5; Turner, 6; T. Clark (conductor) 7; H. Rumbold, 8. After several unsuccessful attempts time put a stop to any more ringing; the tenth course was attained, in which the ringing came to an unavoidable stand after having rung upwards of 1000 changes. Thus terminated to all present a very enjoyable evening. The members from Harrogate in the last touch partook of some refreshment at the Hon. Sec's residence, all being highly welcomed who would make it convenient to call. A move was then made to the station to catch the 9.15 p.m. train for home.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, PENARTH.

On Tuesday, January 17th, the first annual dinner of the St. Augustine's choir and bell-ringers took place at the Penarth Esplanade hotel, Penarth, the rector, the Rev. W. W. Sweet-Escott, B.A. occupying the chair, and the vice-chair by Mr. Sladen, churchwarden. The repast was a most enjoyable one, the menu consisting of a variety of joints, etc. After dinner the usual loyal toasts were given and suitably responded to, the toast list being interspersed with songs and recitations ably given by members of the choir. In addressing a few remarks to those present, the rector complimented them upon two things principally, viz., the improved singing of the choir, and the excellence of the ringing. In reply to the toast of "The Ringers," Captain Thomas commented upon the encouragement his band were receiving, and said that when in the near future they had a complete octave of bells, he hoped that their ringing would be second to none. It is sincerely hoped that this reunion will be an annual one, tending to bring the workers in the parish church nearer to each other in their great object of endeavouring to make Divine worship more perfect.

ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, WARRINGTON.

A supper in connection with the above was held at the "Mason's Arms," Mill Street, on Friday, December 30th, when a substantial repast was provided by the hostess, Mrs. Reynolds. Amongst the invited guests were the Vicar of the parish (the Rev. H. V. Pigot), and Mr. Joseph Lawless, sidesman. During the evening the following toasts were proposed and well received: "The Queen," "The Army and Navy," "The Clergy, Churchwardens, Sidesmen and Ringers." Songs were contributed by Messrs. Bebbington, Oxley, Stout, Moore, Marriott and Owen. A vote of thanks to the hostess was accorded for the efficient manner in which she had catered. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the "National Anthem" brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

On Friday, January 13th, the ringers of this church rang a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, and repeated the same on the following Sunday, for Divine Service, both morning and evening. J. J. Moore, 1; F. W. Stout, 2; A. Oxley, 3; G. Bebbington, 4; W. Brammer, 5; J. R. Hill, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. This is the first time the above have rung a 6-score (with the exception of Messrs. Bebbington and Brammer). The 6-score was conducted by G. Bebbington, who hails from Manchester.

RINGERS' SUPPER AT ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday, January 12th, the local company met at the parish church, and rang 240 of Grandsire Doubles. They then proceeded to the parish room, where an excellent supper was provided through the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Thompson, who welcomed their guests in person. The Rev. A. W. Houghton (assistant-curate), and Mr. Charles Block (parish clerk) were also present. After supper, 180 of Bob Minor was rung on handbells. C. Smith, 1; H. Gisling, 2; A. Pryke, 3; R. Joy, 4; W. Perriton, 5; G. Churchyard, 6. And 8 leads of Cinques with J. Lovett, 11-12 (table ringing). The Vicar then presented each of the ringers with a prayer-book, and thanked them for their useful service. On returning to the church 240 of Bob Minor was rung, with J. Lovett at the tenor.

Obituary.

GEORGE MASH.

GEORGE TANNER.

It was with very great regret that we announced last week the demise of two very old and honored members of the London section of the Exercise, viz., Mr. George Mash, of Southwark, and Mr. George Tanner, of Spitalfields. The former gentleman, who died on the 11th instant, had held the office of steeplekeeper at St. Saviour's, Southwark, for thirty years, in a manner which merited the approval of every one. His father, James Mash, who was a prominent member of the College Youths, had held this office previously. George Mash happily enjoyed personal qualifications which caused him to be more than respected; in fact we should say that his good-nature and invariable courtesy prevented him from ever having one real enemy. If a stranger made his way to St. Saviour's, he found in George Mash a chivalrous pioneer, one who determined that his visitor should return home with a good report of his reception among London ringers. He died at the age of 53, comparatively early, it may be thought, for a man whose appearance a few years ago betokened many years of life. Like many of us he was not exempt from the trials of adversity in one form or other. Some months ago he underwent a sad bereavement in the loss of his wife, and though his spirits were of a most elastic character, it is to be feared that this loss, coupled with disappointments in his professional circumstances, hastened the sad end. He was among the elder brethren of the College Youths, and had fulfilled the various offices of that society, being Master on several occasions. He was a careful painstaking ringer, and had rung 85 peals in various methods.

Mr. George Tanner, who died on the 12th instant at 27, Church Street, Spitalfields, after an illness of about a week's duration, had arrived at the patriarchal age of three-score and ten, had been steeplekeeper at Christ Church, Spitalfields, for some years, and was well known to ringers in the City and East-end of London. He was born at Romsey, in Hampshire, and like other countrymen who have arrived in London, had a fond affection for his native place, especially for the abbey of Romsey and its bells. On the 18th instant, after a service in the parish church of Spitalfields, the funeral took place at Manor Park cemetery, and in the evening (by the kind permission of the rector, the Rev. J. H. Scott), a muffled peal was rung there out of respect to his memory by members of the College Youths. A muffled peal was also rung on the bells of St. Dunstan's, Stepney, after Divine Service on Sunday evening, the 22nd instant, by members of the same society. Mr. Tanner was a very agreeable and obliging gentleman, and his company was always enjoyed by any one who delighted in plain but practical sober conversation. Our two friends will be greatly missed. They filled positions in the ringing world which can hardly be filled just now as they filled them.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Sunday, January 15th, for morning service at the parish church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Rollison, 1; J. Billings, 2; C. Lewis, 3; J. H. Fisher, 4; T. Willoughby, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; T. Lewis (conductor), 7; J. Osborne, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor.

ENYNSBURY (Hunts).—On Tuesday, January 17th, 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. J. Jones, 1; E. Clarke, 2; G. Irons, 3; S. Hawksford, 4; H. Sutton (conductor), 5; G. Coleman, 6.

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Correspondence.

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

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

FALSE PEAL.

SIR,—I regret having published in "THE BELL NEWS," of November 5th, 1892, a peal of Grandsire Triples as having been rung at All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on October 25th, composed and conducted by myself. Having searched the peal again, I found it to be false, and apologise for the same being published.

Maidenhead.

J. W. WILKINS.

REPLY TO A. O. STEWART.

SIR,—In reply to A. O. Stewart's enquiry in your issue of January 14th, respecting the peal rang at Northampton, and which appeared in your issue of January 7th, I might say I have written to the district secretary of the Midland Counties' Association an explanation, and to whom perhaps A. O. Stewart will address further enquiries he may have upon the subject, and not go rushing into print, as that I consider does not shew a very good principle, and seldom if ever does any good.

J. S. WHITE.

22, Raglan Street, Northampton.

A REQUEST.

SIR,—I observe in your issue of January 7th, on page 494, a 720 of Grandsire Minor rung at Chester on Saturday, December 17th, with forty-two singles and eighteen bobs. If this is meant for forty-two ordinary Grandsire singles, I shall esteem it a great favour if the conductor, Mr. Rogers, will have the goodness to give the figures through the medium of this paper or send a copy to

H. HAIGH.

Park Road, Retford, Notts.

Re THE EAST END CLIQUE.

SIR,—Under the above heading there has gone forth to the readers in the last issue of your most valuable journal, a letter signed "S. Hayes," which we, the West Ham locals or "scruffs," would think, and readers likewise, that there was a squabble among ourselves. I wish very strongly to deny there is any such thing, and if there was I think we could very well settle that among ourselves, without calling in the aid of Mr. Perkins, the East End Clique, Mr. Hayes, or anyone else, but I should also bring to your notice that if the person called the "invalid" was to speak, most likely he would scatter to the winds the grievance the East End Clique have with the West Ham locals; also I fail to see what this grievance has to do with the peal rung at Westminster.

H. RANDALL, *Steeplekeeper*.

SIR,—By the correspondence subsequently appearing in your columns, I learn that Mr. A. J. Perkins has been accused of writing the letter signed "A Ringer." As it appears to have led to a somewhat heated controversy, I think it is incumbent upon me to acknowledge at once the sole authorship, and hasten to inform our East End friends that it was entirely at my own instigation the letter was sent and not in any way in consequence of remarks which may or may not have emanated from Mr. Perkins. I may add that I had only one object in view when drawing attention to the peal, and that must be palpable to your readers, and the manner in which it has since been questioned justifies to my mind the request embodied in my original epistle.

WILLIAM G. BULL.

107, Coleman Road, Camberwell, S.E.

THE TENOR AT OXFORD CATHEDRAL.

SIR,—I notice in a recent issue that the weight of the tenor at Oxford Cathedral is again stated to be 42 cwt. As this has been so often denied, and with such good authority, I think Mr. Washbrook and his band owe it to the Exercise to give their authority for such a statement. It has been pointed out before, I think, that the weight given is not always the same, that sometimes it is 40 cwt. sometimes 41 cwt., and now again 42 cwt., which evidently shows that the Oxford men themselves are not too sure of the correct weight? Will one of them explain?

AMOR VERITATIS.

A CONTRADICTION.

SIR,—In a paragraph headed "St. Mary's society, Dalton-in-Furness," which appeared in your issue of January 7th, it is stated that the St. Mary's society rang a 720 of Minor at Beetham church on Monday, December 26th, and that this was the first time a 720 of Minor had ever been rung there. I wish to contradict this, as I formed one of a party of ringers from St. Thomas' church, Lancaster, who paid a visit to Beetham on September 27th, 1890, and rang there a 720 of Grandsire Minor. I have also a very strong recollection that the ringers from Heversham rang a 720 of Minor on the occasion of the opening of Beetham church bells a short time previous to our visit.

B. A. EDMONDSON.

Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 531.)

HEMINGFORD GREY (Hunts).—On Monday, December 26th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Jones, 1; E. Clarke (first 720), 2; S. Hawksford, 3; G. Coleman, 4; H. J. Sutton (conductor), 5; G. Irons, 6. And 360 Grandsire Minor. All the above hail from Eynesbury.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, January 14th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles). J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle (conductor), 2; E. Bush, 3; A. Beer, 4; A. Tanton, 5; J. Andrews, 6. And 180. J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Tanton (conductor), 3; J. Andrews, 4; W. Fordred, 5; A. Beer, 6.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Tuesday, January 17th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. H. D. Davis, 1; S. E. Romans, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; W. Brown (Wapping), 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, January 8th, at the church of St. Peter-in-the-East, for Divine Service in the evening, three courses of Superlative Surprise Major. G. Warner, 1; K. Payne, 2; C. Fowler, 3; A. Dubber, 4; T. Payne, 5; P. Hind, 6; C. Hounslow, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, January 10th, for practice, on handbells, 336 Stedman Triples. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1-2; A. Dubber, 3; T. Payne, 4; W. Baston, 5-6; G. Warner, 7-8. Also a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 1334 changes. G. Warner, 1; K. Payne, 2; C. Fowler, 3; A. Dubber, 4; T. Payne, 5; C. Hounslow, 6; W. Baston, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8.

QUEDGELEY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, January 15th, for Divine Service at St. James' church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. A. Harris, 1; W. Brown, 2; F. Brunsdon, 3; H. Ford, 4; J. Austin, 5; F. Knight (conductor), 6; C. Lyes, 7; W. Townsend, 8. J. Austin and F. Brunsdon hail from Gloucester; the rest belong to the local band.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, January 17th, for practice, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. H. Egby, 1; C. Foxell, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; J. Hern, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; W. Newell, 6; W. J. Williams (conductor), 7; J. Maskell, 8.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, December 4th, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Smart (conductor), 1; J. Matthews, 2; C. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Smart, 5; W. Collison, 6; G. Gatland, 7; E. Turrell, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; C. Smart (conductor), 2; J. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, December 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. F. Gates, vicar's warden of the parish church. W. Woolgar, 1; G. Smart, 2; C. Smart (conductor), 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Chambers, 6; W. Collison, 7; E. Huges, 8. On Tuesday, December 13th, 576 Bob Major. W. Woolgar, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Smart, 3; C. Smart, 4; T. Searle, 5; C. Chambers, 6; W. Collison, 7; G. Smart (conductor), 8. First touch in the method by all except Messrs. Gatland and Collison. On Sunday, December 18th, 503 Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; T. Searle, 2; J. Smart, 3; C. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. On Thursday, December 22nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; J. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; J. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; W. Collison, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Friday, December 23rd, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Woolgar, 1; J. Smart, 2; T. Searle, 3; W. Collison, 4; C. Smart, 5; C. Chambers, 6; G. Gatland, 7; G. Smart (conductor), 8. On Saturday, December 31st, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; J. Smart, 4; T. Searle, 5; W. Collison, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8.

STAINDROP (Durham).—On Sunday, January 15th, at St. Mary's church, 396 Bob Minor (two bobs and sixteen singles), was rung for Divine Service in the morning. For evening service, another 720 (twenty bobs and ten singles). W. McLean, 1; R. Leonard, 2; W. E. Johnson, 3; T. Leonard, 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; J. W. Shipp, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, on handbells. J. W. Shipp, 1-2; D. Shipp, 3-4; H. Shipp, 5-6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, standing as before, conducted by D. Shipp.

TWYFORD (Hants).—On Tuesday evening, January 10th, at the parish church, for practice, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. A. Smith, 1; J. Ashford, 2; E. Hewlett, 3; G. Smith (conductor), 4; A. Ashford, 5; G. Brown, 6. First in the method by all the band.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday, January 15th, at St. Mary's church, for evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Gould, 1; M. Woodcock, 2; W. Usher, 3; H. J. Fisher, 4; C. E. Lowe, 5; A. E. Lloyd, 6; J. Monk, 7; T. Baston, 8. Longest length of Grandsire Triples by H. J. Fisher, who hails from Ducklington.

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.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. — A smoking concert will be held at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, Birmingham, to-day, Saturday, the 28th instant, when any ringers and friends will be cordially welcome. Chair to be taken at 7.30 p.m.

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

Worcestershire and Districts Association. — A committee and quarterly meeting of this association will by kind permission of the Rev. E. V. Hall, M.A., who will preside at the meeting at 5.30 p.m. prompt, take place in St. John's school-room, Bromsgrove, to-day, Saturday, January 28th, 1893, at which meeting all subscriptions are due in accordance with rule 7. The tower, containing ten bells, will be open for ringing. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

Yorkshire Association. — Owing to other engagements of the Bishop and Archdeacon, the general meeting will be held at Wakefield, on Saturday, February 11th, (not 4th as previously intimated). The newly-augmented ring of twelve bells at the Cathedral will be at the disposal of members from 10.30 a.m. This meeting will be the official "re-opening" of the bells after augmentation and re-hanging; there will therefore be short choral service and sermon in the Cathedral at 4.0 p.m.; the Lord Bishop of Wakefield has promised to preach the sermon. Tea in the Zetland Street schools, at 5.0. Business meeting to follow. The local Hon. Sec., is Mr. John T. Hollis, 22, Albion Street, Wakefield. Circulars in due course. B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

Lancashire Association, Rochdale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 28th; bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. JNO. MILLETT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society. — The monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at the Meeting House, the "Cardigan Arms," Bramley, to-day, Saturday, January 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. (Members please note contributions for the current year now due.) R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild. — The quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Crossens, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 28th; bells open 3 p.m. meeting 6 p.m. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

Lancashire Association. — Rossendale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6 o'clock. Seven Church, J. B. TAYLOR, *Branch Sec.*
Waterfoot.

Midland Counties' Association, Nuneaton District. — The annual meeting of this District will be held at Hinckley, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Sec.*

27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

Lancashire Association, Fylde Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at

St. John's church, Blackpool, on Saturday, February 4th; bells open from 3 o'clock. Meeting in the school at 6.

Lytham. J. FELL, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Bucknall, on Saturday next, February 4th. Bells at 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice not later than Wednesday, February 1st, to W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*
97, High Street, Bucknall.

Lancashire Association, Liverpool Diocesan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Walton, near Liverpool, on Saturday, February 4th. Business, to appoint Secretary, &c. Tower open at 4. Tea at 5.30 prompt, in Girls' School. Free to all ringers who send in their names to Mr. C. E. Wilson (not later than February 3rd), 12, York Street, Walton. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. The Rector will preside. All members requested to attend. 89, Railway Street, RICHARD HILL.
Southport.

The Lancashire Association. — The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 4th, at Bolton. Ringing from 2 p.m. at the various churches. Meeting in Holy Trinity schools, at 5 p.m.

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

Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society. — The half-yearly meeting will take place on Monday, February 6th, at St. Philip's Church. Chair to be taken at 8 p.m. J. JENNINGS, *Hon. Sec.*
19, Lionel Street, Birmingham.

Hertfordshire Association. — District meeting at Hitchin, Saturday, February 11th. Further particulars next week. E. J. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association, Blackburn Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Parish church, Darwen, on Saturday, February 11th. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 5.30. J. HORROCKS, *Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Association. — A meeting will be held at Tanfield (Station, Rowlands Gill), on Monday, February 13th. Committee meeting at 12. Dinner at 1.0 p.m., at "Peacock Inn." C. BUSTON, *Hon. Sec.*
Embleton, Northumberland.

Norwich Diocesan Association. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Fakenham, on Monday, 13th February. Dinner at "Royal Oak," 1.30. Tickets 1s. 3d. and 2s. Notice to be sent to Hon. Sec. of how many will come, and from what station (G.E.R. only), before Wednesday, 8th February.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

St. James's Society, London. — The above society will meet for practice, on Monday, 30th instant, at St. Clement's Danes, at 8.0 p.m. (bells muffled), and on Sunday, 5th prox., at 6.0 p.m., for service. E. A. YOUNG, *Hon. Sec.*

AN ADDITION. — Mr. A. Roberts, of the St. Michael's Junior Society of Ringers, Gloucester, writes: "In your issue of 'THE BELL NEWS' for January 21st, is a notice of a peal of Treble Bob Royal rang at Cheltenham, on Thursday, 12th instant. It should have been recorded as a Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association peal."

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal be desired One Shilling additional must accompany such a request.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1893.

At length we find that ringing matters in the City of Worcester are to be taken in hand by one of the Clergy, the Rev. HARRY CLIFFORD, M.A., Sacrist of the Cathedral. It is about time that ringing in the "faithful city" came under some regulation, or left to die out altogether. Some months ago we commented upon the want of enthusiasm shown by the local ringers, suggesting at the same time that one of the resident clergy should interest himself in the matter, and it is therefore gratifying to find that the rev. gentleman above-named—to whom, by the way, we took the liberty of alluding—has under the auspices of the Dean and Chapter become Warden of the Ringers' Guild now in course of formation.

It is sincerely to be hoped that this movement will be a great success, and that with the new Guild may be incorporated whatever societies of ringers at present exist within the city. A scheme whereby the whole of the towers having bells may be under the jurisdiction of this Guild, is a consummation devoutly to be wished, and our experience leads us to believe that such would be easy to carry out, and would prove most effectual in the cause of belfry reform. We think that the co-operation of the several incumbents could be secured to support this movement, and that they would loyally agree that the Guild

should be the future controlling body in their towers, subject of course to accurately defined conditions. To us the project appears easy if such co-operation is first obtained, and when this is done we may find that the old city has recovered the high position she once held amid the Exercise.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNY Treble.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 5.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 2.	EDWIN HORREX 6.
ERNEST E. VINEN 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
FRANK W. BUTLER 4.	CHARLES J. DAVIDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This composition contains 240 bobs and ten common singles; it is the first ever composed with common singles, and was rung with the bells half muffled as a last mark of respect to Mr. G. Mash and Mr. G. Tanner; and also to Mr. H. Manderville one of the local ringers at this church. It is the conductor's 200th peal.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION,

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER 6.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL .. 2.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. 3.	ALBERT PITTMAN 8.
WILLIAM BEDWELL* .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB 9.
GEORGE CONYARD* .. 5.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal of Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Titchener and J. H. Cheesman, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

The Provinces.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 13, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

SIDNEY GOODCHILD Treble.	FRANK BISSLEY 5.
WILLIAM EDWARD TAYLOR .. 2.	RALPH BIGGS 6.
FRANK BIGGS 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
FRED BIGGS 4.	EDWARD KEELY Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

*First peal in the method by F. Bissley. E. Keely belongs to Cookham; Taylor and Bissley to Boyne Hill, Maidenhead.

EDGWARE, —THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, January 19, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN EIGHT DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, 600 College Single and 120 Grandsire Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES CRAMPTON Treble.	FREDERICK PRATT 4.
HENRY JAMES MARTIN .. 2.	FRANCIS CARROWAY .. 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	CHARLES HENRY MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES HENRY MARTIN.

The above is the first 5040 on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, also the local ringers for having everything in readiness. The local ringers cheered as the 5040 was finished; it is to be hoped they will soon be able to ring Minor, as they can only ring Grandsire Doubles at present. First 5040 on six bells.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES SMITH Treble.	JOHN SWAIN 5.
CHARLES CHAPMAN 2.	JOHN DAY 6.
CHARLES GILES 3.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. 7.
HARRY GOODGER 4.	RICHARD HAINES .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

Messrs. Giles, Swain, and Hopgood hail from Reading.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BRIGHTON ST. PETER'S BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 19, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY WESTON Treble.	GEORGE F. ATTREE .. 5.
KEITH HART† 2.	ARTHUR A. FULLER .. 6.
HENRY G. OWEN* 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 7.
GEORGE BAKER 4.	WILLIAM ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, January 19, 1893, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 5.
JOHN SMITH 2.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 6.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 3.	SAMUEL SMITH 7.
WILLIAM BALES 4.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by FREDERICK KNIGHTS.

Rung upon the middle eight and at the second attempt, the previous one coming to an abrupt termination after 2 hrs. and 55 mins. good ringing. First peal by W. Bales, and first in the method by Messrs. S. Smith, Borrett, and the "Juvenile."

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, January 19, 1893, in One Hour and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT 52, ST. GEORGE'S MIDDLE STREET,

ON HANBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 1-2.	JOHN E. BURTON .. 3-4.
GEORGE P. BURTON 5-6.	

Conducted by G. J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

Umpire—F. W. Muskett. First 5040 by all. This is the quickest peal yet rung, and the average age is 16½, is believed to be less than that of any band who have hitherto accomplished a 5000. It was rung ten days after the conductor's seven-teenth birthday.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.

On Thursday, January 19, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR R. JAMES Treble.	†MORRIS J. MORRIS .. 5.
DAVID E. EVANS* 2.	THOMAS DAVIES 6.
THOMAS WILLIAMS 3.	JOHN W. DAVIES 7.
JAMES DAVIES 4.	†JOHN W. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID E. EVANS.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal. Morris hails from Oswestry, Salop; the rest are of the local band.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. Treble.	SAM THOMAS 5.
WILLIAM BURGAR 2.	CHAS. HENRY HATTERSLEY 6.
WILLIAM LOMAS 3.	JAMES S. WILDE 7.
SAMUEL WOOD 4.	ARTHUR BREARLEY .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

This peal has the 6th its extent wrong and right, without the 2nd and 3rd being in 6th place. S. Wood hails from Ashton, and J. S. Wilde from Hyde.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

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

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

SAMUEL J. CULLIP .. Treble.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 4.
ISAAC HILLS 2.	HERBERT SHARP 5.
CHARLES WEST 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAM CLARKE.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Frossell, who is leaving Bedford (for Brighton), his brother-strings wishing him every success. This is the conductor's fortieth 5040, having conducted thirty-three of them.

DRIGHLINGTON.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDK. W. HARGREAVES .. Treble.	DICK NEWTON 5.
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 6.
CHARLES PRATT 3.	ALFRED NAYLOR 7.
RUFUS THORNTON 4.	ALBERT HASTE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by ALFRED NAYLOR.

Barracough hails from Leeds; Pratt from Calverley; Craven, Naylor, and Haste from Headingley; the rest belong to the local company.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (ROSSENDALE, ROCHDALE AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

JAMES KAY Treble.	ABRAHAM HARDMAN .. 5.
ARTHUR BARRETT 2.	WILLIAM WARBURTON .. 6.
GEORGE HOYLE 3.	JOHN HARRISON 7.
JOHN SHEPHERD 4.	FRANK BIRTWISTLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. SHEPHERD.

First peal since the bells were re-hung. Messrs. Kay and Harrison hail from Heywood; Barrett and Hardman from Radcliffe; Birtwistle and Hoyle from Rochdale; Shepherd from Bacup; Warbuton from Whitefield.

GILLINGHAM.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (GILLINGHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM COOKE* .. Treble.	*WILLIAM EASTER 5.
WILLIAM KINGS* 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6.
WILLIAM HAIGH 3.	*PERCY TAFFS 7.
CHARLES WATERMAN .. 4.	*WILLIAM BATE Tenor.

Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

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

WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

WILLIAM PELLING† .. Treble.	*ALFRED D. MILLS 5.
JOHN AKEHURST* 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	EDWIN JORDAN 7.
WALTER CHARMAN 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by H. H. CHANDLER.

†First attempt at Treble Bob. *First peal in the method.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, January 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal of Treble Bob. The above peal is now rung for the first time, and is the first peal in the Oxford Variation by the Worcestershire Association, by all the band, and on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (CRAWLEY AND WORTH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Violet Treble Bob, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Court Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK DENCH* .. Treble.	EDWARD STREETER 4.
JOHN RICE* 2.	†GEORGE PAICE 5.
JAMES PARKER 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICE.

*First 5040 on six bells. †First with a bob bell on six bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ALEX. M. MCFARLANE† .. Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 5.
JOHN WILLIAM PASSMAN* .. 2.	ROBERT BORROWS 6.
JOHN HENRY JONES* 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. 7.
WILLIAM HOLMES 4.	JOHN HENRY BLAKISTON Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

†First peal of Treble Bob. *First peal of Major. Messrs. McFarlane, Passman, Jones, Borrows and Blakiston belong to Middlesbrough, Yorks. This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6 in fourteen courses.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 23½ cwt.

THOMAS H. SMITH* .. Treble.	JOHN GOODMAN 5.
SAMUEL SPITTLE 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 3.	*JAMES E. GROVES 7.
HARRY MASON* 4.	*ALBERT E. PARSONS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT E. PARSONS.

*First peal in the method. Also first peal in the method on the bells. The above is an irregular six-part peal on Mr. Carter's plan, and was rung as a birthday complement to T. H. Smith.

Date Touches.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

DEVONPORT.—On Tuesday, January 10th, being the wedding-day of the Princess Marie, daughter of the Duke of Edinburgh, eight members of the Plymouth and Devonport branch of the above Guild rang at the Royal Dockyard Chapel a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 20 mins. E. Cross, 1; R. Ford, 2; E. Hendy, 3; J. Steed, 4; C. Smith, 5; W. Pine, 6; H. Fruin, 7; G. Stephens, 8. Arranged and conducted by H. Fruin.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, January 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of 1893 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr., composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; G. Essex, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, January 9th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. H. Osborne, 1; F. Hopgood (composer and conductor), 2; C. Giles, 3; *L. Rolfe, 4; H. Blissett, 5; J. Swain, 6; R. Swain, 7; †A. Osborne, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late W. T. Palmer, Esq., Reading's great philanthropist, who was buried on that day. Tenor 28 cwt. *Longest length with a bob bell. †Longest length single-handed.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Thursday, January 14th, at the parish church of St. Mary, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Rollison, 1; E. Willoughby, 2; C. Lewis, 3; W. Avann, 4; T. Willoughby, 5; J. Lewis, 6; T. Lewis, 7; J. Osborne, 4. Conducted by T. Willoughby.

MOSSLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, January 15th, at St. George's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. F. Rhodes, 1; G. Shaw, 2; J. Greaves, 3; S. H. Cooper, 4; W. Dicken, 5; W. Bentley, 6; T. B. Dicken, 7; H. Munns, 8. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield, and conducted by S. H. Cooper.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday morning, January 8th, for Divine Service at St. Edward's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. Watson, 1; W. Pye, 2; G. Pye, 3; E. Pye, 4; G. Roughton, 5; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6; W. Nash, 7; S. James, 8. And for evening service 720 Bob Major. S. James, 1; E. Pye, 2; W. Watson, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; G. Roughton, 5; G. Pye, 6; W. Nash, 7; W. Pye, 8. On Sunday, January 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, being the last 1260 of Holt's Original, in 40 mins. W. Pye, 1; W. Watson, 2; E. Pye, 3; G. Pye, 4; G. Roughton, 5. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6; W. Nash, 7; S. James, 8. Tenor 17 cwt.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, December 29th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, a 720 Christmas Eve (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Jordan (first 720 in method), 1; W. Cavill, (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. This company's summary for the year 1892 consists of 198 complete 720s, viz.: twenty-one of Cambridge Surprise; fifteen of York Surprise; eleven of Worcester Surprise; ten of Oxford Treble Bob; nine each of London Surprise and Superlative Surprise; eight each of Durham Surprise and Plain Bob Minor; six each of Chichester Surprise, New London Pleasure and College Exercise; five each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet Treble Bob, Duke of York, Woodbine Treble Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure; four each of Oxford Delight, Morning Exercise, Bocking Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob; three each of Killamarsh Treble Bob, College Pleasure, Yorkshire Court, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Grandsire Minor; two each of Wells Surprise, Bristol Surprise, London Treble Bob, City Delight, Victoria Treble Bob, Stansted Court Bob, Double Bob Minor, Court Single, and College Single; one each of Morning Star, Burton Treble Bob, Imperial Treble Bob, Westminster Treble Bob, Stansted Double Bob, College Double Bob, Burton Pleasure, Stansted New Bob, and Christmas Eve. Of the foregoing, ninety-five were conducted by W. Watts; fifty-nine by I. Cavill; thirty-seven by J. Luckey; five by W. Cavill; one by T. J. Watts; and one by H. E. Hammond, of Braintree, Essex. It will be seen that the above 198 720s have been rang in forty-five different methods.

WRITTLE.—Recently, at the church of All Saints, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, composed by the editor of "THE BELL NEWS." H. Dawson, 1; W. Newman, 2; G. Sorrell, 3; R. Miller, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; F. Radley, 6; G. Green (conductor), 7; W. Emery, 8. Rung on the occasion of W. Newman's birthday. Messrs. Green, Newman and Dawson, hail from Great Baddow. And for morning service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Lincoln, 1; W. Emery, 2; R. Miller, 3; G. Sorrell, 4; W. Lincoln (conductor), 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; F. Radley, 7; *T. Lincoln, 8. *Longest touch.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, December 1st, for practice at St. Peter's church, 337 Grandsire Triples. T. Groombridge, 1; G. Kimber, 2; S. Perkins, 3; P. Brooker, 4; G. Smithers, 5; G. H. Stonestreet, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7. E. Mankelow, 8. And 447 Grandsire Triples. H. Porter, 1; W. Latter, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; S. Perkins, 4; G. Smithers, 5; G. H. Stonestreet, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; P. Brooker, 8. On Sunday morning, December 4th, for Divine Service, 504 Oxford Bob Triples. G. Smithers, 1; J. Muggridge, 2; A. Welsh, 3; T. Groombridge, 4; W. Latter (conductor), 5; W. Porter, 6; S. Perkins, 7; E. Mankelow, 8. For afternoon service 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Porter, 1; S. Hodges, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; S. Perkins, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; T. Groombridge, 7; G. Kimber, 8. For evening service 643 Grandsire Triples. S. Perkins, 1; P. Brooker, 2; A. Welsh, 3; J. Muggridge, 4; G. Smithers, 5; W. Latter, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; E. Mankelow, 8. On Sunday evening, December 11th, for Divine Service, 714 Grandsire Triples. S. Perkins, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; P. Brooker, 4; W. Porter, 5; T. Groombridge, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; G. Smithers, 8. On Thursday, December 15th, for practice, 224 Oxford Bob Triples. P. Brooker, 1; J. Muggridge, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; W. Stead, 5; T. Groombridge, 6; G. H. Stonestreet, 7; W. Latter, 8. And 643 Grandsire Triples. H. Porter, 1; W. Latter, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; W. Stead, 4; G. Smithers, 5; G. H. Stonestreet, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; S. Perkins, 8. On Sunday morning, December 18th, for Divine Service, 336 Oxford Bob Triples. S. Perkins, 1; W. Porter, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; P. Brooker, 4; A. Welsh, 5; T. Groombridge, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; G. Smithers, 8. On Thursday, December 22nd, for practice, 336 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Porter, 1; A. Welsh, 2; W. Porter, 3; P. Brooker, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; T. Groombridge, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; C. Goble, 8. On Sunday, December 25th, for early service, 630 Oxford Bob Triples. T. Groombridge, 1; A. Welsh, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; E. Mankelow, 5; W. Porter, 6; P. Brooker, 7; G. Smithers, 8. For morning service 280 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Welsh, 1; J. Muggridge, 2; A. Welsh, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; P. Brooker, 5; W. Porter, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; G. Smithers, 8. On Thursday, December 29th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Porter, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; A. Welsh, 3; F. A. Barnett, 4; G. Smithers, 5; T. Groombridge, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; C. Goble, 8. And 447 Grandsire Triples. H. Porter, 1; F. A. Barnett, 2; A. Welsh, 3; W. Latter, 4; G. Smithers, 5; E. Mankelow, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; C. Goble, 8. On Saturday, December 31st, 882 Grandsire Triples. H. Porter, 1; S. Perkins, 2; P. Brooker, 3; T. Groombridge, 4; G. Smithers, 5; G. Kimber, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Latter, 8. F. A. Barnett hails from Farnham, Surrey; C. Goble from Bedford.

DEAL (Kent).—On Christmas morning, at 6 a.m., at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. H. Denne, 1; H. Castle, 2; W. Ongley, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6. For morning service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. C. H. Sone, 1; H. Denne, 2; W. Ongley, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

DOVER (Kent).—On Saturday, January 14th, at St. James's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). And 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), each in 27 mins. C. H. Sone, 1; E. Potter, 2; C. Laker, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Castle, 5; A. Moorcraft, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles, with W. Wright, 6; the others as before. Conducted by E. Potter. Potter, Laker and Wright belong to Dover; the rest hail from Deal.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, December 4th, at St. John's church, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; R. Moncaster, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 8th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Patton, 1; W. Bell, 2; J. Baxter, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; R. Moncaster (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 11th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Bolton, 1; J. Baxter, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob.

R. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; H. S. Taylor, 4; J. Baxter (conductor), 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6. On Sunday, December 18th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). J. Bolton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Bell, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 22nd, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; W. Bell (conductor), 6. On Christmas Day, for evening service, 720 Oxford Plain Bob. J. Bolton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Bell, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Saturday, December 31st, at 5.30 p.m., 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). R. Moncaster, 1; H. S. Taylor, 2; J. W. Shipp (South Church, Bishop Auckland, conductor), 3; W. D. Lister, 4; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 5; J. Baxter, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Baxter, 1; H. S. Taylor, 2; W. Bell, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; D. Shipp, 5; J. W. Shipp (conductor), 6. The summary of 720s rung by this company during the past year is as follows: 107 720s in twelve methods at home; three 720s in three methods away from home without assistance; and three 720s in three methods away, with assistance, or a total of 113 720s for the twelve months. In presenting his annual report the Secretary (Mr. H. S. Taylor) said: I am as heretofore in the proud position to report progress, and we are still marching onward. As compared with last year we have an increase of thirty 720s and two new methods, viz.: Violet Treble Bob and Double Court, at home. There is a falling off of seven 720s rang away, which detract, though very slightly, when placed side by side with the great advance made at home. For many years now our tower has been gradually improving, and those of our members who were present at the last annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association can tell you that on the President reading the annual report, when it was found that our belfry headed the list of all the six-bell towers, our exertions of the past did not go unrewarded. Such must have been a proud moment for our veteran Captain (Mr. R. Moncaster), who by years of patient labour has at last brought his band to the foremost place of six-bell northern ringing. But apart from all ringing achievements, however brilliant, the closing year is one that will ever stand forth in the annals of our belfry as the one during which the ringers commenced the movement for augmenting our present of six by two more bells, and though the final completion of the scheme must be left for another season, still such progress has been made, and such hearty support has been accorded us by the Vicar and Wardens, especially Mr. J. T. Teasdale, to whom our best thanks are due. That which a few years ago seemed an almost hopeless desideratum is now a fastly approaching reality.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, January 8th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Lawrence's church, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late W. I. Palmer, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Cook, 1; C. Giles, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; E. C. Foxell, 4; A. W. Pike (conductor), 5; L. Rolfe, 6; W. Newell, 7; A. Shipway, 8. For evening service, 1025 Grandsire Caters. C. Giles, 1; F. Hopgood, 2; E. C. Foxell, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; C. Stone, 6; A. W. Pike, 7; W. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; L. Rolfe, 10. On Monday, January 9th, on the occasion of the memorial service during the funeral of the late Mr. W. I. Palmer, 575 Grandsire Caters. L. Rolfe, 1; W. Holloway, 2; E. C. Foxell, 3; C. Giles, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; J. Potter, 6; A. W. Pike, 7; W. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; A. Shipway, 10. After the service 68 rounds, the whole pull and stand, and again rounds were rung, finishing up with two courses of Grandsire Caters. W. Williams, 1; C. Giles, 2; E. C. Foxell, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; W. Gosell-tine, 7; W. Holloway, 8; W. Newell, 9; L. Rolfe, 10.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, December 25th, for Divine Service at 6.30 a.m., a 720 of Grandsire Minor; and another 720 in the same method for evening service. W. Brown, 1; H. Neighbour, 2; W. Taylor, 3; F. Bissley, 4; F. Dentry, 5; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 19th, on handbells, 120 of Stedman Doubles. J. W. Wilkins, 1-2; W. Brown, 3; W. Taylor, 4; A. W. Garraway, 5-6. And on the tower bells two 120s in the same method, J. Bissley taking the treble and H. Neighbour the tenor. Also a 720 of Bob Minor by the above, conducted by J. W. Wilkins. And two courses of Stedman Triples and 224 of Grandsire Major. H. Gilding, 1; H. Neighbour, 2; W. Brown, 3; W. Taylor, 4; F. Bissley, 5; A. W. Garraway, 6; A. Hoskins, 7; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 8.

OXFORD.—On Tuesday, January 10th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major. G. Warner, 1; K. Payne, 2; C. Fowler, 3; A. Dumber, 4; T. Payne, 5; C. Hounslow, 6; W. Baston, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Sunday, January 8th, for morning service, 238 Grandsire Triples. E. Butter, 1; H. Mills (conductor), 2; E. Richardson, 3; J. Savage, 4; D. Napper, 5; T. East, 6; J. Sawyer, 7; J.

Hitchman, 8. And for evening service, a 546 Grandsire Triples. E. Butler, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Richardson, 3; T. East (conductor), 4; A. Woodley, 5; D. Napper, 6; J. Sawyer, 7; J. Hitchman, 8. On Monday, January 9th, for practice, a 910 Grandsire Triples. E. Butler, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Richardson, 3; J. Savage, 4; D. Napper, 5; T. East, 6; J. Sawyer (conductor), 7; J. Hitchman, 8. On Sunday, January 15th, for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Windus, 1; H. Mills, 2; T. East, 3; A. Bosley, 4; A. Woodley, 5; A. Thomas (conductor), 6; J. Sawyer, 7; J. Hitchman, 8. On Monday evening, January 16th, a 168 Stedman Triples. E. Butler, 1; H. Mills, 2; T. East, 3; J. Savage, 4; D. Napper, 5; J. Sawyer (conductor), 6; E. Napper, 7; J. Hitchman, 8. This is the first touch of Stedman Triples ever rang on these bells by all local men.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday, January 1st, for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Caters. G. M. Farr, 1; J. Swannack (first touch of Caters as conductor), 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Haigh, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; W. Foster, 6; J. F. Haigh, 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; H. Woolterton, 10. On Tuesday, January 10th, for practice, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. S. Penny, 1; H. Haigh, 2; T. Spurr, 3; G. E. Sharpe, 4; J. Swannack, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 7; J. F. Haigh, 8. On Sunday, January 15th, the fifth part of Holt's ten-part peal, 560 changes. G. M. Farr, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Haigh, 4; J. Swannack, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 7; W. Woolterton, 8. *First touch on the treble by S. Penny, his brother strings wishing him greater success.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, January 15th, at St. John's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. Bamber (conductor), 1; T. H. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; R. Cookson, 6. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, standing as before.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

GAWSWORTH (Cheshire).—On Sunday, January 15th, at St. James' church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. W. Matthews, 1; J. Minshall, 2; J. Kenny, 3; J. Hammond, 4; C. Postles, 5; W. Henshall (conductor), 6. The first three belong to Macclesfield, and the remainder to the local company.

MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, December 13th, at St. Michael's church, 1134 of Grandsire Caters, and on New Year's morning directly after the midnight service 1188 of the same. F. Stonely, W. Matthews (treble), W. Gayes, T. and J. Minshall, J. and W. Kenny, W. W. Steel, J. Norbury, W. Walmsley (conductor). A. Weston, late of Macclesfield, now of Exeter, rang in the latter, it being his first touch of Caters, and the above touches were longest by all except W. Walmsley and W. Kenny.

CREWE (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, January 17th, for practice at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. Evetts (longest length of Triples), 1; A. Jarvis, 2; A. Wilson, 3; J. Wright, 4; R. Langford, 5; G. Harding, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Dudley, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Christmas morning, at the parish church, 1008 Bob Triples. J. Hammond, 1; W. Ruffles, 2; J. Brady, 3; W. Rumsey (longest length of Bob Triples), 4; G. Rowe, jun., 5; J. Smith, 6; W. Grimes (conductor), 7; W. Miller, 8. Also for Divine Service in the morning, 504 Bob Triples. J. Hammond, 1; W. Grimes, 2; J. Brady, 3; W. Rumsey, 4; G. Rowe, jun., 5; J. Smith, 6; W. Ruffles (conductor), 7; W. Miller, 8. On Wednesday, December 28th, 672 Bob Major. J. Hammond, 1; W. Ruffles, 2; J. Brady, 3; W. Rumsey (longest length of Bob Major), 4; G. Rowe, jun., 5; G. Rowe, sen., 6; J. Smith, 7; W. Grimes (conductor), 8. On Wednesday evening for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Hammond, 1; G. Sparrow, 2; J. Brady, 3; W. Rumsey, 4; W. Ruffles, 5; W. Grimes (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by G. Sparrow.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALEWOOD (Lancashire).—On Monday, December 12th, for practice, 1648 Grandsire Triples. J. Grace, 1; G. Callan, 2; T. Ambrose, 3; J. W. Brade, 4; J. Crosby, 5; A. Grace, 6; R. Williams, 7; R. Briers, 8. And 1120 in the same method, with J. Lowe, 2. On Saturday, December 17th, an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples failed after ringing 3528 changes, in 1 hr. 59 mins. J. Grace, 1; R. Williams, 2; C. Williams, 3; G. Callan, 4; T. Ambrose, 5; A. Grace, 6; T. Kay (conductor), 7; R. Briers, 8. On Saturday, December 24th, another attempt was made, but "stand" was called owing to the striking not being satisfactory to the instructor, after ringing

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2040 changes. J. Grace, 1; R. Williams, 2; C. Williams, 3; G. Callan, 4; T. Ambrose, 5; A. Grace, 6; T. Kay (conductor), 7; R. Briers, 8. Messrs. Williams hail from Liverpool.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Saturday, December 24th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). F. Calvert, 1; C. J. Rigby, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. On Saturday, December 31st, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Calvert, 1; G. Lord, 2; J. Horrocks, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. On Sunday, January 1st, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). F. Calvert, 1; J. Horrocks, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Monday, December 26th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Smith, jun., 1; W. E. Wilson, 2; A. Thompson, 3; J. Smith, sen., 4; J. Walker, 5; J. Watson (conductor), 6; M. Adams, 7. On Tuesday, January 10th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Kearney, 1; J. Smith, jun., 2; J. Watson (conductor), 3; M. Kearney, 4; B. Catlow, 5; J. Hargreaves, 6; J. Haworth, 7; E. Hacking, 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Wednesday, January 11th, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs) in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Composed by J. Burrows and conducted by T. R. Jackson. Also on Sunday, January 15th, for morning service, a 360 Bob Minor. T. R. Jackson, 1; J. Spencer, 2; T. Townson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; T. Stuart, 6. And for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles) in 26 mins. T. Stuart, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. After evening service, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. This last was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late John Ashburner, Esq., of Ruskin villa, Dalton.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—Recently at St. Mary's church, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Preston, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; W. Whieldon, 3; I. E. Whieldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; R. W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And a 720 College Single. C. Preston, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; I. E. Whieldon, 3; W. Whieldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; R. W. Twigg (conductor), 6. G. A. Smith hails from Tunstall, and the rest from Bucknall.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 10th, at Christ Church, a 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Har- rat, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; W. Rigby, 3; I. E. Whieldon, 4; E. Horne,

5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-six bobs and twenty-four singles). J. Foden, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; W. Rigby, 3; E. Horne, 4; I. E. Whieldon, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. I. E. Whieldon hails from Bucknall. On Tuesday, December 20th, a 720 Oxford Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Foden, 1; G. A. Smith (conductor), 2; W. Rigby, 3; W. Har- rat, 4; E. Horne, 5; J. Johnson, 6. On Sunday, December 18th, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and sixteen bobs), with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss Child, of Stallington Hall, standing as before, conducted by J. Johnson. On Saturday, December 24th, a 720 Oxford Bob, and on Sunday, January 1st, a 720 Oxford Bob, all rung in the same order as above, conducted by J. Johnson, each called differently.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—On Christmas Eve, at midnight, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 22½ mins. John Fisher, 1; W. Fisher, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; H. Druce, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Fisher (conductor), 6. Also on Christmas morning, at 7.30, 720 College Single, in 24 mins. John Fisher, 1; J. Fisher, 2; W. Fisher, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; W. Watts, 5; H. Druce (conductor), 6. Also for Divine Service in the morning, 360 Grandsire Minor, conducted by W. Fisher. For Divine Service in the evening 720 Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins. John Fisher, 1; H. Druce, 2; W. Watts, 3; W. Fisher, 4; J. Fisher, 5; N. Spindlow (conductor), 6. On New Year's Eve, with the bells half-muffled, 360 College Single. John Fisher, 1; J. Fisher, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; W. Fisher, 4; W. Watts, 5; H. Druce (conductor), 6. Afterwards the new year was rang in with a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. John Fisher, 1; J. Fisher, 2; W. Fisher, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; W. Watts, 5; H. Druce (conductor), 6. In the evening, for Divine Service, 360 College Single, conducted by N. Spindlow.

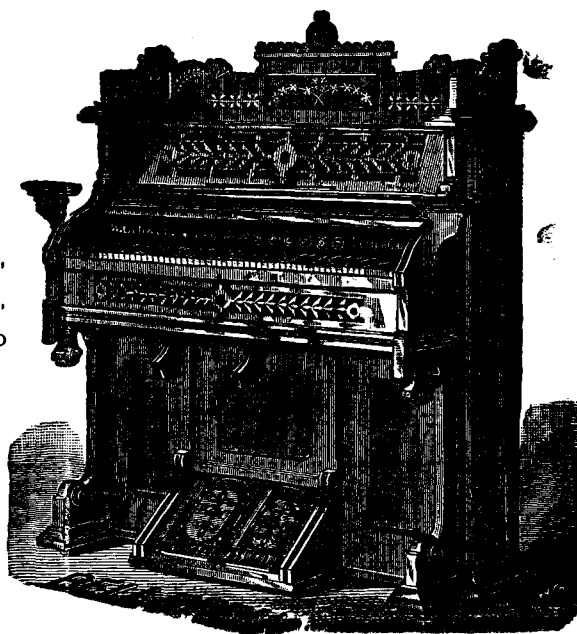
DUMBLETON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, January 15th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. O. Brown, 1; E. Devereux (conductor), 2; H. Payne, 3; A. T. Wallace, 4; A. Devereux, 5; A. Attwood, 6. An attempt was also made for a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, but after ringing about 600 changes it came to grief owing to a change-course. *C. Slatter, 1; A. Attwood, 2; H. Payne, 3; A. Wallace, 4; A. Devereux, 5; E. Devereux (conductor), 6. *First touch of Minor. Also 120 Stedman Doubles, and 120 of Grandsire Doubles. This is the first 720 of Minor rang on these bells since they were rehung.

ELHAM (Kent).—On Wednesday, January 11th, 364 Bob Triples. W. Bush, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; E. Bush, 4; C. Richards, 5; J. Andrews, 6; F. Bush, 7; J. Prebble, 8. And a 728 with E. Smith, 1; F. Bush (conductor). Also a 252. E. Smith, 1; E. Bush (conductor), 2; A. Beer, 3; A. Castle, 4; C. Richards, 5; F. Bush, 6; J. Andrews, 7; J. Prebble, 8.

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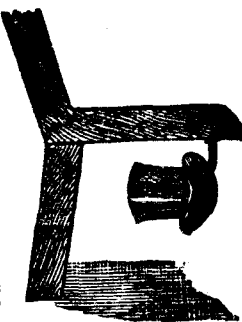
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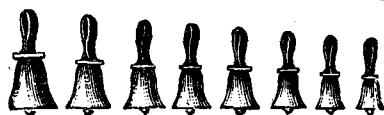


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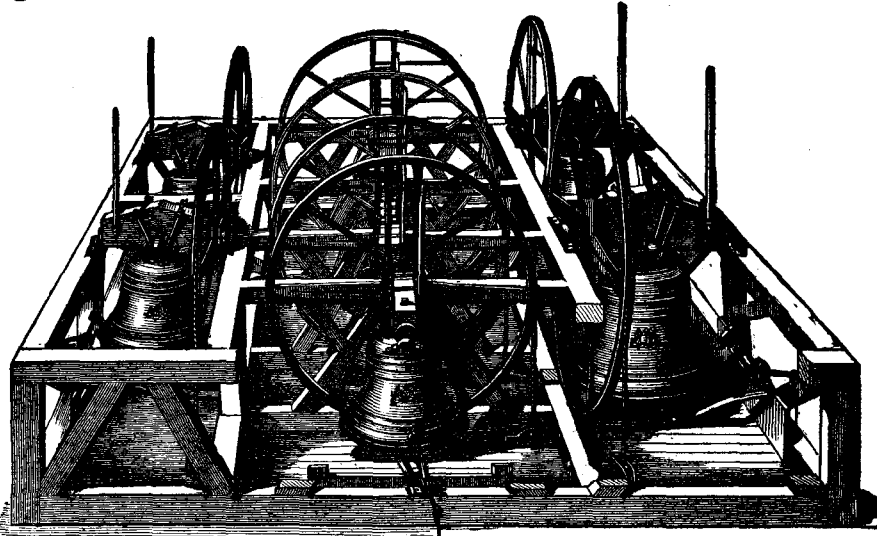
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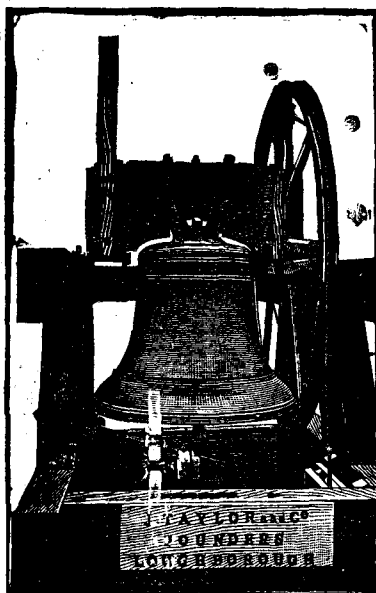
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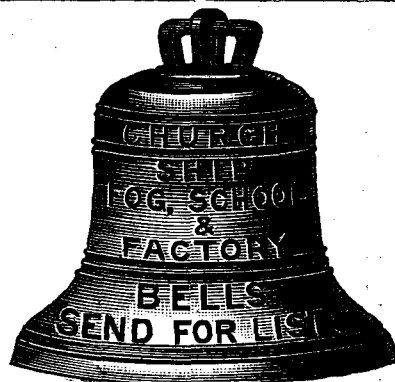
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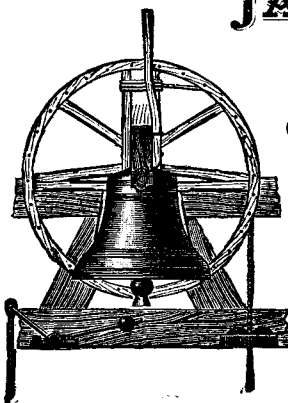
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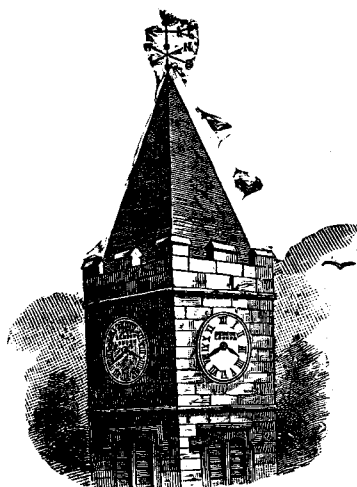
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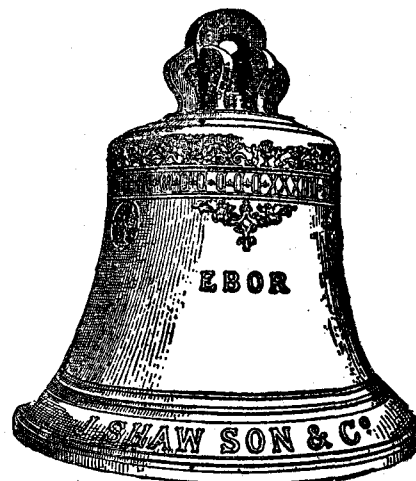
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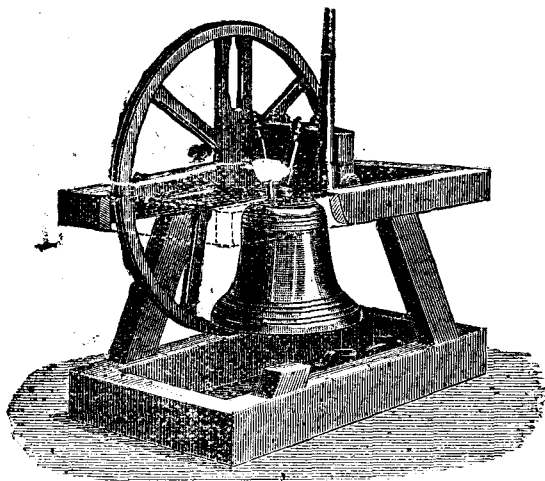


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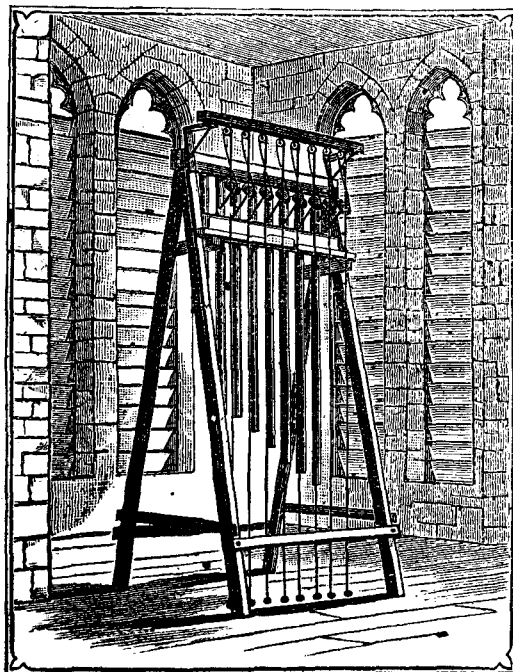
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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The Guild's second social gathering and smoking concert for the present winter season was held on Saturday, January 28th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. This meeting, being as usual open to any ringers and their friends, whether members of the Guild or not, was well attended by a goodly muster of ringers resident in Birmingham and the surrounding towns and villages.

Shortly after the time fixed—7.30.—the chair was taken by the Guild's presiding ringing master, Mr. John Day, and till the close of the meeting at 10.45 a good selection of songs and music was continually before the meeting.

A very gratifying feature of the evening was the presence of the old Aston village band of handbell tune ringers, affiliated to the Guild, in which were noticed such well-known change-ringers as Messrs. Kent, Russam, Witchell and Jackson, the latter manipulating a heavy load of tenors in a way which reminds one of his well-earned reputation in covering a peal in the tower. Time only permitted them to exhibit their mettle in two selections, "The Men of Harlech" being exceptionally well rendered.

Courses of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were performed by Messrs. Bryant, Bastable, Kent, Miller, Russam, and Witchell.

Capital songs were rendered by Messrs. Proctor, J. C. Osborn, Gordon, Scott, and Shenton, the latter of whom provided the comic element; and an agreeable variety in the programme was caused by the interpolation of readings by Messrs. F. Smith and Andrews, Mr. Smith being warmly applauded for his interpretation of an incident in the siege of Lueknow.

Rather late in the evening the meeting was attended by several members of the Worcester and Districts Association on their road home from the Bromsgrove meeting, and the Master (Mr. S. Spittle), was speedily pressed into the service, giving one of his old favourites in the hearty style for which he is so well and widely known.

Before the meeting closed the chairman expressed the gratification it gave him and the members of the Guild to see so many friends and visitors, and hoped that might always be the case at these gatherings. In conclusion he proposed a vote of thanks, duly honored, to the pianiste, Mrs. Painter, for so ably presiding at the piano, this being the second occasion on which she had done so, and also mentioned the great assistance rendered by their fellow-member, Mr. Painter, in making this gathering a success.

Such meetings as these seem to do good service in promoting good fellowship between the members of the various ringing organizations throughout this densely-populated neighbourhood.

THE TEWKESBURY ABBEY SOCIETY.

At the invitation of Mr. Collins, who is so well supporting the hospitable functions of the Mayoralty, as well as worthily performing the usual routine work of the office, the ringers of abbey church partook of a capably provided dinner at the Bell hotel, on Monday, January 23rd. On the removal of the cloth various wines were at the free disposal of the guests, and it is needless to say a very pleasant evening was spent. The Mayor was supported by the Revs. C. D. Mason Cox and W. W. Auster (curates of the abbey church), Messrs. F. J. Brown and B. T. Moore (churchwardens), A. Baker, R. W. Fouracre, W. North, jun., N. G. Moore, and C. Dyson.

The Mayor having proposed "The Queen and the rest of the Royal Family,"

Mr. F. J. Brown proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese, and the Clergy of all denominations." He said they had lately to regret the departure of their late vicar, and to welcome the coming of the Rev. H. A. Sheringham, and his two curates who were present there that evening. In the short time Mr. Sheringham had been amongst them he had endeared himself to all, and was working in harmony with all religious denominations. With regard to his two curates, the more they saw of them the better they liked them.

The Rev. C. D. Mason Cox, in responding, said he wished the vicar of this most remarkable church in the diocese had been present to meet the ringers and the Mayor, for he was never so happy as when amongst his parishioners, but he had been

obliged, in his capacity of chaplain to the sheriff, to be at Gloucester that evening. The clergy of the abbey stood to their principles, but wished to work with the greatest friendly feeling with every one. He did not know much personally about bell-ringing, but it seemed to him a very good thing; and thought that bell ringers must be an affectionate, agreeable body of men, for if they quarrelled their want of harmony was known all over the town. Bells, too, had a religious meaning, the music of the bells appealed to the various emotions of man: in the joyous wedding peal, and in the sad tolling, denoting the passing of a soul. He could, therefore, call the ringers his fellow-ministers. He and his colleagues had been most kindly received in the parish, and he hoped and looked forward to a happy work amongst them.

Mr. Fouracre proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," responded to by Mr. N. G. Moore and the Rev. W. W. Auster, the latter gentleman saying it was a joke to connect him thus early with the volunteers, for he had not been gazetted chaplain yet, when he was it would give him great pleasure to respond to the toast.

Mr. Josiah Wathen, assisted by Messrs. Witherington, Cleal, and Hale, here gave a specimen of their skill on handbells, by ringing a course of Grandsire Triples with perfect accuracy.

Mr. A. Baker then proposed their host "The Mayor," which was very warmly received. Mr. Collins, he said, was not only their host, but was the chief magistrate in the borough, and he not only wisely filled the civic chair, but he was also well fulfilling a Mayor's other duty, viz., that of hospitality. At no great distant date he hoped they should see his workmen preparing for two new treble bells in the belfry. The scheme had been sanctioned, and before long he expected to see it formally brought forward.

Mr. Collins, in response, said it had afforded him much gratification to meet the bell-ringers that evening. The antiquity of bells was very great, dating back to Jewish days, and the Persian nobility were accustomed to use them to adorn their garments. Very early in the Christian economy bells were employed for the service of the church, and they performed a very useful work in drawing people to a place of worship, and as had been previously mentioned, in tolling for funerals and pealing for weddings. He had been engaged with Sir Edmund Beckett (now Lord Grimthorpe), and Canon Cattley, in hanging the bells in Worcester Cathedral and other churches; and his Worship here told an amusing story of how the new bells came to be put up at Coddington church, at which he had also assisted. In the course of his life he had seen not only great improvements in bell ringing, but also in the conduct of the ringers, who were now *sans reproche*.

Mr. A. Baker proposed "The health of the Churchwardens," coupling with it the name of Mr. F. J. Brown, the people's warden.

Mr. Brown responded, saying it gave him great pleasure to be there that evening. He thought if he had been a bell-ringer he should be now better in health and lighter in person. He found the bell-ringers a most considerate body of men, and living near the Abbey tower he knew that when there was illness in the vicinity they either shortened their practice or altered their time. He had been their churchwarden now for ten years, and he thought it was about time they got some younger man to take his place.

The Mayor then proposed the health of "The Ringers," coupling with it the name of Mr. Josiah Wathen.

Mr. Wathen thanked Mr. Collins for the sumptuous spread they had had, and said he had great pleasure in meeting the officers of the church. Some four or five years ago they could boast of doing the best Triple bell ringing in the county, but latterly Cheltenham and Gloucester, having acquired greater facilities, could now beat them. He hoped the day would not be far distant when they should have ten bells, and they could then hope to hold their own.

During the evening, in addition to two performances on the handbells, the following songs were sung:—"A boy's best friend is his mother," Mr. R. W. Fouracre; "The Anchor's Weighed," Mr. Haines, jun.; "Anchored," Mr. Bannister; "We'll all go a hunting to-day," Mr. E. Wallace; "D'ye ken John Peel," Rev. W. W. Auster; "Say a kind word," Mr. G. Haines. Mr. North, jun., also gave a recitation.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, GRIMSBY.

On Friday, January 6th, by the kind invitation of Miss Sarah Williams, of Princess Avenue, the members of this company sat down to a substantial supper, which was much enjoyed. On the following Tuesday they were also entertained to a similar repast at Clarence Terrace, by the sister of the lady above-mentioned. During the proceedings the handbells were rung, and highly appreciated by those present. The time passed very pleasantly, the conversation being generally upon ringing matters, the meeting breaking up after expressing thanks for such generous hospitality.

The sixth annual dinner of the St. James's company took place on Thursday, January 19th, at the White Hart hotel. Thirty-three ringers and friends sat down to a repast which as usual on these occasions, was beyond reproach. The cloth being removed, the chair was taken (for the fifth time) by J. Hewson, Esq., Mr. Councillor Goodwin occupying the vice-chair. There were also present Mr. Councillor Fletcher, Mr. H. Brown (deputy-churchwarden), and many other gentlemen interested in ringing and other branches of Church work. The usual loyal toasts were given, also the healths of the ringers, the churchwardens, the town and trade of Grimsby, the Vicar, etc. Besides speeches, the evening's entertainment included handbell ringing, under the direction of Mr. D. Seamer; recitations by Mr. Munnings, and a reading by Mr. Torry. Songs were given by the chairman and the Rev. A. N. Claye, and Messrs. Anderson, Barraclough, Heyhoe, Tickler, and others; Mr. Readman ably presiding at the pianoforte. The National Anthem and "Auld lang syne" brought the meeting to a close at midnight, all departing in the hope of an equally successful reunion next year.

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

The annual dinner of this society took place on Thursday, January 26th, at the Still and Star inn, Aldgate, when members and friends to the number of twenty sat down to a capital repast. "Go" was called at 8 o'clock sharp, the welcome words, "that's all," being heard at 8.45: one of the best and quickest peals on record, brought round in a masterly style without a hitch. The cloth being removed, the Master of the society, Mr. John Bradley, took the chair, Mr. D. J. Sutton officiating as vice-chairman. The first toast of the evening was that of "The Queen and Royal Family," the company rising to accord it due honour. "The Bow Society" was next given, and responded to in a few well-chosen words by Mr. D. J. Sutton. The Chairman, in proposing "The Press," said that the toast especially pointed to their own paper, "THE BELL NEWS," and he was glad to see so many around him who were its supporters. He called upon Mr. Samuel Hayes to respond. Mr. Hayes said he should be very pleased, when he wrote again to the editor, to convey to him the sentiments of the company, and the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. Various songs were well renuered by members of the company, each one being accompanied in a very able manner on the pianoforte by Mr. E. G. Richards, L.C.M., who also greatly contributed to the enjoyment of the evening. One of the most agreeable evenings this society has ever had was brought to a close exactly at 12 o'clock by "Auld lang syne" and the National Anthem.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, WHICKHAM, DURHAM.

The ringers belonging to the above society held their annual dinner on Friday, January 20th, at The Crown hotel, Whickham, when there was a large gathering. Mr. A. D. Carr occupied the chair, and Mr. G. E. Stark the vice-chair. The dinner was served by the host, Mr. B. Gray. After the loyal toasts had been honoured, the vice-chairman gave "The Durham and Newcastle Association of Change-Ringers," which was responded to by Mr. C. L. Routledge. The vice-chairman then proposed "The Clergy and Churchwardens," which was responded to by the chairman on behalf of the rector (Rev. H. B. Carr). Mr. R. Mordue proposed "The Visitors," making special reference to the indebtedness of the Whickham Guild to Messrs. Routledge, Holmes, and Lindsey (ringers from St. John's, Newcastle). Mr. Holmes responded.

The annual report, which was read by the Hon. Secretary

(Mr. J. W. Nicholson), was a gratifying one, the number of peals during the past year being forty-three in four different methods.

Mr. C. L. Routledge moved the adoption of the report, which was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Hon. Secretary for his services during the year. The toast of "The Chairman" having been honoured, he in replying said it was a great pleasure to him to be of any service to the band, at the same time making a handsome offer towards two new bells to make a peal of eight.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. W. H. Willis for his services at the piano. During the evening songs were given by Messrs. G. Stark, C. L. Routledge, H. Willis, W. Custance, W. Holmes, C. Robson, P. Harbottle, and J. Mordue. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought a pleasant evening to a close.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A very pleasant quarterly meeting of this Society was held at West Bromwich, on Saturday, January 21st. As the ringers had access to a peal of twelve (the only one in the Archdeaconry) those who are usually confined to Minor, Triples, or Major ringing had an opportunity of which they were glad to avail themselves of extending the limits within which they are usually confined.

The members of the Society present attended evensong, which was choral, at 5 p.m., when the senior curate, the Rev. W. Solly, an honorary member of the Society, gave a short and suitable address. The Vicar of the parish, the Rev. M. Crofton, was unfortunately absent, being obliged by medical advice to take a rest from the cares and labours of his arduous work.

At the committee meeting letters were read from the Rev. J. R. Keble and the Rev. C. H. Joberns, acknowledging the receipt of the photographs sent them, and expressing pleasure at the thought that so many familiar faces were included in the group, which would serve to remind them of many pleasant meetings. Both gentlemen are a great loss to the Society. Mr. Keble was practically its originator, and bore as secretary a considerable burden of the work of management for nine years. Mr. Joberns not only undertook the post of Treasurer, but also took charge of the peal-book, thus solving for the Society the problem to which attention is just now drawn by the Honorary Secretary of the Kent County Association. No less than fifty-seven peals were most exquisitely entered by Mr. Joberns with all that artistic skill and patient labour which is seldom seem now-a-days except in the old mss. of mediæval times.

After the committee meeting the members adjourned to tea, which having been satisfactorily disposed of, and thanks having been voted to the Rev. W. Solly, who suitably replied, a few more touches on the bells brought a very satisfactory meeting to a close.

The next meeting was fixed for Saturday, April 15th, at Coseley. It was proposed to hold it at Stafford, but a majority of two votes decided in favour of Coseley.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

On Saturday, January 28th, the local company spent a pleasant evening with their ringing friends at Witham. Arriving at the church about 5 o'clock, the bells were soon set going to Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court Bob. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Richards, 1; W. Dyer, 2; D. Elliott, jun., 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; E. Garnett, 5; H. Elliott (first 720 as conductor), 6. A 720 Double Court Bob. J. Butler (first 720 of Court Bob), 1; W. Dyer, 2; J. Sadler, 3; H. Elliott, sen., 4; H. Elliott, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (first 720 as conductor), 6. The ringers then adjourned to The Woolpack inn, where a pleasant half-hour was spent with the handbells, the local ringers being adepts at tune-playing. The visit was brought to a close all too soon, and the party were soon on their way home well satisfied with their outing. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells, and the ringers for having everything in readiness.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A Committee and Quarterly meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, January 28th, by the kind permission of the Rev. E. V. Hall, vicar, in St. John's schoolroom, Bromsgrove. The tower, containing ten bells, was open during the afternoon for ringing, and touches in several methods were rung by mixed bands, including a well-struck touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal. The Vicar, who presided at the meeting, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to preside over them that evening. He wished to extend to those present a most hearty welcome to Bromsgrove, and to assure them that the Association had his warmest sympathy. He should be willing at all times to render all the help and assistance he could to further the objects they had in view. He thought to reform our belfries and raise the status of ringers were aims which deserved the encouragement of the clergy and leading laity, and so long as the ringers themselves performed their duties conscientiously to their Church, he had no doubt they would receive much encouragement.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. On the business arising out of the minutes being discussed, the Hon. Secretary remarked that he had carried out the instruction given at the meeting held at King's Norton, "that he write to the vicar of Evesham reminding him of his promise to the Bengeworth ringers, and to ascertain whether any steps had been taken to bring about the suggested arrangement for the above and the Evesham companies to practice change-ringing on the bells in the bell-tower," but he had received no reply. A proposition was carried that he respectfully write to the Rev. R. Straffen, vicar of Evesham, again, as no doubt the matter had been overlooked.

On the proposition for new members the Rev. E. V. Hall (Bromsgrove), and Minor Canon Clifford (Worcester), were elected Honorary members, and about twenty performing members were also enrolled. A Committee Meeting to receive balance-sheet and annual report was fixed for Saturday, March 11th, at Stourbridge. Mr. W. R. Small (Tipton), and Mr. B. Gough (Coseley), were re-elected auditors.

Among the miscellaneous business, J. S. Pritchett, Esq. proposed that in view of the possibility of the Cathedral bells being placed at the disposal of the Association to practice for a peal, a Committee be appointed to confer with the Dean and Chapter upon the subject. The following were appointed the Committee: Messrs. S. Spittle (Dudley), J. Smith (Netherton), G. Hayward (Bromsgrove), R. E. Grove (Kidderminster), and W. Page (Worcester). A proposition was carried that J. S. Pritchett, Esq., be added to the Committee.

A vote of thanks to the rev. chairman for presiding, and for the use of the schoolroom, tower, and bells, brought the meeting to a close.

WISTANSTOW, SALOP.

A newly-formed band of eight young ringers have recently joined the Hereford Diocesan Guild. They now constitute the parochial company in place of an old disorganised band. The bells—a peal of six with the tenor cracked—were without stays until last year. They were cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, tenor about 9 cwt. A set of twelve handbells have been presented to the tower by the rector, the Rev. J. G. Swainson, who also bore the cost of having stays and sliders put to each bell. The Instructor of the Guild visited them the other week, and has given tuition in raising and falling in peal, and elementary Grandsire. Mr. T. Lewis is the appointed foreman, who will be pleased to hear from intended visitors.

A WANT.—Mr. R. Chichester, of 16, Canynge Road, Clifton, Bristol, writes:—"Could you kindly let me know whether it is possible to obtain the first two volumes of 'THE BELL NEWS,' from the commencement, as I have from the beginning of the year 1884, and I should like to get the lot if I could, as I think it a pity to have so many and not the lot, so if you hear of anyone who has the first two to dispose of I would gladly take them off their hands."

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THE BATTLE ABBEY SOCIETY, SUSSEX.

The other evening the Battle church ringers held their annual supper at The Chequers, when a very large company was present. Mr. C. W. Langley presided, Mr. E. T. B. Austin occupying the vice-chair. The company also included Messrs. W. Franks (conductor), F. Mathis, J. Mathis, H. Franks, W. Thomas, H. Elliott, R. Curtis, H. J. Hyland, C. Eldridge, S. Saker, E. Cruse, F. Sellman, C. Stapley, J. Selmes, Willard, Franks, sen., W. Fry, F. Robinson, Brown, Smith and A. Woods. The repast was put upon the table by host Wagstaff in a style worthy of every commendation. On the removal of the cloth the toast of "The Queen" was given from the chair, and also the "Health of the Dean of Battle," who was spoken of in complimentary terms. Mr. Austin proposed "Success to the Battle bell-ringers." Although, he said, the band was formed eight or nine years ago—and he was pleased to say that they had kept well together—it was only within the last twelve months they had gone into change-ringing in earnest. It was gratifying to know that changes in the constitution of their body had been very few, but the changes rung on their beautiful peal of bells had been more numerous and had afforded great delight to all true lovers of campanology. They were to be congratulated on their indomitable perseverance, and he said it was due to Mr. Walter Franks, their conductor, to say that he had been a great factor in their success. Considering the short time they had been in what he might call real practice, the achievements they had accomplished had been of a remarkable nature, and he was specially pleased to know that they had succeeded in their attempt at a peal of 5040 changes. Their unsuccessful attempts were few, and therefore the greater credit to them. He would ask them not to remain satisfied, but let their motto be "Excelsior," and that being so he would venture to predict for them a great future in the art of campanology. With the toast he coupled the name of Mr. F. Mathis, who briefly responded. Mr. Hyland proposed "The health of Mr. W. Franks, the conductor," and spoke in high terms of his earnestness in the work, and the energy and ability with which he led them on. In responding, Mr. Franks gave a short history of their work, stating that it was only last March they commenced in earnest. They then rang 120 Grandsire Triples; June 19th, 504; a quarter-peal, 1260, on 31st June; and the whole peal of 5040 was accomplished in November, upon which they had been highly complimented by eminent ringers in the county. He intended, all being well, to lead them on to greater things in future. The toasts of "The Visitors," "Subscribers and Honorary Members," "The Chairman," "The Press," and "The Host," were also duly honoured. During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. Cruse, Stapley, Sellman, Brown, Robinson, Franks, Eldridge, Oliver and Higgs, and Mr. Fry gave a selection on the bones, Mr. Sellman acting as accompanist. The proceedings altogether were most successful and enjoyable.

THE LATE MR. GEORGE MASH.—The funeral of this gentleman took place at 3 o'clock at Norwood Cemetery on Tuesday, January 17th, in the presence of some fifty or sixty friends, amongst whom were Messrs. M. A. Wood, R. French, E. Horrex, H. Langdon, E. Gibbs, C. F. Winny, A. Murphy, H. R. Newton, H. Flower, and R. Sewell. Mr. W. Lamb represented the Royal Cumberland Society; Messrs. J. J. Lamb and W. G. Davies the Greenwich company; and E. Bartlett, the St. Saviour's company. At the close of the ceremony a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells over his grave by Messrs. Wood, French, Horrex, Newton, and Winny. At eight o'clock the same evening a muffled peal was rung at St. Mary-le-Bow as a last mark of respect to his memory by the undermentioned members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; G. Muskett, 2; J. W. Rowbotham, 3; H. Springall, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; G. Dorrington, 7; E. Gibbs, 8; M. A. Wood, 9; W. D. Smith, 10; F. E. Dawe, 11; E. Horrex, 12. A touch of Stedman Cinques was afterwards rung in which Messrs. Burkin, Adams, Butler, Cockerill, Prime, and G. J. Smith also took part.

Ringers who are members of the United Patriots Benefit Society, and willing to take part in a peal of Grandsire Triples during the present year (Jubilee of the Society), are requested to communicate with Mr. B. Keeble, Secretary of the Romford branch. A Jubilee dinner of South Essex branches is fixed to take place at Romford on Easter Monday.

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."

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL TENOR.

SIR,—I hope to be able ere long to have this bell weighed, and thus to terminate an oft-recurring controversy. F. E. ROBINSON.
Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

AN APOLOGY.

SIR,—I regret not having taken proper steps concerning the peal at Northampton. I will therefore apologise to Mr. White for putting the questions I did to him through the medium of this paper.

A. O. STEWART.

Re THE EAST END CLIQUE.

SIR,—I really cannot help congratulating our friend (or rather his amanuensis) on his letter which appeared last week. He says that he treats part of my letter with contempt. Hardly looks like it, when we see it has been the means of bringing him out of his shell. He says something about twopenny numbers—whatever that may be—but I can oblige him (if he asks nicely) with any number he may require from the beginning of the chapter. He wants to know who I am. Well, I will tell him that I am one of those persons who object to his motto, which appears to be "I am" the ruling power of all ringers in these parts; who shall dare say yea when I say nay; my word is law. I have nothing to do with his "local squabble" as he terms it, any more than he has with the "document" business (which is a sore point to be decided between one of the "the clique" and a gentleman in the North of London), I have had my say on that point. The latter can take care of himself, and protect his rights if required. But I think we are getting a bit mixed. S. H. objects to being dictated to as to where he shall go. Exactly, at the same time he must allow the same scope to others, whom he would keep from his supposed "strongholds." This is where the "real grievance" comes in—not the Westminster peal nor the "document" business either. Why try to lead us astray? I have on more than one occasion especially, in assisting others to learn, allowed my name to appear to rings of G. T. double-handed; therefore I have a right to infer this is what he is driving at, and surely I am not trumpeting when I take up his own cudgels, knowing as we all do, that he is not capable of taking a pair of working bells through this very small performance. Allow me to inform him that I once rung a quarter-peal with three well-known College Youths after a futile attempt for a peal, and had the pleasure of calling it, when a worthy relative of his was umpire. This is bad taste, my friend. I once remember a peal of G. T. in which S. H. and I took part in at Walthamstow, when he acknowledged after the peal that he counted the parts and the leads, as he hardly felt up to it, and was not about that time—above accepting a little practical sympathy from those he would now malign. I say this with reluctance. If he enjoys good health and strength let him be thankful for it. I remember at an attempt for an Association peal at Barking (when S. H. took himself off like a sulky schoolboy, because the band consisted of seven "Ancients" and one "Royal"), the Westminster job did drop up, of which he only knows by hearsay. What I said was that when we heard the ringing they had been at it over two hours, not that the bells were out of course that time. When I tell him that the same evening we rang 1 hr. 25 mins. at St. Martin's (starting at five o'clock), and made a call on the way, I will ask any one how such a statement as this can fit in according to the ordinary laws of common sense. In this the whole band who heard the Westminster peal can bear me out. If "the clique" chose to misconstrue my words of some time ago into something else that I cannot help, nor do I care, knowing their motive. I still say that as far as the band personally were concerned, and the starting of the letter-writing I had done with the job. Did anything ever occur which tends towards scandal, but what has cropped up again at different times. Miles's boy says "you have only to drop one word, and Sam will soon make a hundred of it." No, Mr. Editor, the fact is that the Cumberlands have been ringing too many peals in our friend's "strongholds" lately; the general expressed opinion is that the whole matter may be summed up in one word—Jealousy! S. H. is too apt to make mountains out of mole-hills, to grasp at the shadow instead of the substance. He should also remember that "people who live in glass houses cannot afford to throw stones." First, at West Ham, I was accused of writing the letter signed "a Ringer," when I contradicted this, I was accused of going further West to get it done for me. Now, that Mr. Bull has acknowledged himself the writer, I think that ringers in general cannot fail to see that I have cleared these points of which my first letter was the object, and of which I was accused by S. H. and his lieutenants. Hence the reason for wishing to meet them personally on my grievance, not the West Ham ringers. In conclusion I would advise our friends

before they hatch-up another false statement against another to remember Tennyson's words, when he says "A lie, which is all a lie, may be met and fought with outright, but a lie which is part a truth is a harder matter to fight." ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

[This correspondence must be kept within bounds. It has materially widened since its commencement. The writers cannot be complimented on their brevity or clearness. The original topic seems to have disappeared altogether.—Ed.]

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—I should be greatly obliged if you would kindly correct the calling of the second course of the 506 of Treble Bob Major in your issue of January 14th. It should be

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not 2 at home as given.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

PEAL RECORDS.

SIR,—Mr. Helmore in his letter of last week says he shall be very glad to see the ideas of other ringers on this subject. As a member of the Kent County Association, I should like to ask him what was the decision of the committee that met at Maidstone in December last. Surely they could decide a matter of this sort without appealing to the public, especially as they are paid to attend this meeting. My opinion as well as others is that the peals should be booked and printed in the reports as well. As for the burden laid on the poor secretary in lugging the book about, I should think he could easily send it by rail or carrier the day before, if it is too much trouble for him to carry it. Another thing the rules of the Association will have to be altered before anything can be done, or it is no use having rules at all. By-the-bye, I should like to ask Mr. Helmore what rule he was acting under when he opened the bells at Westerham a short time ago. The rules do not qualify Mr. Helmore to take upon himself an opening. Perhaps he wont mind telling us. PLAIN ROBERT.

GRANDSIRE CATERS AT WESTMINSTER.

SIR,—In your issue of January 28th, there is a letter signed Wm. G. Bull, stating he wishes to acknowledge the sole authorship of a letter which appeared in your issue of November 12th, signed "A Ringer" as another person has been accused of writing it. If Mr. Bull can substantiate his original complaint, why did he not send his name to be published with the letter, more especially as it contains an accusation of a peal being rung nearly two hours out of course and false? I should like Mr. Bull to answer three questions. 1st. If he will produce the course-end, which was out of course nearly two hours previously to the peal being finished. 2nd. Whether he has the composition of peal, if he has, does he understand it? 3rd. As Mr. Bull does not say whether he heard the peal or not, if he did not, on whose authority does he write? (it cannot be on his own) if he did hear the peal all through would he publish what he took down, and the bells behind the 9th, and in what order. If Mr. Bull will kindly answer these questions, I will go farther into the question if required.

23, Brook Street, Kennington Road, S.E.

F. J. PITTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES.—5038 CHANGES.

By J. MORRIS, Ipswich.

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*9th in and out at three.

†11th in three, Single at 6.

*** We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

Notices.

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Yorkshire Association.—Owing to other engagements of the Bishop and Archdeacon, the general meeting will be held at Wakefield, on Saturday, February 11th, (not 4th as previously intimated). The newly-augmented ring of twelve bells at the Cathedral will be at the disposal of members from 10.30 a.m. This meeting will be the official "re-opening" of the bells after augmentation and re-hanging; there will therefore be short choral service and sermon in the Cathedral at 4.0 p.m.; the Lord Bishop of Wakefield has promised to preach the sermon. Tea in the Zetland Street schools, at 5.0. Business meeting to follow. The local Hon. Sec., is Mr. John T. Hollis, 22, Albion Street, Wakefield. B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec. 3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

Lancashire Association, Fylde Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's church, Blackpool, to-day, Saturday, February 4th; bells open from 3 o'clock. Meeting in the school at 6. Lytham. J. FELL, Branch Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Bucknall, to-day, Saturday, February 4th. Bells at 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

97, High Street, Bucknall.

Lancashire Association, Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton, near Liverpool, to-day, Saturday, February 4th. Business, to appoint Secretary, &c. Tower open at 4. Tea at 5.30 prompt, in Girls' School. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. The Rector will preside. All members requested to attend. RICHARD HILL. 89, Railway Street, Southport.

The Lancashire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, February 4th, at Bolton. Ringing from 2 p.m. at the various churches. Meeting in Holy Trinity schools, at 5 p.m.

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

Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.—The half-yearly meeting will take place on Monday, February the 6th, at St. Philip's Church. Chair to be taken at 8 p.m. J. JENNINGS, Hon. Sec. 19, Lionel Street, Birmingham.

St. James's Society, London.—The above society will meet for practice at St. Mary, Lambeth, on Monday, February 6th, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, 5th, at St. Clement's, Strand, for service at 6 p.m.

E. A. YOUNG, Hon. Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Association, Bristol.—Next meeting for practice at St. Stephen's church (City), on Tuesday evening, 7th February, at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, Local Sec.

Hertfordshire Association.—District meeting at Hitchin, Saturday, February 11th. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Cheap tickets issued to members travelling on Great Northern line, but to ensure these being

obtained, members are requested to communicate on or before Wednesday next, with St. Albans. E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association, Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish church, Darwen, on Saturday, February 11th. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 5.30. J. HORROCKS, Sec.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—A meeting will be held at Tanfield (Station, Rowlands Gill), on Monday, February 13th. Committee meeting at 12. Dinner at 1.0 p.m., at "Peacock Inn." C. BUSTON, Hon. Sec. Embleton, Northumberland.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fakenham, on Monday, 13th February. Dinner at "Royal Oak," 1.30. Tickets 1s. 3d. and 2s. Notice to be sent to Hon. Sec. of how many will come, and from what station (G.E.R. only), before Wednesday, 8th February.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society.—A quarterly meeting will take place at Finedon, on Saturday, February 11th, by kind permission of the Rev. G. W. Paul. The peal of six bells (tenor 21 cwt.), at the parish church of St. Mary, will be at liberty for ringing from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association, Lewisham District.—There will be a quarterly meeting at Dartford, on Saturday, February 11th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.0 p.m. Committee meeting in vestry at 5 p.m.

T. E. TRIGNMOUTH SHORE.

25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

Lancashire Association, Manchester Branch.—There will be a ringing meeting held at the Manchester Cathedral, on Saturday, February 18th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m. A good muster will be expected on the occasion.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The North Lincolnshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Grimsby, on Saturday, February 18th. Tea at the Bull Ring Coffee Hall, at 4.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. The bells of St. James' (eight), and St. Andrew's (eight), will be at liberty for the use of members in the afternoon and evening.

GEO. CHESTER, Hon. Sec.

142, Portland Street, Lincoln.

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for practice, for February, 1893.—Greenwich, St. Alfege, Tuesday 7th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in vestry afterwards.—Lee, St. Margaret, Wednesday 8th, 7.45 to 9 p.m.—Lewisham, St. Mary, Monday 27th, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, Hon. Sec.

10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

Johnson Memorial Anniversary.—The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, intend holding the annual dinner as usual on Saturday, March 4th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Full particulars will appear in latter issues.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District. At a committee meeting held at Maidstone, January 20th, the Rev. A. L. Brine, of Town Malling, was elected Hon. District Sec., to whom subscriptions from the district should be paid, and applications made for railway passes, etc.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1893

THE Honorary Secretary of the Kent County Association has made a proposal with regard to the recording of peals which we are afraid will not be met with universal approval. In fact, one of the members of his own organization is found this week condemning any alteration upon the existing plan. And if the opinion of the Association was taken upon the question, we expect the majority would prefer things to remain as they are.

But such a result would not do away with the conviction which exists in many minds, that the peal-book with its ornate inscriptions is in the majority of cases totally unnecessary, and at the same time is a wasteful encroachment upon the funds of an Association. As the Rev. F. J. O. HELMORE points out, an elaborate and costly book, wherein the peals are displayed to the beholder in various styles of ancient and modern penmanship, has some reason for its existence among societies who have a fixed head-quarters, where, with other paraphernalia, it can periodically be exhibited. Ancient bodies like the great metropolitan societies, and others enjoying similar histories, may well perpetuate their records in that mediæval fashion which has obtained from their foundation. But then it should be remembered that they are chiefly intended for the purpose of display,

and that opportunities are frequently afforded for such exhibition to any one who desires to examine them.

With the majority of our County and Diocesan Guilds the case is very different. The peal-book is generally in charge of the Hon. Secretary, kept at his residence, and is not available for public inspection only at quarterly or district meetings, which are sometimes few and far between. And even on these occasions it frequently happens that after the officer in charge of the book has at some inconvenience brought it along with him to the meeting, no one is found to be interested in its contents, in fact it is entirely forgotten amid the other and more solid attractions which are presented to the members.

These circumstances readily beget the idea that an elaborate record is somewhat unnecessary in the cases alluded to. An authoritative chronicle of peals must of course be provided, each one to be written plainly and distinctly, so as to be easily read by all: conditions which are sometimes absent in peal-books where the imagination of the scribe engaged for the purpose is permitted full play. Some of these peal-books, with their coloring, scroll-work, and flourishes, are productions the reverse of artistic, and quite innocent of any of those laws which guide that which is known to some as "the art of display." Thus is seen sometimes the name of the method rung, in an obscure kind of lettering, while the word "Performers" is largely pourtrayed in what may be called a debased Old English, suffocated with a host of flourishes and scratchings alarming to behold. Better have something simple and more easy to read than all this, though the occupation of the individual who "does the peals" should be gone. The idea of elaborate peal-books is very alluring, and when they are done with an artistic hand, or the work upon them is a labour of love—like one we read of this week—it seems a kind of vandalism to advocate their abolition. But our remarks are only directed to the utilitarian side of the question, and therefore, we cordially concur in the ideas of Mr. HELMORE, though like him we may be in the minority.

The Metropolis.

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On Thursday, January 19, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F#.

WILLIAM E. OAKLEY .. Treble.	HENRY G. ROWE 5.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 2.	WILLIAM I OAKLEY 6.
GEORGE HUNT 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 7.
ALFRED J. PATE 4.	THOMAS HUSSEY Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

This is W. E. Oakley's first peal and rung at first attempt, and he will not attain his fifteenth birthday until April 26th. Rowe hails from Aldenham; the rest belong to the local company.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 26, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

HARRY J. PAULSON Treble.	HARRY W. HORWOOD 5.
THOMAS LINGARD 2.	HARRY HORWOOD, SEN. 6.
HARRY ARGYLE 3.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	JOHN BALLARD Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by THOMAS WILLIAM CHAPMAN.

This peal is now rung for the first time, and was a farewell peal to Harry W. Horwood, who is leaving Nuneaton for college at Peterborough, his brother-ringers wishing him every success.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 27, 1893, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

WILLIAM WOOLGAR* .. Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND 5.
GEORGE SMART 2.	JOHN SMART 6.
JAMES MATTHEWS 3.	WILLIAM COLLINSON 7.
THOMAS SEARLE 4.	HARRY HEATH* Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE SMART.

*First peal.

PENDLEBURY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE TURNER Treble.	FRED DERBYSHIRE 5.
THOMAS G. DOWNS 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN 6.
WALTER BROWN 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD 7.
JOHN EACHUS 4.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

It is twenty-four years since there was a peal of Treble Bob rang at the above church. The ringers wish to thank the local ringers through the medium of this paper for having all in readiness.

KILLAMAKSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, January 28, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB MINOR METHODS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK HANCOCK .. Treble.	THOMAS BETTISON 4.
WILLIAM PRICE 2.	W. HENRY TURTON 5.
JAMES EMSEN 3.	THOMAS LUNN Tenor.

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

Messrs. Hancock, Price and Lunn belong to Eckington, the others to the local company.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR .. .. .Treble.	THOMAS B. DICKEN 5.
SAM TAYLOR .. .. .2.	WALTER INGHAM 6.
JAMES DICKEN .. .. .3.	JOSEPH WOOD 7.
SAMUEL H. COOPER 4.	JOHN T. DICKEN .. ..Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER and Conducted by SAMUEL H. COOPER.

John T. Dicken and James Dicken hail from Friezland; J. Wood from from Saddleworth; W. Ingham from Oldham; Sam Taylor from Ashton; R. Taylor. S. H. Cooper and T. B. Dicken are of the local company.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN BRADY* .. .. .Treble.	FREDERICK CLAYTON 5.
WILLIAM FLORY .. .. .2.	WILLIAM GRIMES 6.
ERNEST CLAYTON .. .. .3.	DAVID COLLINS 7.
SAMUEL COLLINS† 4.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ..Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by WILLIAM G. CRICKMER.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal of Major. Messrs. Collins and Clayton hail from Worlingworth; Crickmer from Earl Soham; Flory from Cretingham; Grimse and Brady belong to the Debenham company.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL AND CHESHIRE DIOCESAN GUILDS AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN PRESCOTT .. .. .Treble.	JAMES SHOLICAR 5.
JAMES PILKINGTON .. .. .2.	JOHN R. PRITCHARD 6.
GEORGE R. ROGERS* 3.	JOHN WALKER 7.
JAMES DILLON .. .. .4.	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. ..Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD and Conducted by J. SHOLICAR.

*First peal. J. R. Pritchard hails from Liscard; J. Dillon from Bromborough; G. R. Rogers from Wallasey; J. Walker from Blackburn; the rest belong to the local company.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 28, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BRIDGEMAN* .. ..Treble.	ARTHUR W. PIKE 5.
EDWARD MENDAY* .. .. .2.	GEORGE ESSEX 6.
JOSEPH HANDS .. .. .3.	THOMAS NEWMAN 7.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE 4.	HARRY SIMMONDS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Vicar's father, who died at Eastbourne. *First peal in the method.

HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

TOM STOCKDALE .. ..Treble.	A. C. FEARNLEY 5.
T. HODGSON .. .. .2.	J. THOMPSON 6.
T. F. EARNSHAW* .. .. .3.	J. DIXEY 7.
H. JENKINS .. .. .4.	C. JACKSON .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

*First peal in the method. T. Hodgson, T. F. Earnshaw, A. C. Fearnley and J. Thompson hail from York, and the rest are of the local company. This peal is by A. Knights, Chesterfield, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" a short time ago. It has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th's place, and the 2nd and 3rd never there.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES DURRANT .. .. .Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 5.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. .2.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 6.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. .4.	EDGAR G. WIGHTMAN ..Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

This is the first peal of Grandsire ever rung on the bells. Sherwood hails from Wickham Market; D. G. Wightman, Brandeston; the rest from Cretingham. The company wish to thank the Rev. J. Holmes Pilkington for the use of the bells, and for having every thing in readiness for them.

STREATHAM, SURREY.

(THE IMMANUEL CHURCH SOCIETY.)

On Monday, January 30, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE BARRINGTON* ..Treble.	DANIEL SPRINGALL 5.
ROBERT BLANCHARD† .. .2.	GEORGE PELL 6.
SAMUEL GREENWOOD 3.	HARRY PATES 7.
FREDERICK PATES* 4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ..Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT BLANCHARD.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor and first attempt.

ARMLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Monday, January 30, 1893, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

College Treble, City Delight, College Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH THACKRAY .. ..Treble.	JOHN THACKRAY 4.
BERTIE COWLING .. .. .2.	M. BROADBENT 5.
JOS. HECKINGBOTTOM* .. .3.	JAS. GUY .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by J. HECKINGBOTTOM.

*First 5040 as conductor.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.—LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

In Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, no date mentioned,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH GRACE* .. ..Treble.	*THOMAS AMBROSE 5.
ROBERT WILLIAMS .. .. .2.	*ABRAHAM GRACE 6.
CHARLES WILLIAMS 3.	THOMAS KAY 7.
GEORGE CALLAN* 4.	*RICHARD BRIERS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS KAY.

*First peal. Also the first peal rang by Halewood ringers. The peal was rang as a compliment to the Rev. H. Gibson Smith, Rector, and Messrs. Neilson, churchwardens. Messrs. Williams belong to Liverpool; Kay to Woolton.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY (Suffolk)—On Tuesday, January 24th, at St. Gregory's, date touch of Stedman Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. and 10 mins. W. Howell, sen., 1; W. Bacon, 2; M. Silvester, 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; A. Scott, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWMARSH (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, January 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. T. Whitworth, 1; S. Walker, 2; V. Hawkins, 3; J. Hawkins, 4; J. Ensor, 5; W. Hawkins, 6; T. Wild (conductor), 7; J. Schofield, 8. Tenor 10 cwt. Composed by J. George, of Rugby.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, January 24th, at St. Giles' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. W. Reeves, 4; A. H. Evans, 5; J. H. Maskell, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Composed by F. Hopgood.

LIVERSEDGE (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, January 22nd, at Christ Church, a date touch (no method mentioned), in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. W. Lang, 1; J. Knott, 2; L. Illingworth (conductor), 3; S. Goodall, 4; H. Brooke, 5; M. Ramsden, 6; G. Illingworth, 7; W. Collins, 8. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield. Tenor 15 cwt.

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, January 22nd, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. A. Spurr, 1; W. Brown, 2; G. Crawshaw, 3; W. Illingworth, 4; J. Buckley, 5; W. Dixon, 6; W. Byram, 7; D. Stephenson (conductor), 8. Composed by J. A. Idle.

THIRSK (Yorks).—On Thursday, January 26th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Neesam, 1; J. Wrightson, 2; J. W. Long, 3; R. Boddy, 4; G. Wright, 5; G. Neesam, 6; D. Burton (composer and conductor), 7; H. Wright, 8. This was rung to welcome the new vicar, the Rev. — Hanson, who arrived the same day, and was rung at the first attempt.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALTON (Hants).—On Saturday, January 21st, at St. Lawrence's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing over two hours. G. Reading (longest touch), 1; H. Withers (conductor), 2; A. Smith, 3; W. Withers, 4; F. Barnett, 5; W. May, 6; C. Forder, 7; J. Goodall, 8. Messrs. Barnett and Smith hail from Farnham; the rest belong to the local company.

TWYFORD.—On Tuesday, January 10th, for practice at the parish church, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. A. Smith, 1; J. Ashford, 2; E. Hewlett, 3; G. Smith (conductor), 4; A. Ashford, 5; G. Brown, sen., 6. First 6-score in the method by all the band.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOUGHTON NEAR FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, January 22nd, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins., with 6-8 covering. S. R. Port, 1; E. Holladay, 2; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 3; H. Burling, 4; W. Taylor, 5; W. G. Lucas, 6; F. Hunt, 7; W. Foreman, 8. S. R. Port belongs to St. Lawrence, and this is his first 720 of Bob Minor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday evening, January 15th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. W. Latter, 1; P. Brooker, 2; S. Perkins, 3; J. Muggeridge, 4; G. Smithers, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; E. Mankelow, 7; C. Goble, 8. Composed by N. Spindlow.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, December 11th, for morning service a 720 Kent Treble Bob. M. Digby, 1; L. Digweed, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 18th, for evening service, a 720 College Single, standing as before. On Christmas Day, for 8 o'clock celebration, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; G. Hayes, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. For morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Digweed, 1; W. Clifford, 2; F. Ring, 3; G. Hayes, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Clifford, 1; M. Digby, 2; F. Hayes (conductor), 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper, 6.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SPILSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, December 31st, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles). G. Towle, 1; F. Haw, 2; A.

Simms, 3; T. Seagrave, 4; J. Seagrave, 5; J. Haw (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 1st, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) by the same band. And for evening service 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles) by the same band.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOBBURN (Beds).—On Saturday, January 7th, a district meeting was held at St. Mary's Old Tower, but the attendance was limited owing to the snow. The following touches were rung. A 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Wild, 2; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 2; C. West, 3; C. Herbert, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; Cyril Herbert, 7; J. Dickens, 8. And 454 Bob Major. C. W. Clarke, 1; C. Wild, 2; C. West, 3; C. Herbert, 4; E. Herbert, 5; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; I. Hills, 8. Also 360 Bob Minor. J. Dickens, 1; C. West, 2; C. Wild, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 6. And a 252 Bob Triples. I. Hills, 1; C. Wild, 2; C. West, 3; C. Herbert, 4; E. Herbert, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 7; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 8. Recently by the local company, on handbells retained in hand, a 464 Bob Major. E. Herbert, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7-8. And a 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). E. Negus, 1; C. Herbert, 2; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 3-4; E. Herbert, 5-6. And a 464 Bob Major. E. Herbert, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; C. Wild, 7-8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 21st, at St. Michael's church, 1024 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 40 mins. R. H. Hayward, 1; F. Clayton, 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; S. Collins, 4; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, 5; E. Clayton, 6; W. Flory, 7; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 8. Tenor 18 cwt. The above is the longest touch by the rector, and was rang at the first attempt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Tuesday, January 3rd, for practice at the church of St. Mary Redcliffe, 360 Grandsire Cinques. P. Carnes, 1; E. Duckham, 2; C. Gordon, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; C. Tomlins, 5; J. Yorke, 6; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 7; F. Gooding, 8; C. Boutflower, 9; F. Price, 10; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 11; W. Colston and R. Channings, 12. At the church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46½ mins. J. Palser, 1; J. Yorke, 2; C. Gordon, 3; C. Tomlins, 4; R. J. Wilkins, 5; F. Price, 6; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 7; G. Stallard, 8. This was rung with the bells muffled, on the occasion of the funeral of G. Hemmings, who was a member of the above choir for several years. Composed by H. Johnson, On Saturday, January 21st, at the parish church, Wootton-Under-Edge, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. A. Burcombe, 1; H. W. Fussell, 2; E. Lascelles, 3; R. J. Wilkins (conductor), 4; F. Price, 5; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 6; also about 360 same method with E. Hooper Organ, 1; A. Burcombe, 2; H. W. Fussell, 6; the rest standing as before. It was intended to start for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to a bereavement, one of the band could not turn up, and being short the above was rung instead.

GLOUCESTER.—On Monday, January 23rd, at the cathedral of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. R. J. Wilkins, J. Austin (conductor), F. E. Hart, W. T. Bennett, G. L. Brunson, A. Roberts, Rev. H. A. Cockey, H. W. Fussell. This was rung on the occasion of the anniversary meeting of the above association. This is believed to be the first quarter-peal in this method rang on the bells.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, December 19th, for practice, at St. James' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. *J. Markham, 1; *G. Weldon, 2; H. Hobson, 3; *A. Collins (first quarter-peal), 4; *J. Chapman, 5; A. Bramall, 6; D. Seamer (conductor), 7; T. Rushton, 8. *St. Andrew's ringers. This was rung in honour of W. Watson's (late Secretary to the above), wedding, on December 7th, to Miss Betsy Dixon, his brother-strings wishing them a long life and happy one.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—WIGAN BRANCH.

WIGAN (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 22nd, for evening service at the parish church, the first 500 of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, without call or sign from any one. It is believed to be the first silent 500 yet rung by a set of ringers all belonging to one tower. T. Halliwell, 1; S. C. C. Turner, 2; J. E. Gummerson, 3; J. Barker, 4; W. Marsden, 5; E. Benthams, 6; R. Fisher and H. Meadow, 7; A. Shaw and J. Meadow, 8.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Sunday, January 29th, for Divine Service, at Holy Trinity church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (twelve bobs)

tenor right throughout). Also after service 720 of Double Court Bob Minor. G. Pearl, 1; G. Newson, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; W. H. Doran, 4; H. Randall, 5; A. Jacob, 6. Also a 720 Plain Bob Minor (Penning's, twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles). J. Waits (churchwarden), 1; G. Newson, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. Pearl, 4; H. Randall, 5; A. Jacob, 6. The above are all members of the Essex Association. Tenor $7\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Saturday, January 21st, two 720s Kent Treble Bob, being an attempt for a 5040 in three methods. W. E. Green, 1; W. J. Nevard, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; L. G. Geernaert, 4; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 5; W. Burch, 6. A 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. W. Stannard, 1; F. Bumpstead, 2; W. E. Green, 3; L. G. Geernaert, 4; W. Hazell, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. An attempt was made for a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, which came to grief after ringing 600 changes. W. Hazell (conductor), 1; R. W. Stannard, 2; L. G. Geernaert, 3; W. E. Green, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; W. Burch (first attempt in the methods on tower bells), 6. Messrs. Burch, Bumpstead, Green, Stannard, and Geernaert hail from Colchester; Nevard and Hazell belong to Bentley.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, January 22nd, for evening service at St. Peter's, a touch of Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. And after service 630 of Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. *Handbell-ringing.* On Sunday, January 22nd, at Mr. C. Sillitoe's house, a 360 Bob Minor. W. Howell, jun., 1-2; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 3-4; W. Howell, sen., 5-6. And a course of Stedman Doubles. W. Howell, sen., 1-2; C. Sillitoe, 3-4; W. Howell, jun., 5-6. On Tuesday, January 24th, a course of Grandsire Cinques. M. Silvester, 1-2; A. Scott, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; W. Howell, 7; H. Harper, 8; W. Howell, sen., 9-10; J. Campin, 11-12.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday, January 20th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor. C. Porter, 1; A. Shuttleworth, 2; W. J. Piper, 3; A. Edwards (conductor), 4; J. Tunbridge, 5; A. Tarbun, 6. And a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. J. Piper, 1; A. Shuttleworth, 2; A. Speller, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; J. Tunbridge, 5; A. Edwards (conductor), 6. J. Tunbridge is conductor of the Broomfield company, and this is his first 720 of Treble Bob. The rest belong to the Widford band.

SPRINGFIELD (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 24th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Rowland, 1; A. Speller, 2; W. Rowland, jun., 3; W. Hawkes, 4; R. Rolfe, 5; A. Edwards (conductor), 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, January 1st, just after midnight, at the parish church, the last 742 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples. On Monday, January 9th, a 643, 536 and 1260. On Sunday, January 15th, a 504 Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, January 22nd, a 742 of the same. On Sunday, January 22th, a 447 of Grandsire Triples. The following ringers took part. G. Boddington, H. Coffee, A. W. Reeves, F. Sweetzer, A. H. Evans, J. H. Maskell, H. Dibley, H. Smart, H. Brunsden, J. Coombes, H. Smith, J. Hands and A. E. Reeves. All the touches were conducted by A. E. Reeves. H. Smith and J. Hands hail from Caversham. Tenor 15 cwt.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Wednesday, January 25th, for Confirmation Service, 756 Stedman Triples. E. Butler, 1; E. Napper, 2; T. East, 3; D. Napper, 4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5; J. Sawyer, 6; A. Thomas, 7; J. Hitchman, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. E. Butler, 1; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 2; T. East, 3; J. Savage, 4; D. Napper, 5; J. Sawyer, 6; E. Napper, 7; A. Woodley, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, January 24th, at the church of St. George-in-the-East, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. J. Scholes, 1; H. Springall (composer and conductor), 2; E. Hall, 3; E. Wallage, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; S. Joyce, 6; W. Prime, 7; G. Barrell, 8. Tenor 31 cwt. On Sunday evening, January 29th, for Divine Service at St. Botolph's church, Aldgate, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins., taken from Holt's Original. T. Bernardin, 1; H. Springall (conductor), 2; S. Joyce, 3; E. Wallage, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; E. Hall, 6; W. Prime, 7; J. Scholes, 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—On Thursday, January 26th, at the

church of SS. Peter and Paul, an attempt was made for a muffled peal of Stedman Caters, as a mark of respect to the late Amos Cresser, who was formerly a member of the St. Martin's Society. The peal was unfortunately lost after 2 hrs. and 23 mins. ringing, through a change-course. T. Miller, 1; H. Johnson, 2; H. Bastable, 3; W. Bryant, 4; C. Dickens, 5; T. Westwood, 6; W. Long, 7; R. Hall, 8; B. Witchell (conductor), 9; J. Johnson, 10. This peal was also attempted on Saturday, January 21st, but was lost after ringing 2 hrs. and 7 mins. Tenor 23 cwt.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER.—On Tuesday, January 24th, at St. Michael's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. E. Davies, E. Hayward (first quarter-peal in the method), A. C. Brundson (first quarter-peal in the method), F. E. Hart, W. C. Jones, J. Austin (conductor), G. L. Brunsdon, A. Roberts. Rung on the occasion of Mr. Justice Hawkins and Vaughan Williams' visit to Gloucester, to try the Cirencester election petition.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LUGWARDINE (Hereford).—On Thursday, January 26th, at the parish church, for practice, six different 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 26 mins. T. Lewis (Hereford), 1; R. Turner, Esq., 2; J. Jones (Hagley), 3; C. Clifford, 4; J. Jones (conductor), 5. Several other 6-scores were rang with H. Brooks and Rev. C. A. Lee at the treble. Also several courses of Minor. Tenor 16 cwt.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, January 15th, at St. Paul's church, a 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. P. Howard, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. West (first touch of Bob Major), 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Sharp, 7; J. N. Frossell, 8. Also 336 Stedman Triples. P. Howard, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. West, 4; H. Sharp, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, January 22nd, a 503 Grandsire Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 2; H. Cullip (first 500 with a bob bell), 3; H. Sharp, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; W. Hall, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 216 Stedman Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; S. Constant, 3; J. N. Frossell, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; W. Hall, 7; R. Shimmans, 8.

BIDDENHAM (Beds.).—On Wednesday, January 18th, at St. James' church, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and 2 singles). F. Fussell, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. West (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; W. Davidson (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; I. Hills, 5; J. N. Frossell (conductor), 6.

CHEAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, January 24th, a 720 of Duke of York Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Trendell, 1; E. Trendell, 2; G. Trendell, 3; C. Trendell, 4; F. Trendell, 5; John Trendell (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all and the first on the bells.

CHIPPING NEAR PRESTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 1st, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. On Sunday, January 1st, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles), standing as above. On Sunday, January 8th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). R. Kenyon (conductor), 1; W. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. On Wednesday, January 18th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. On Sunday, January 22nd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, standing as above. In the evening, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, standing as above. This is the first Canterbury Pleasure by all, and first on the bells.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, January 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Workman, 1; T. Barber, 2; W. Short, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; J. Barber, 5; H. Martin (conductor), 6. And a 360 in the same method. G. Workman, 1; J. Barber, 2; W. Short, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; T. Barber, 5; H. Martin (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method with a bob bell by W. H. Barber.

ENFIELD (Middlesex).—On Thursday, January 19th, at St. Mary Magdalene, three 120s of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Jackson, 1; W. Budd, 2; W. Jones, 3; F. W. Bines (conductor), 4; R. Johnson, 5; M. Turner, 6. This is the first by the local band.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, January 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Arnold's Victory in 25 mins. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggie, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. First 720 in the method by all.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, January 18th, 768 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. H. Barber, 1; J. Pagett, 2; G.

Salter, 3; W. Wakeman, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; T. J. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. Short (conductor), 8. This is the longest touch in the method by all. Tenor 30 cwt.

KINGSWOOD (Surrey).—On December 26th, 1892, the ringers of All Saints' church, Benhilton, were kindly invited by the Rev. F. Taunton, vicar of St. Andrew's church, Kingswood, to ring his sweet-toned peal of six bells. Ringing commenced at about 12.30 p.m. and during the afternoon the following touches were successfully brought round. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Trendell, 1; E. Trendell, 2; F. Trendell, 3; C. Trendell, 4; H. Bryant, 5; John Trendell (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. E. Trendell, 1; F. Trendell, 2; T. S. Webb (first 720 in the method), 3; G. Trendell, 4; C. Trendell, 5; John Trendell (conductor), 6. A 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), rung by the members of "The Squire Cressingham" Lodge of Odd-fellows, in 26 mins. G. Trendell, 1; J. Trendell, 2; T. S. Webb, 3; F. Trendell, 4; H. Bryant, 5; E. Trendell (conductor), 6. A 720 of Violet Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. E. Trendell, 1; J. Trendell, 2; G. Trendell, 3; C. Trendell, 4; F. Trendell, 5; John Trendell (conductor), 6.

LINDFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, January 14th, 360 Grandsire Doubles, with 7-5-8, covering. T. Hart, 1; H. Tomsett, 2; W. Worsfold, 3; F. Wilby, 4; H. Attree, 5; A. Tomsett (conductor), 6; G. Davey, 7; J. Tomsett, 8. And 216 Grandsire Minor, 7-8, covering. T. Hart, 1; F. Wilby, 2; W. Worsfold, 3; H. Tomsett, 4; G. F. Scott, Esq., 5; A. Tomsett (conductor), 6; G. Davey, 7; J. Tomsett, 8. And on Saturday, January 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently, in 45 mins. T. Hart, 1; H. Tomsett, 2; W. Worsfold, 3; A. Tomsett (conductor), 4; F. Wilby, 5; J. Tomsett, 6. And on Saturday, January 28th, a 216 of Grandsire Minor, and three courses of Grandsire Triples. T. Hart, 1; F. Wilby, 2; W. Worsfold, 3; H. Tomsett, 4; T. King, 5; A. Tomsett (conductor), 6; G. F. Scott, Esq., 7; J. Tomsett, 8.

NORWICH.—On Monday, January 23rd, at the church of St. Peter per Mountgate, on handbells retained in hand, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 12 mins. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton (conductor), 5-6. Umpire—A. W. Brighton.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, December 10th, at 16, Bank Street, Old Hill, on handbells retained in hand, a 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Davis, 1; T. H. Smith, 2; W. Wakeman, 3-4; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 5-6. On Friday, December 30th, at Holy Trinity church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. O. Pearson, 1; L. Walker, 2; H. Mason (conductor), 3; H. Cartwright, 4; T. H. Smith, 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. On Sunday, January 8th, a 504 Stedman Triples. A. H. Bassano, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; W. Priest, 4; T.

H. Smith, 5; O. Pearson, 6; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 7; H. Mason, 8; On Sunday, January 15th, a 504 Stedman Triples. A. E. Parsons (conductor), 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; H. Mason, 4; T. H. Smith, 5; O. Pearson, 6; A. H. Bassano, 7; G. Parish, 8. On Sunday, January 22nd, a 594 Stedman Triples. A. H. Bassano, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 4; T. H. Smith, 5; O. Pearson, 6; H. Mason, 7; G. Parish, 8.

PULFORD (Cheshire).—On Monday, January 16th, 720 Yorkshire Court. On Friday, January 20th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob and 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. This is the first 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, January 22nd, 360 of Kent. And on Monday, January 23rd, 720 of Yorkshire Court. J. Morgan, 1; S. Jones, 2; R. Walkin, 3; A. Matthews, 4; R. Thomas, 5; J. Morgan (conductor), 6. Also on handbells, on Monday, January 16th, 720 of Kent. J. Morgan, 1; S. Jones, 2; R. Thomas, 3; A. Matthews, 4; J. Morgan (conductor), 5-6. An on Wednesday, January 18th, 1248 of Bob Major. J. Morgan, 1; S. Jones, 2; W. Thomas, 3; A. Matthews, 4; R. Thomas, 5; G. Jones, 6; J. Morgan (conductor), 7-8.

Obituary.

MATTHEW WEST.

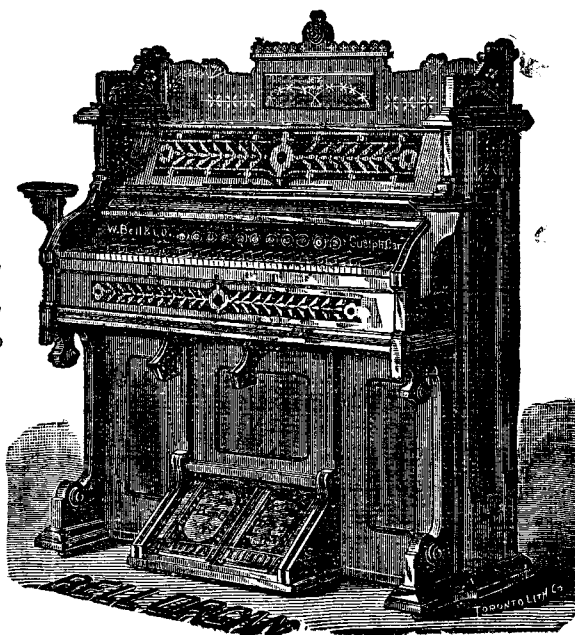
On Monday, January 23rd, the above-named ringer passed away at the age of seventy-three. The deceased had been connected with the ringing of bells in York for upwards of half a century. He was one of the ringers at the coronation of Her Majesty the Queen, and the last member of that company. He took a leading part in the conducting of the ringing then and since, conducting his first 5040 of Grandsire Triples in 1849, and the first peal of Treble Bob Major ever rung in York by local members in 1862. On the formation of the Yorkshire Association he became a member, and continued so till his death. As an instructor he was always ready to impart and elucidate the science of change-ringing to beginners to the best of his ability, but during the last few years of his life he did very little ringing through continued ill-health. He left York about two years ago to reside with one of his daughters at Oakenshaw, near Bradford, Yorkshire. On Friday evening, January 27th, muffled touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung by permission of the Dean and Chapter on the Minster bells. W. H. H.

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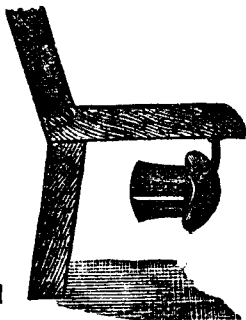
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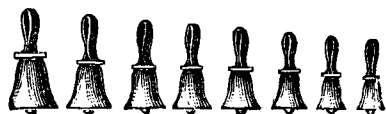
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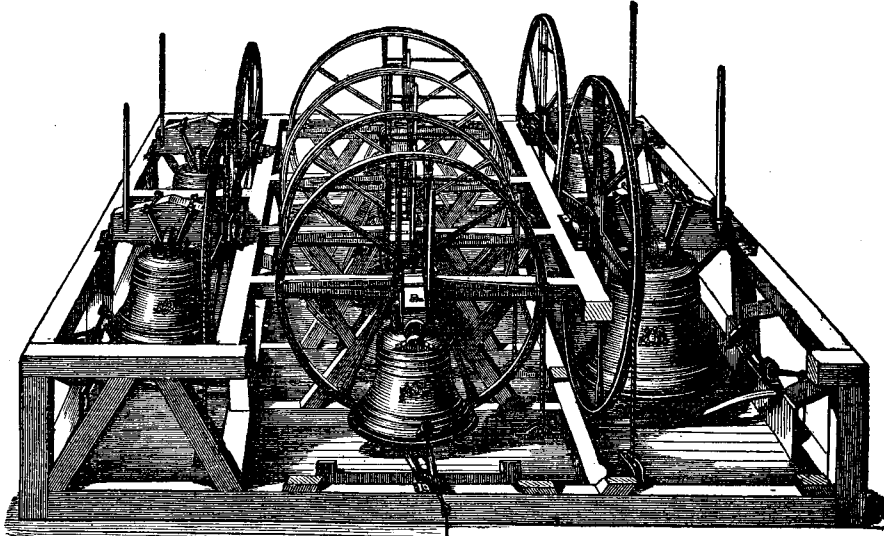
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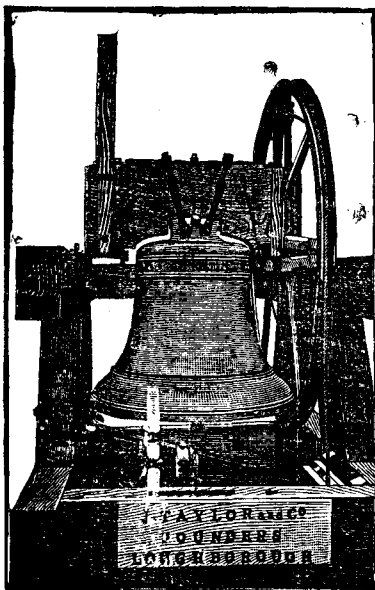
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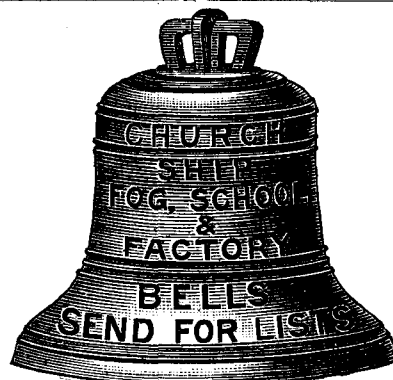
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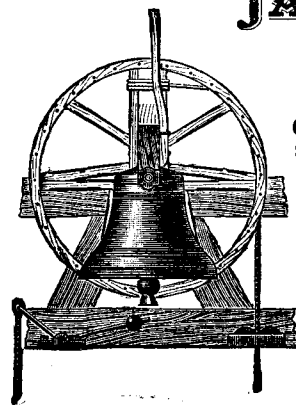
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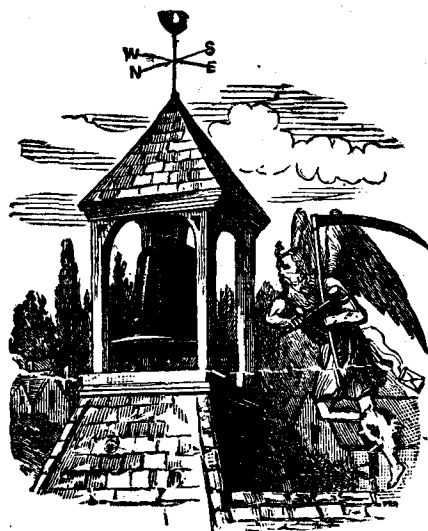
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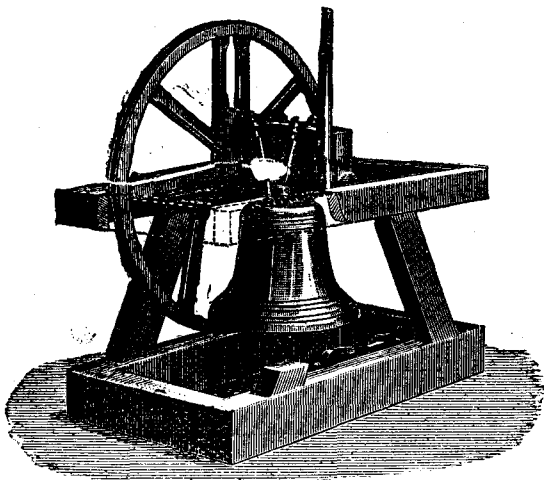


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THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Boston, on Saturday, February 4th, and was well attended by ringers from all parts of the district. During the day touches were rung on the bells of the parish church. At noon a special service was conducted by the Rev. J. Stephenson and the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays, and in the afternoon a public dinner was provided in the Town Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Selby, of Tattershall Road. The congregation at the service in the parish church was not large, nearly all present being members of the Association. The Rev. S. F. L. Bernays preached an appropriate sermon from the 16th verse of the 9th chapter of St. Paul's first Epistle to the Corinthians—"Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel."

At the conclusion of the service Mr. G. H. Gregory, the organist, played an appropriate voluntary.

Between forty and fifty members and friends were present at the dinner served in the Town Hall in the afternoon. The Rev. H. J. Cheales, of Friskney, occupied the chair, and the Rev. F. Besant the vice-chair, and among those present were the Rev. J. Stephenson, the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays, the Rev. J. Lewis (Fosdyke), Messrs. C. N. Hunn and T. Slaton (churchwardens), Alderman Clarke, Councillors Blanshard, Lockwood and Pooles, and Messrs. J. Leafe, E. Mason (Secretary) and others.

The Rev. H. J. Cheales, after dinner, proposed the usual loyal toasts, and after congratulating Mr. Mason on his recovery from his recent accident, he thanked the Vicar of Boston for the kind manner in which he had received the Association. It was impossible to mention this topic, he said, without alluding to the last time they had a meeting at Boston. On that occasion they had their good and kind friend, Canon Blenkin, with them, and the help they received from him gave them great hope that they would receive the same help from the present Vicar. Such help cheered them up and put new life into them, and he felt that they wanted new life. The Society had work to do, and it was not done in a minute. He thanked Mr. Bernays, not only for his address, but for that word "perseverance." They had a good deal of uphill work to do in all respects, and Mr. Bernays' words were excellent. He was greatly grieved that his own health had prevented him during the last year taking the part he wished, but he felt there was great encouragement to the Society in that room being full of people that day. It was the best meeting they had had, and he believed the reason for that was the presence of the Vicar of Boston. They were glad to hail him as a fellow-worker, and he hoped he would strengthen the work of the Association, of the utility and benefit of which he was more and more convinced every year. It was a great work they had to do and a real work. He urged them to make a great point of being present at the services in the church, and not to be loafing about the town and making a sham of their work. Their work was not a sham. They were churchworkers working for Christ, and they should show they were not ashamed of it. If they undertook the work they should not take their hand from the plough until the work was completed, and he was sure God's blessing would be on them for the great work they did in the diocese. No one who heard the Bishop's beautiful words at Lincoln could help feeling encouraged. The Bishop said it was an honour to join in such a work in their grand churches, delivering the grand message to the people. It was elevating to a man and he ought to feel proud of his work. They should persevere in their work and make their bells go as smoothly as possible. Whatever they did for God should be of the best. They should not allow it to cost them nothing. It should cost them plenty of trouble. There should be good striking and they should persevere until they got the peal perfect. They should not be satisfied with slack work. His great hobby was that a union of ringing associations of the county might be carried on and perfected. They had had an instalment at Lincoln, but it was not so well-known as it might have been. To be thoroughly satisfactory they must have a meeting at Boston, which was more central, and if it was carried on in a business-like way it would be a great success. But meeting in the Cathedral and listening to the words of the Bishop could

not fail to make them better men and cause them to feel that there was some profit in belonging to the Society. He hoped they would make up their minds to make the meeting in June a reality, so that the whole county might join in this good work.

The Vicar expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be present and to meet the ringers of the parish church, whom he and Mr. Bernays wished to know more of. Distance did not lend enchantment to the view in the case of the ringers. He was glad to see they had accepted the excellent rules of the Association, he was delighted to see so many interested in bellringing, and he was thankful to see the churchwardens, who were always to the front in any good work, present. They also had Alderman Clarke present, and he hoped they would some time see him pulling a bell. Perhaps the ringers would let him know when Alderman Clarke was going to pull a bell, and he would pull a rope with him. And he had no idea that Mr. Lockwood was interested in bell-ringing, and it did him good to see him present. A man who knew how to pull a bell-rope would never be stranded in any other direction.

The Rev. S. F. L. Bernays responded to the thanks the Rev. H. J. Cheales had accorded him for his address, and said he needed no thanks, he was only too pleased to have been of service to the Association. He did not know anything about bells, and he had been endeavouring to glean information from a book the Secretary had lent him, but he was bound to confess that the contents were double Dutch to him. He could not understand the meaning of Plain Bob, Grandsire Bob, etc., but perhaps the Vicar would instruct him.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed. Eight honorary and eleven ringing members were elected. It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Spilsby and Keal. A 504 Grandsire Triples was rung. J. M. Rylatt, 1; F. Dovoto, 2; E. Mason, 3; G. Ladd, 4; A. Barber, 5; W. F. Harwood, 6; T. Boyers, 7; L. Goodwin, 6. And on the back six a 720 of Bob Minor was attempted but came to grief by the breaking of the 7th rope three leads from home. A 720 has not been attempted before on the bells. E. Clayton, 1; E. Mason, 2; H. Daulton, 3; W. F. Harwood, 4; J. Haw, 5; J. M. Rylatt, 6. The bells are a heavy peal, and the ringers are only seven feet from them, and stand round a arch four feet six inches high. It is to be hoped the belfry will soon be removed to its former position.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Crossens on Saturday, January 28th, and was well-attended by members from Aughton, Crosby, Halsall, Southport, and Upholland, besides the local company. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., when several touches of Grandsire, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. At 5.30 p.m. an excellent tea was provided by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, when between thirty and forty members sat down to the good things provided, and which were greatly enjoyed, the tea table being presided over by Mrs. Bulpit. The business meeting was afterwards held at which Mr. J. Martin presided. He said he was pleased to see so good a meeting, and gave several excellent suggestions as to future meetings.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit then addressed the meeting and gave them a hearty welcome to Crossens, and said he was glad to see the steady progress the Guild was making both in the number of members and in change-ringing, and nothing gave him greater pleasure than to read of the peals rung by the Guild.

Mr. Alexander Smith said on the invitation of Mr. J. Martin this was the first time that ever he had been at a ringers' meeting, and it came to him as a glad surprise to see so excellent an organisation. He could see the good work that was being done by the Guild, and wished to become an honorary member of the Guild.

Nine performing members were afterwards elected, the usual vote of thanks bringing a very pleasant meeting to a close. During the evening touches of Grandsire and several tunes were rung on the handbells, which were greatly enjoyed.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FYLDE BRANCH.—The sixth quarterly meeting of this branch was held at Blackpool on Saturday afternoon, February 4th. The bells of St. John's were kindly placed at the disposal of the members from three o'clock. Members attended from Blackpool (St. John's), the parish church, Kirkham, and St. John's, Lytham. Various touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung, W. Clitheroe ringing his first 360 of Bob Minor, and the brothers Worthington their first 240 in the same method. The meeting took place in the schoolroom at six o'clock, when the respected curate, the Rev. T. W. Castles, occupied the chair. He said he welcomed the Association in the name of the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. Jeffery) to Blackpool, as they all new the Vicar was bedfast, and had been some considerable time now. He knew the Vicar had the Association at heart, and wished, through Mr. Castles, that it may still go on and prosper. The rev. gentleman became an honorary member of the Association. A vote of sympathy was passed to the Vicar in his sickness, Mr. Castles kindly promising to convey the same. St. Anne's-on-the-Sea was fixed for the next meeting in April. Votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding, to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells and school, and to Mr. Clitheroe, the genial conductor of St. John's church, for having the bells in readiness, brought a very happy gathering to a close.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above branch was held on Saturday, January 28th, at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, when members were present from Heywood, Rochdale, Hamer, Leesfield, Oldham parish church, and the local company. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and a 720 and 360 of Bob Minor were rung. The next meeting will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, March 4th, when it is expected there will be a good muster. Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman (Mr. Birtwistle), and the vicar (Rev. C. J. Watts), wardens, and ringers for the use of the bells.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting was held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, January 28th, when over twenty members were present from Christ Church, St. Saviour's, Rawtenstall, Ramsbottom, Heywood, and Waterfoot. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, College Single, and a 720 of Plain Bob were rung by W. Ormerod, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. The next meeting will be held at Helmshore. The company wish to thank the local ringers for having all in readiness.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

On Wednesday, January 4th, in honour of Mr. Wilkinson's 21st birthday, the local company, being members of the Kent County Association, met in the belfry at 2.30 p.m. and rung 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles), in 27 mins. F. Kettel, 1; C. Seager, 2; S. Cole, 3; G. P. Burr, 4; A. C. West, 5; D. J. Goldsmith (conductor), 6. Touches of Minor, Bob Doubles and Grandsire were rung during the afternoon, all members of the band standing in. In the evening, Mr. H. R. Wilkinson entertained the ringers and their friends at supper at the Rose and Crown, Stone Street, where host Kitcher prepared a capital spread. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to, and the health of Mr. Wilkinson was drank with musical honours, all present wishing him many happy returns of the day. Some capital songs and recitations were given, and the National Anthem brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

The election of officers took place on Wednesday, January 25th, when the following were elected: G. W. Wild, *Master*; C. Malim, *Treasurer*; F. G. Perrin, *Secretary*; H. N. Davis, *Steward*.
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On New Year's Eve the Rev. H. C. Littlewood invited the ringers of the parish church to supper at the vicarage. The ringers met at the church and rang 720 Kent Treble Bob, and at 8.30 they were sitting round the table doing justice to the good things provided. After having drank the healths of W. Moss and J. Wedge, the vicar placed oranges and tobacco for those who used it, and games of bagatelle were indulged in until 11.40., when after thanking and wishing the vicar a happy new year, they made their way to the tower and rang rounds till nearly 12 o'clock, and then tolled the old year out, after which a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung. On Tuesday, January 3rd, by invitation, they visited Streatley, and attempted some Treble Bob, but after ringing about 670 changes twice, it was given up. During these attempts the new vicar of the parish, who can ring rounds, stood in the belfry, and said after the ringing was over it had been an exceedingly pleasant evening, and hoped success would attend their efforts next time. The following were the band: J. Carter, 1; C. Tidbury, 2; W. Aldridge, 3; G. Wilson, 4; J. Alexander, 5; J. Bower (conductor), 6.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this Branch was held at Wallasey, on Saturday, January 28th, thirty-four members being present from Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Wallasey, West Kirby and Woodchurch.

Mr. H. A. Heywood presided in the unavoidable absence of the chairman. The Secretary read his report for the past year, also the financial statement, which was satisfactory.

The Chairman stated that this branch sent up a much larger contribution to the Diocesan fund last year than any of the other branches.

The Rev. Canon Blencowe was re-elected President; F. R. T. Bolton, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer; and W. Wilcox and the Secretary were elected representatives of the Branch on the general committee.

After partaking of tea a move was made for the tower, and several short touches of Grandsire Minor and Doubles were rung by mixed bands from the above-mentioned towers. The only one worthy of record was a 720 of Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23½ mins. W. Rogers, 1; R. Voas, 2; G. Voas, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; S. Wood, 5; W. Wilcox (conductor), 6. Messrs. Griffiths and Wilcox hail from Bidston; the rest belong to Wallasey.

ALTON, HANTS.

On Thursday, January 19th, the members of the St. Lawrence's Guild spent a very enjoyable evening together. Proceedings began by erecting a tablet in the belfry recording the first peal rung the local party, afterwards ringing 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Reading, 1; Rev. F. Whyley, 2; W. Withers, 3; W. White, 4; A. Burgess, 5; H. Withers (conductor), 6; C. Forder, 7; J. Goodall, 8. After this the members with a few friends adjourned to the Philanthropic Hall, where they were kindly entertained to supper by the vicar, the Rev. F. Whyley, provided by Mr. A. Piper. Songs and toasts followed the supper, interspersed by touches of Major and Triples on the handbells. A vote of thanks, proposed and carried for the kind way in which they had been entertained, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

KNIGHTON, RADNOR.

The parish ringers here have joined the Hereford Diocesan Guild. The tower contains a musical little peal of six by Rudhall, tenor about 8 cwt., but are in need of rehanging. The Rev. H. F. Bagshaw is the Secretary, and Mr. R. Burge, late of Withington, Gloucestershire, is foreman. A set of Shaw's handbells have been procured for extra practices. A series of lessons in Grandsire Doubles have recently been given by the Guild Instructor. There is a possibility of the completion of the restoration of the church during the year, the vicar announcing from the pulpit recently that a resident had made him a handsome offer towards the new chancel.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

The members of the Romsey branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild held their annual social and ringing meeting on Wednesday, January 25th. Invitations were sent out to the following towers: Basingstoke, Christchurch, Fareham, Havant, Hursley, Lockerley, Portsea, Southampton, and Twyford. From these about twenty ringers attended. Ringing commenced about three o'clock, and the bells were kept going in the Plain Bob and Grandsire methods until six o'clock, when the company adjourned to the Market inn, where a meat tea had been provided through the liberality of the local ringers. The vicar, the Rev. Cook Yarborough, presided, supported by the former vicar of Romsey, the Rev. E. L. Berthon, Mr. Moss, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. J. Alsop, Vestry Clerk, and about thirty ringers. After tea the vicar addressed the meeting, first giving them a very hearty welcome to Romsey, and then said how sorry he was to still have to delay that necessary work, the rehanging of the bells, owing to absolutely necessary repairs to the roof of the abbey, but promised them it should be done at the earliest possible moment.

The Rev. E. L. Berthon then explained the proposed alteration of the abbey tower, which when carried out will make the abbey the finest specimen of Norman building extant.

The usual week evening service being held at 8 o'clock, a 556 of Grandsire Triples was rung, the bells lowered in peal, and the rest of the evening was spent socially with change-ringing and tunes on the handbells. Nearly all the visitors left by the 9.45 train, and as it moved out of the station the local ringers were left on the platform listening to the hearty strains of "For they are jolly good fellows, and so say all of us."

EPSOM, SURREY.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Thursday, January 26th, the members of the Christ Church Guild, with hon. members and friends to the number of twenty, were invited to a most substantial supper through the kindness of one of their hon. members, A. W. Aston, Esq., of West Hill, at his residence. The chair was taken by A. W. Aston, Esq., the vice-chair being filled by the Rev. Archer J. Hunter, vicar. After having done justice to the good things provided, the rest of the evening was devoted to singing and music, excellently rendered by E. Murray, Esq. The ringers are most assiduous in their practice, and the kindness that has been shown to them by the vicar, churchwardens, and others this season will no doubt tend to increase their love for the work they are doing so well. A pleasant chat together principally on bell-ringing having terminated, Henry Willis, Esq., churchwarden and hon. member, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Aston for his kind hospitality in providing such an excellent repast, the ringers one and all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. At ten o'clock the company separated, after spending a very pleasant evening. The company present included E. M. Burlton, Esq., Hon. Member, and the Rev. H. Richard, curate.

MR. JAMES HEWETT, OF GOSPORT.

The Royal Cumberland Society, of which Mr. J. Hewett is an old and respected member, have taken into consideration his advancing years and straitened circumstances, and have opened a subscription list in order to help him in his declining years. Gentlemen who desire to assist a brother-ringer in time of need will be kind enough to send their subscriptions to the undersigned. All will be acknowledged in this paper.

A. JACOB,

Secretary to the Royal Cumberland Society.

12, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

BELL FOUNDING OPERATIONS.

Messrs. Shaw, Son, and Co., bell founders, of Bradford, Yorks, have in hand the rehanging of the peal of eight bells in the parish church of Ilkley, including the tenor in their patent improved roller bearings, and replacing the old oak beams that support the bells with new steel girders and special ties, to the specifications of the engineers appointed.

DEAL, KENT.

On Thursday, January 19th, the ringers of the parish church had their annual supper at the Liverpool Arms, when about twenty-three members and friends sat down to a most substantial spread, provided by the worthy host, Mr. G. Burton. The room was decorated in a very neat and effective manner, one of the most noticeable items being the handbells suspended across the ceiling, while round the room were various mottoes for ringers and visitors. After doing ample justice to the good things provided, the usual toasts were given. The toast of the evening—"Health and long life to Captain Coleman" was most enthusiastically received with musical honours. Mr. G. Denne occupied the chair, and Mr. H. Denne the vice-chair. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony and handbell ringing by Messrs. Parker, A. Moorcraft (Maidstone), H. Castle, H. Harvey, H. Denne, G. Denne, —. Whitnall, sen., —. Whitnall, jun., —. Gaunt, G. Spinner, A. Spinner, —. Hanger, W. Ongley, and S. Mockett. The health of "The Visitors" having been drank, Mr. Gaunt responded, and said he hoped he would have the pleasure of being with them for many years to come. Many thanks are due to Messrs. Mockett, Ongley, and Parker, for the decorations. One of the most pleasant evenings was brought to a close by the company singing Auld lang syne and God save the Queen.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6784.	5024.
By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, <i>Chesterfield</i> .	By YORK GREEN, <i>London</i> .
2 3 4 5 6 M B W H	2 3 4 5 6 M B W H
2 4 5 3 6	2 6 3 5 4
2 5 3 4 6	4 2 5 6 3
5 6 3 4 2	2 3 5 6 4
4 3 6 5 2	2 5 6 3 4
3 2 6 5 4	3 2 6 5 4
3 6 5 2 4	2 4 6 5 3
2 3 6 4 5	2 6 5 4 3
2 6 4 3 5	2 6 4 3 5
2 4 3 6 5	2 4 3 6 5
4 5 3 6 2	2 3 6 4 5
5 4 2 6 3	6 3 4 2 5
6 5 4 3 2	3 5 4 2 6
5 6 2 3 4	2 4 5 3 6
5 2 3 6 4	2 5 3 4 6
6 5 2 4 3	2 3 4 5 6
6 2 4 5 3	
6 4 5 2 3	
4 3 5 2 6	
3 4 6 2 5	
2 3 4 5 6	

This peal contains the sixty course-ends. If the first course is called 2 M and 2 H, the fifth course-end is brought up and the peal reduced to 5440.

This peal has the 5th eighteen times right, and twenty times wrong at four course-ends each way; and the 6th eighteen times wrong, and the extent right. It also has the 2nd eleven course-ends at home. It was first rung at Shadwell, December 8th, 1892, conducted by H. Springall.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT EAST DERHAM.—This peal, which is a one-part in fifteen courses, has the 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time. It was rung on the anniversary of the birthday of F. J. Howchin, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. It is twenty-three years since a peal was rung on these bells, and the thanks of the ringers are due to the Vicar, Rev. H. J. L. Arnold, for allowing the ringing to continue during evensong.

** We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

WANTED.

BELL RINGER for St. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK.—Salary £20 per annum. Applications and Testimonials must be sent to me by the 16th February.

HENRY LANGSTON,

32, Borough High Street, S.E.

Vestry Clerk.

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."

PEAL RECORDS.

SIR,—In answer to the member of the Kent County Association signing himself "Plain Robert" in last week's paper, may I be allowed to repeat the statement which appeared in my letter of January 28th. At the meeting of our Central Committee in December "the question (of a new peal-book, that is) was not settled, but was referred for discussion to the district committees; and according to the opinions expressed by them, the Central Committee, I suppose, will decide as to the course to be adopted." With that plain statement before him, it is strange that he should ask me to inform him as to the decision of the Committee. His second question—"What rule was Mr. Helmore acting under when he opened the bells at Westerham"? I readily answer for the sake of members who like "Plain Robert" imagine that they have a grievance, because they were not invited to take a rope, I suppose, though indeed it has nothing to do with the subject. Rule 14 says that arrangements for opening new rings of bells shall be made through the Secretary of the district. If I had been guilty of any breach of the spirit of that rule, and wanted to find an excuse, I might plead that the Westerham peal are not a new ring of bells, and therefore the letter of the rule would not have been broken, if the District Secretary had had nothing to say to it. But as a matter of fact Mr. Curteis was consulted, and readily handed over the business to me. And there were two very good reasons for his doing so; first, that he was not qualified as a practical ringer to select a thoroughly reliable band (he would be the first to own this, I am sure); and second, the vicar of Westerham had requested me as Secretary of the Association to bring a band to ring a peal as at Ospringe in December, 1891. Accordingly after being assured by him that none of the Westerham band were qualified to stand, I endeavoured to get as good a company to ring at Westerham as at Ospringe; and we rung the same peal. I quite agree with "Plain Robert" that as far as Rule 14 is concerned, a little alteration is expedient, as the framers of that Rule never intended to exclude the General Secretary from arrangements for openings. May I also correct a slight inaccuracy in one of "Plain Robert's" statements. He asserts that our Committee are paid. I would refer him to Rule 7, which lays down that the reasonable travelling expenses of members attending the meeting in December shall be defrayed by the Association. That is hardly the same thing as being paid, and I can expect some of our Committee will resent "Plain Robert's" mis-statement. In conclusion may I say that my letter on the subject of peal records was written with a view to elicit, if possible, expressions of opinion from ringers in other parts of the country, rather than the criticisms of my own Association. The latter have their own proper means of expressing their statements in their District Committees and Meetings.

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE,

Hon. Sec. Kent County Association.

SIR,—I had waited with some interest your last issue, in the hope that Mr. Helmore's invitation for the ideas of some other ringers on the above subject would be responded to, and am somewhat disappointed. Looking at this question in the most practical way, I feel that (in spite of a lingering veneration for ancient inscriptions) I must agree with our Secretary's suggestion, principally for this reason: that the increasing number of peals rung year by year will undoubtedly raise sooner or later the difficulty of keeping such voluminous records. Now the publication of a fixed number of peals, or the peals rung within a certain period, in a volume worth preserving, with, as suggested, a preface or appendix of interesting information, and even, in addition, engravings of the towers, would remove this difficulty, besides increasing the enthusiasm of ringers in peal-ringing, and giving local companies and many individual ringers an opportunity of possessing a reliable record of their achievements at once interesting and instructive. Of course this need in no way affect the preservation by the Association of a faithful manuscript record. The expenses of the Association in this direction would be, I am sure, materially lessened. "Plain Robert" seems surprised that Mr. Helmore should have seen any reason for appealing to the public (?) But I think he did rightly; this is rather a broad question for a committee to settle off-hand, even though they are paid. Neither do I see that your correspondent dispels the difficulty of the transit and care of these ponderous volumes to and from Annual meetings held some years at long distances from the Secretary's residence, by his somewhat sarcastic proposal to send them by rail or carrier. As to the rules, surely they were not so framed that they can never be altered to suit different circumstances. I should imagine the members assembled in annual meeting have power to make alterations. Hence the greater

importance of hearing the opinions of the members. With reference to the Westerham incident, that is to be regretted, as I fear the Association has suffered from the very natural, and justifiable, chagrin it caused. However, this is apart from the question under discussion, and perhaps a little too personal to be a subject of correspondence in this paper. Rather vent such grievances at the annual meetings, when any member has a right to be heard, than stay at home and grumble, as I am sorry many do. Far more serious, in the opinion of many ringers I have spoken to, is the absence of the record of peals from the pages of the Annual Report for 1891. This a sad neglect, especially when we consider that it is possible some of our members may never see the records of which they are justly proud.

G. H. S.

THE TENOR AT OXFORD CATHEDRAL.

SIR,—I beg to thank Mr. Robinson for his letter in your last issue, and hope he will soon carry out his intention of having the bell weighed; but till this is *un fait accompli*, I think the Oxford Diocesan Guild ought to leave off calling it 42 cwt. AMOR VERITATIS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION MEETING.

SIR,—In your report of this meeting last week, I observe my name was quoted as being a candidate for election as Master. Kindly allow me to state that it was entirely against my seeking; I had fully explained to the local members before-hand that my business engagements would not allow of my attending the meetings, and therefore could not do full justice to the office, though my interest in the society had not abated in any way. I also wrote to the Secretary to the same effect. My name therefore should not have been submitted. I fully appreciate the kindly feeling which prompted those who voted for me; but regret that my own views were not brought to their notice in advance.

F. E. WARD, Hon. Treasurer.

Letters from S. Hayes, Y. Green and others will appear next week.

Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 555.)

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 24th, at the handbell practice room, Worter Street, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) was rung on handbells. A. Symonds (conductor), 1; F. G. Symonds, 2; T. King, 3; F. Parker (first 720), 4; W. Snell, 5; H. Parker, 6. Great credit is due to F. Parker, who only began to learn at Christmas. On Thursday, January 26th, he again rang the 4th to a 1264 of Bob Major, F. G. Symonds, aged 13, ringing the treble.

LONDON.—On Monday, January 30th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a last tribute of respect to the late G. Mash. C. F. Winny, 1; H. Langdon, 2; E. E. Richards, 3; —. Hasted, 4; —. Coombs, 5; T. Langdon, 6; —. Butler, 7; E. E. Vinen, 8; —. Young, 9; G. T. McLaughlin, 10.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Monday, January 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; J. Levitt, 6. This was rung to celebrate the thirty-fifth birthday of the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many returns.

SANDY (Beds).—On Saturday, January 14th, an attempt was made for 5040 in seven methods, but it came to grief after ringing 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Oxford Bob, and 58 leads of Grandsire Minor. H. J. Sutton, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Sharp, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; P. Howard, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Monday, January 23rd, for practice at the parish church, 504 Bob Triples. E. Daiper, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; F. Souter, 3; G. Pender, 4; W. Thyng, 5; J. G. Wade (conductor), 6; W. Rouse, 7; W. D. Welham, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, January 31st, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins., as a last mark of respect to the late Messrs. Mash and Tanner. *J. Tennant, 1; *F. Weare, 2; †A. Pittam, 3; †A. Tennant (conductor), 4; R. Kilby, 5; *J. Jackman, 6. *College Youths. †Cumberland Youths.

WRAYSBURY (Bucks).—On Tuesday, January 17th, for practice, the last half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Gorrod, 1; Rev. J. H. Hindson (conductor), 2; G. Kirby, 3; H. Shanks, 4; G. Stanbrook, 5; G. Watmore, 6; R. Flaxman, 7; P. Doy, 8. On Tuesday, January 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Watmore, 1; Rev. J. H. Hindson, 2; G. Kirby, 3; H. Shanks, 4; R. Flaxman (conductor), 5; C. Watmore, 6; J. Gutteridge, 7; S. Bradford, 8.

Notices.

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Yorkshire Association.—Owing to other engagements of the Bishop and Archdeacon, the general meeting will be held at Wakefield, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 11th, (not 4th as previously intimated). The newly-augmented ring of twelve bells at the Cathedral will be at the disposal of members from 10.30 a.m. This meeting will be the official "re-opening" of the bells after augmentation and re-hanging; there will therefore be short choral service and sermon in the Cathedral at 4.0 p.m.; the Lord Bishop of Wakefield has promised to preach the sermon. Tea in the Zetland Street schools, at 5.0. Business meeting to follow. The local Hon. Sec., is Mr. John T. Hollis, 22, Albion Street, Wakefield. B. T. COPLLEY, Hon. Sec. 3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

Hertfordshire Association.—District meeting at Hitchin, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 11th. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Cheap tickets issued to members travelling on Great Northern line.

St. Albans. E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association, Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish church, Darwen, to-day, Saturday, February 11th. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 5.30. J. HORROCKS, Sec.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—A meeting will be held at Tanfield (Station, Rowlands Gill), on Monday, February 13th. Committee meeting at 12. Dinner at 1.0 p.m., at "Peacock Inn." C. BUSTON, Hon. Sec. Embleton, Northumberland.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fakenham, on Monday, 13th February. Dinner at "Royal Oak," 1.30. Tickets 1s. 3d. and 2s. Notice to be sent to Hon. Sec. of how many will come, and from what station (G.E.R. only), before Wednesday, 8th February.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society.—A quarterly meeting will take place at Finedon, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 11th, by kind permission of the Rev. G. W. Paul. The peal of six bells (tenor 24 cwt.), at the parish church of St. Mary, will be at liberty for ringing from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association, Lewisham District.—There will be a quarterly meeting at Dartford, to-day, Saturday, February 11th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.0 p.m. Committee meeting in vestry at 5 p.m.

T. E. TRIGNMOUTH SHORE.

25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

Lancashire Association, Manchester Branch.—There will be a ringing meeting held at the Manchester Cathedral, on Saturday, February 18th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m. A good muster will be expected on the occasion.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The North Lincolnshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Grimsby, on Saturday, February 18th. Tea at the Bull Ring Coffee Hall, at 4.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. The bells of St. James' (eight), and St. Andrew's (eight), will be at liberty for the use of members in the afternoon and evening.

GEO. CHESTER, Hon. Sec.

142, Portland Street, Lincoln.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Rose Inn, Mount Street, on Saturday, February 18th, at 6.0 p.m. Business: Secretary's report, Election of Officers, &c. Any alteration of addresses should be given at the same time, or sent to me previously to 18, Lawrance Street.

ALFRED ARCHER, Local Hon. Sec.

St. James's Society, London.—The above society will meet for practice at St. Clement, Danes, Strand, on Monday next, at 8 o'clock and on Sunday the 19th, at 6.0 o'clock for service. There will be no ringing to-morrow evening at St. Mary's, Lambeth.

E. A. YOUNG, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District. The annual District meeting will be held on Saturday, February 25th, at Aylesford Church Tower, at 4.0 p.m.

A. L. BRINE, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meeting for practice, for February, 1893.—Lewisham, St. Mary, Monday 27th, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAXLEY, Hon. Sec.

10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

Johnson Memorial Anniversary.—The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, intend holding the annual dinner as usual on Saturday, March 4th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Dinner tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from the undersigned, who will give full particulars in latter issues.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—A ringing meeting of the above will be held at the parish church, Ashton, on Saturday, February 25th, 1893. Bells will be ready at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. JOHN HOPWOOD, Hon. Sec. 25, Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

NOTICE.—Eight members of the Sussex County Association will attempt, all being well, the long peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major, 20160, on Saturday, February 25th.

HENRY H. CHANDLER.

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TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS, Royal Cumberland Youths.

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

2 6 3 5 4 2 I

3 6 5 2 4 1 - I

6 2 7 5 4 2 in - I

5 6 2 3 4 in 2

6 4 2 3 5 1 2

4 5 2 3 6 1 2

5 3 6 2 4 2 - I

3 2 5 4 6 -

2 3 6 4 5 - I 2

2 5 3 4 6 2 I

4 3 5 2 6 1 - 2

3 2 4 6 5 -

2 3 5 6 4 - I 2

2 4 3 6 5 2 I

6 3 4 2 5 1 - 2

3 2 6 5 4 -

2 3 4 5 6 - I 2

This composition has the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6 place, the 2nd and 3rd never there.

Those gentlemen who object to parting tenors, may ring the peal with the first four courses called as follows, when the changes are reduced to

5024.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

2 6 3 5 4 2 I

3 6 5 2 4 1 - I

6 2 4 5 3 2 -

5 6 2 3 4 - 2

Alternate calling may be used in 5th and 6th courses in either peal.

6336.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

2 6 3 5 4 2 I

3 6 5 2 4 1 - I

4 2 5 6 3 2 - 2 I

6 4 2 3 5 - 2

4 3 5 2 6 2 -

3 2 4 6 5 -

2 3 5 6 4 - I 2

Twice repeated.

The last peal is one of several compositions I have, containing similar qualities from these course-ends.

A 720 OF DOUBLE COURT BOB.

By C. H. HOWARD, Braintree.

5 6 3 4 2 B 5 4 2 6 3

S 2 4 6 3 5 6 3 4 2 5

B 3 5 6 2 4 B 2 5 4 6 3

S 4 2 5 6 3 6 3 5 4 2

6 3 2 5 4 4 2 3 5 6

Five times repeated; single at home in the third and sixth parts.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1893

By an advertisement on another page, we find that the authorities of the church of St. Saviour, Southwark, are seeking for a successor to the late Mr. GEORGE MASH, who for so many years faithfully discharged the office of steeplekeeper at that church. The position is an honorable one, certainly. The charge of a peal of bells like those of St. Saviour's, representing in monetary value many hundreds of pounds sterling, is a work not to be undertaken lightly, or by any one who cannot command the confidence of those who will suffer by careless or incompetent management, viz: the ringers. Up till now these bells have been carefully and fondly tended, and the necessary duties of the belfry have been conscientiously fulfilled; how painful will it be then to find that an unworthy successor to the late steeplekeeper has been appointed whose chief object is, not the sacred care of the bells, but the emoluments appertaining to the office. We take the liberty of pointing out to those who have the selection in their hands not to act hastily in the matter. No doubt testimonials by the ream can be procured by many a candidate for the office, but such credentials are not always to be depended on. Evidences to character in this case may be something, but a practical—not a superficial—knowledge is absolutely necessary if the bells of what will one day be Southwark Cathedral are to be preserved from the ravages of time and neglect. We submit, with all due deference, these observations to those who will have to determine the election of steeplekeeper at St. Saviour's, Southwark.

The Metropolis.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Saturday, February 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

FRANCIS L. DAVIES Treble.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 5.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 2.	HENRY R. NEWTON 6.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, SRN. .. 3.	FREDK. G. NEWMAN 7.
FRANK M. BUTLER 4.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. G. NEWMAN.

This peal was rung to commemorate Mr. J. W. Waghorn, senr's. birthday; it was also his first peal of Stedman.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MORTLAKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt..

WALTER C. HASTED .. Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS 5.
CHARLES E. MALIM 2.	GEORGE SMITH† 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN* .. 3.	FREDERICK J. PITTS 7.
JAMES E. DAVIS† 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.‡ .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF of Gillingham, and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.

*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method. ‡First peal as conductor. This composition, which has the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place at a course-end, and the 2nd never in 5ths, is taken from "THE BELL NEWS," April 11th, 1891.

THE HACKNEY SOCIETY, MIDDLESEX.

On Saturday, February 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN AT HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT's TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in Db.

ALBERT COLES Treble.	WILLIAM B. MANNING .. 5.
GEORGE J. GAINS* 2.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 6.
WILLIAM D. SMITH 3.	WILLIAM BURKIN 7.
GEORGE J. SMITH 4.	HENRY STUBBS Tenor.

Conducted by W. BURKIN.

*First peal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, February 7, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven and ½ Mins.,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON .. Treble.	*THOMAS R. BELL 5.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES 2.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 4.	HENRY S. ELLIS Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

*First peal of Stedman. First time this peal has been rung in London.

The Provinces.**ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, January 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF HOLT's ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN BROWN Treble.	THOMAS SHORT 5.
CHARLES FOWLER 2.	FREDERICK WHITE 6.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 3.	HARRY FRUIN 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 4.	ARTHUR BURGESS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 1, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK's FOUR-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE .. Tenor.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 5.
ALFRED THOMAS 2.	REV. H. EARLE BULWER .. 6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
J. TRENDALL 4.	HARRY HYDE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal of Stedman by the Rev. H. E. Bulwer.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 1, 1893, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

CHARLES SMITH Treble.	JOHN SWAIN 5.
JOHN DAY 2.	FRANK HOPGOOD 6.
J. MARTIN ROUTH, ESQ. .. 3.	HARRY GOODGER 7.
CHARLES CHAPMAN 4.	RICHARD HAINES Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

Rung to commemorate the 27th birthday of the conductor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day.

WOODLESFORD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 2, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES HAIGH Treble.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW .. 5.
J. C. ABBISHAW 2.	ALFRED C. CHAPMAN .. 6.
WALTER CHAPMAN 3.	JOSEPH HAIGH Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH HAIGH.

First 5040 as conductor. In each 720 the 5th and 6th were brought home every 240 changes.

PENDLETON, LANCs.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 3, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

JOHN SMITH Treble.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 5.
JAMES FITTON 2.	THOMAS SMITH 6.
FRANK SMITH 3.	EDWARD CASH 7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM .. 4.	CHARLES BRADLEY Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CASH.

Messrs. Winterbottom and Bradley were elected Members of the Association before starting. This is the first peal on the bells by a local band since their opening in 1840. It is also the first peal by all except the conductor. Great credit is due to Mr. Cash, in the manner he piloted the young band through the peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 4, 1893, 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 13½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE PAICE Treble.	JAMES PARKER 5.
GEORGE BAKER* 2.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. 6.
KEITH HART 3.	JAMES SEARLE 7.
HARRY WESTON 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich. This peal has the 6th twenty-four course-ends home, the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th place at course-ends. Messrs. Williams, Baker, Weston and Hart hail from St. Peter's, Brighton; J. Searle from Burgess Hill; the rest belong to the local band.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 3, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

FRED BIGGS .. .. .	.. Treble.	WALTER ERNEST YATES .. 5.
FRANK BIGGS .. .. .	.. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
SIDNEY GOODCHILD .. .. .	.. 3.	RALPH BIGGS 7.
JOHN EVANS .. .. .	.. 4.	HARRY STRATFORD Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. Treble.	*REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON .. 5.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 2.	ERNEST CLAYTON 6.
MORACE BEDINGFIELD 3.	WILLIAM FLORY 7.
FREDERICK CLAYTON 4.	DAVID COLLINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. CRICKMER.

*First peal. The Rev. J. Holme Pilkington is Rector of Framlingham; Messrs. Clayton and Collins hail from Worlingworth; Crickmer from Earl Soham; Hayward from Monewden; Bedingfield from Brandeston; and Flory from Crettingham. This peal was the original peal of Treble Bob, first rung by the Union Scholars on December 27th, 1718. It was also a birthday compliment to Ernest Clayton, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES GRATRAX .. .. .	.. Treble.	WILLIAM DICKEN 5.
GEORGE T. SHAW .. .. .	.. 2.	WALTER INGHAM 6.
JOSEPH WOOD .. .. .	.. 3.	THOMAS B. DICKEN 7.
SAMUEL H. COOPER .. .. .	.. 4.	JOHN T. DICKEN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, of Ashton, and Conducted by SAMUEL H. COOPER.

James Gratrix hails from Manchester; George T. Shaw, William Dicken and John T. Dicken from Friezeand; Walter Ingham Oldham; Samuel H. Cooper and Thomas B. Dicken from Mossley; Joseph Wood from Saddleworth.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

RALPH BIGGS .. .. .	.. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
FRED BIGGS .. .. .	.. 2.	WALTER ERNEST YATES .. 6.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. .. .	.. 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
SIDNEY GOODCHILD .. .. .	.. 4.	J. C. TRUSS, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1893, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOHN PLOWMAN .. .. .	.. Treble.	JAMES W. TRAPPITT 6.
EDGAR BENNETT .. .. .	.. 2.	JOHN HARDING 7.
ARTHUR J. PLOWMAN* .. .. .	.. 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS 8.
FRANK HOLDER† .. .. .	.. 4.	GEORGE WELLING 9.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. .. .	.. 5.	CHARLES BANCE Tenor.

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal of Royal with a bob ball. This peal is in the titlums, and is a two-part composition.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT and Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

BATTLE.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

HARRY ELLIOTT* .. .. .	.. Treble.	JOSHUA MATHIS 5.
CHARLES JAMES HYLAND .. .. .	.. 2.	WILLIAM THOMAS 6.
ROBERT CURTIS .. .. .	.. 3.	HENRY FRANKS 7.
WALTER FRANKS .. .. .	.. 4.	†CHARLES ELDRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER FRANKS.

*First peal away from tenor. †First peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN COOK .. .. .	.. Treble.	HENRY BURSTOW 5.
WILLIAM PELLING .. .. .	.. 2.	WALTER CHARMAN 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. .	.. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
THOMAS HERVEY BEAMS .. .. .	.. 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER Tenor.

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

This is Mr. Beams' first attempt in the method, and the treble man's first attempt at Major.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HENRY WALLIS .. .. .	.. Treble.	GEORGE A. RANSON 5.
ERNEST W. ALLEN* .. .. .	.. 2.	EDGAR HOLLADAY 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. .. .	.. 3.	CHARLES L. GRAHAM 7.
CHARLES COUCHMAN .. .. .	.. 4.	WILLIAM FOREMAN Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

*First peal. Messrs. Allen and Willshire hail from Sittingbourne; Foreman and Ransom from Boughton-under-Blean; the rest from Faversham.

BATH, SOMERSETSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. .	.. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
WALTER T. BENNETT .. .. .	.. 2.	FRANCIS E. WARD 6.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. .	.. 3.	EDWARD B. JAMES 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. .. .	.. 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN JAGGAR and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This peal has the 6th and 4th each twenty-three times in 6ths place, and is the first peal of Double Norwich rung in the City of Bath.

A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d.

Contains the full extent of changes on nine bells. Forwarded Post Free, on receipt of 7d. By James Hewett, 16, Chapel Row, Gosport.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.—YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR CRAVEN Treble.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 5.
JOHN SUNDERLAND 2.	JOSEPH YEADON 6.
CHARLES PRATT 3.	ALFRED NAYLOR 7.
SAMUEL BROWN 4.	ALBERT HASTE Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

This peal has the 6th her extant wrong and right. Pratt hails from Calverley; Craven, Naylor and Haste from Headingley; the rest belong to the local company.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WOODLEY* Treble.	GEORGE ESSEX 5.
EDWIN MENDAY 2.	THOMAS NEWMAN 6.
HARRY BRIDGEMAN 3.	JOSEPH HANDS 7.
HARRY SIMMONDS 4.	ARTHUR W. PIKE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by ARTHUR W. PIKE.

*First peal of Major. The above peal is a six-part composition.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 5, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

WILLIAM HOOKER Treble.	THOMAS HERVEY BEAMS .. 5.
THOMAS ANDREWS 2.	HENRY BURSTOW 6.
WILLIAM PELLING 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
WALTER WADEY 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN and Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This is the treble man's first attempt at Major. This peal was rung with the tenors parted in the first eleven courses.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Monday, February 6, 1893, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Treble.	GEORGE MOY 5.
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 2.	WILLIAM BALES 6.
FREDK. H. KNIGHTS 3.	JAMES SKINNER 7.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield and Conducted by FREDERICK KNIGHTS.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, February 6, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5136 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	ROBERT HAWES 7.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	HENRY BOWELL 8.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 3.	EDWARD REEVE 9.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	*SAMUEL SLATER 10.
ALFRED BOWELL 5.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 11.
ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 6.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method on twelve bells. This was rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Meadows, a member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, who attained his 80th birthday on that day.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 7, 1893, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

S. TAYLOR Treble.	J. CRABTREE 5.
T. JAKEMAN 2.	J. H. BRIERLEY 6.
H. HEAP 3.	W. JAKEMAN 7.
E. BROWN 4.	J. HARRISON Tenor.

Composed by E. STOKES, of Birmingham, and Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

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Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Saturday, January 28th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a date touch, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. in the following methods: 93 Worcester Surprise, 360 Chichester Surprise, 720 Durham Surprise, and 720 York Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (composer and conductor), 6. Rung in honour of the eighteenth birthday of G. Jordan. Tenor 13 cwt.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, January 31st, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Gratrix, 1; T. Jakeman, 2; J. Hyslop, 3; E. Brown, 4; W. Jakeman (conductor), 5; J. H. Brierley, 6; W. Ingham, 7; J. Harrison, 8. Composed by M. Pailthorp. Tenor 20 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PRITTLEWELL (Essex).—On Monday, January 9th, at the parish church, Holt's 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs), taken from Shipway. W. Hunt, 1; W. Dowsett, 2; —. Prior, 3; —. Bedwell, 4; C. Anderson, 5; J. Smith, 6. On Monday, January 16th, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). W. Hunt, 1; W. Dowsett, 2; —. Prior, 3; —. Bedwell, 4; C. Anderson, 5; J. Smith, 6. On Friday, January 20th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). W. Hunt, 1; W. Dowsett, 2; J. Perry, 3; —. Bedwell, 4; C. Anderson, 5; J. Smith, 6. On Friday, January 27th, 720 Bob Minor (two bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Perry, 1; W. Hunt (first 720 with a bob bell), W. Dowsett, 3; —. Bedwell, 4; C. Anderson, 5; J. Smith, 6. On Sunday, January 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). W. Hunt, 1; W. Dowsett, 2; J. Perry, 3; —. Bedwell, 4; C. Anderson, 5; J. Smith, 6. All the above were conducted by J. Smith.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, January 29th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Gooch, 1; W. Rowland, sen., 2; R. C. Burrell, 3; *A. Speller (conductor), 4; W. Hawkes, 5; W. Rowland, jun., 6; A. Edwards, 7; W. Ridgewell, 8. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham. *First quarter-peal as conductor on tower bells.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, January 1st, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 Worcester Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 5th, for practice, a 720 York Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 3rd the observation. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 8th, for afternoon service, a 720 Durham Surprise, in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 12th, for practice, a 720 Ringers' Surprise (nine bobs) in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and first 720 on the bells. And 720 London Surprise. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (first in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 15th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Yorkshire Surprise in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Cavill (conductor), 5; W. Watts, 6. On Wednesday, January 18th, for practice, a 720 Wells Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (first in the method as conductor), 6. Also a 720 London Surprise. J. Luckey, 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. This makes W. Watts' 800th 720. Tenor 13 cwt.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Durham).—On Wednesday, January 25th, at the church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, a 720 Plain Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled. W. Brown, 1; G. Curry, 2; T. Walker, 3; A. Meyers, 4; J. Huntley, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. The above 720 was rung as a mark of respect to the late John Jopling, builder, of the above parish, who for many years was a member of the church choir.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Monday, January 30th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Wallis, 1; W. Taylor, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; E. Bridges, 4; E. Holladay (conductor), 5; H. Burling, 6; F. Hunt, 7; G. Pearson, 8. This is the first touch in the method by Messrs. Drake, Bridges, Burling, Hunt, and Pearson.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Tuesday, January 10th, for practice at Christ Church, 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; A. A. Downing (conductor), 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. On Sunday evening, January 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob in 27 mins. W. Ormerod, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, January 20th, 720 Plain Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith (conductor), 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. *First 720 as conductor. On Tuesday, January 24th, 720 Plain Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith (conductor), 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. On Friday, January 27th, 720 Plain Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

ROCHDALE.—On Sunday, January 1st, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, Hamer, 720 Bob Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles) in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Sunday evening, January 8th, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). E. Shepherd, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Monday, January 9th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). E. Shepherd, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Sunday evening, January 15th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). E. Shepherd, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. All the above were conducted by J. Crossley.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

TREBTON (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday, December 27th, the Eckington

and Killamarsh companies visited this place and rang 720 Arnold's Victory. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Emsen, 3; T. Bettison (conductor), 4; H. Turton, 5; T. Lunn, 6. Also 720 Duke of York, with T. Bettison (conductor), 2; G. Marsden, 4; the rest as before. Messrs. Hancock, Price, Lunn and Marsden hail from Eckington; the rest from Killamarsh.

KILLAMARSH (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, January 7th, 2160 changes in the following methods: 720 each of Arnold's Victory, City Delight, and College Pleasure, in 1 hr. 16 mins. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Emsen, 3; T. Bettison (conductor), 4; H. Turton, 5; T. Lunn, 6. Messrs. Hancock, Price and Lunn hail from Eckington; the rest belong to the local company. On Sunday, January 1st, for Divine Service, 720 of Violet. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. On Sunday, January 8th, 720 College Trebles and 240 Primrose, standing as before. On Sunday, January 15th, for morning service, 720 Violet and 240 Primrose. For evening service 720 Superlative Surprise and 240 of Tulip. On Saturday, January 21st, 2880 changes, being 720 of each of the following: Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure and Duke of York, in 1 hr. 43 mins. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Emsen, 3; T. Bettison (conductor), 4; H. Turton, 5; T. Lunn, 6. On Sunday, January 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. First 720 in the method by all. The number of 720s rung by this company during the past year is eighty-eight, viz.: 5 of Oxford, 6 of Kent, 7 of Violet, 1 of New London Pleasure, 8 of Duke of York, 8 of College Pleasure, 12 of Arnold's Victory, 11 of City Delight, 10 of Killamarsh Treble Bob, 8 of Primrose, 2 each of Killamarsh Surprise, Superlative Surprise and College Trebles, 1 of New College Treble Bob, and 5 of Tulip. It will be seen that the above has been rung in 15 different methods. Of the foregoing 12 were conducted by C. Severn, and 76 by T. Bettison.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Saturday, February 4th, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. W. H. Doran, 1-2; G. Pearl, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), 5-6; H. Randall, 7-8. Rang in the presence of C. Dempsey, Ancient Society of College Youths, and F. Searle, Royal Cumberland Youths. On Sunday, February 5th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Doran, 1-2; G. Pearl, 3-4; H. Randall (conductor), 5-6; F. Searle, 7-8. All the above are members of the Essex Association.

THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, January 26th, at St. Peter Mancroft, 590 Grandsire Cinques with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. George Mash, an honorary member of the above society, who had on several occasions—oftentimes at great personal inconvenience, but with invariable courtesy—piloted the Norwich ringers about London, and made all ringing arrangements for them. P. Sadler, 1; C. E. Borrett, 2; E. Ward, 3; W. Bales, 4; J. Smith, 5; F. J. Howchin, 6; G. Howchin, 7; E. Francis, 8; F. H. Knights, 9; F. Knights, 10; G. Smith, 11; S. Smith, 12. Tenor 41 cwt. At the conclusion of the ringing the tenor was ceased, and the age of the deceased gentleman was tolled.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, January 31st, for practice, 336 Oxford Bob Triples. F. Mathis, 1; W. Thomas, 2; C. J. Hyland, 3; R. Curtis, 4; W. Franks (conductor), 5; J. Mathis, 6; H. Franks, 7; H. Elliott, 8. Also a plain course of Union Triples. S. Saker (hon. member), 1; C. J. Hyland, 2; H. Franks, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. Franks, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. Mathis, 7; H. Elliott, 8. On Tuesday, January 24th, the Annual Meeting and election of officers took place, when the leader, Mr. W. Franks, was re-elected, also the Hon. Sec., F. Mathis, whose address is 16, Upper Lake. Recently for practice a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. S. Saker (first 720), 1; C. J. Hyland, 2; J. Mathis, 3; R. Curtis, 4; H. Franks, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; T. Hutchings, 7; G. Gower, 8. And 350 Grandsire Triples. H. Franks, 1; R. Curtis, 2; H. Elliott (first touch with a bob bell), 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; W. Thomas, 5; J. Mathis, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. in Ep.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, January 9th, the last 742 of Holt's Original. 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.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Saturday, January 30th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, in honour of the thirty-sixth birthday of Mr. H. White, but after ringing up-

wards of 1600 changes a change-course occurred, and the conductor called "stand." W. J. Sevier, 1; T. Curtis, 2; J. Ballard, 3; T. Groves, 4; G. Gasson, 5; H. White (conductor), 6; W. H. George, 7; A. Knight, 8. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 43 mins. *G. Gasson, 1; T. Curtis, 2; J. Ballard, 3; T. Groves, 4; W. J. Sevier, 5; H. White, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; A. Knight, 8. Composed by W. Shipway. *First quarter-peal in the method.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, December 11th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. G. Cox, 1; J. Taylor, 2; C. Taylor, 3; W. Mills, 4; P. Du Sautoy, 5; Rev. C. E. Eagles (conductor), 6. First 720 by the local band for upwards of ten years. On Wednesday, February 1st, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Taylor, 1; Rev. C. E. Eagles, 2; T. Faires, 3; T. Worsfold, 4; C. Taylor, 5; F. Knight (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Bob. F. Barton, 1; J. Taylor, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; C. Taylor, 5; T. Faires (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

PETERSFIELD (Hants).—On Thursday, February 2nd, in honour of the birthday of the conductor of the belfry (Mr. W. Wilkinson), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Wilkinson, 1; H. White, 2; Rev. Cyril Edwards, 3; T. Cole, 4; W. Butler, 5; G. Barnes, 6; J. W. Whiting (Fareham, conductor), 7; W. Downs, 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TENBURY (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, January 18th, at the parish church, for practice, four different 6-scores of Bob Doubles. T. Squires (conductor), 1; W. Mound, 2; T. Round, 3; T. Bebb, 4; D. Round, 5; E. Parton, 6. These men have made very good progress since joining the Diocesan Guild, and have now began to practice Stedman. Tenor about 9 cwt.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

COSELEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 15th (it being the ringers' sermons), touches of Grandsire Triples were rung before and after morning service. W. A. Jeavons, W. Jeavons, J. Roberts, J. Fellows, H. Milner, F. G. Horton, W. Cheshire, A. Jones, H. W. Wilde, B. Gough, and A. E. Law. Conducted by W. Cheshire, H. W. Wilde, and B. Gough. In the afternoon a 720 of Grandsire Minor. W. Jeavons, 1; A. Jones, 2; B. Gough, 3; *H. Milner, 4; F. G. Horton, 5; H. W. Wilde (composer and conductor), 6. *First 720 of Minor. Also before evening service touches of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major were rung by members of the local band, assisted by Messrs. R. Schofield, B. Johnson, and W. Mills (Sedgley), and Messrs. Atkins and Harper (Willenhall), conducted by B. Gough and R. Schofield. After service touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major with the assistance of Messrs. W. R. Small and E. Goodreds (Tipton), conducted by W. R. Small and H. W. Wilde. H. W. Wilde

is a member of the Duffield society, Derbyshire, but is a native of Coseley. On Friday, January 27th, for practice, 360 Grandsire Minor by W. Jeavons, J. Roberts, A. Jones, J. Fellows, F. G. Horton, and B. Gough (conductor). And 840 Grandsire Triples. W. Jeavons, 1; J. Roberts, 2; A. Jones, 3; J. Fellows, 4; W. Cheshire (conductor), 5; F. G. Horton, 6; B. Gough, 7; H. Milner, 8. On Saturday, January 28th, an attempt was made for Biddlestone's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 1640 changes the conductor called "stand" owing to a change-course. W. Jeavons, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; A. Jones, 3; J. Fellows, 4; W. Cheshire, (conductor), 5; F. G. Horton, 6; B. Gough, 7; H. Milner, 8. This is the longest length by the treble and tenor-men.

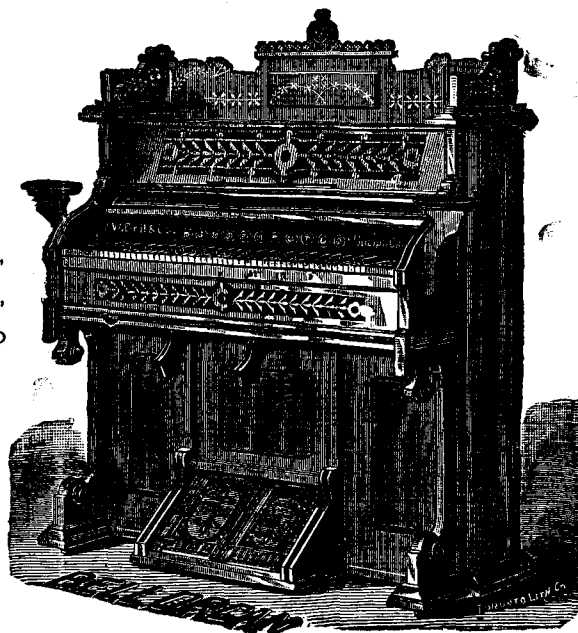
THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, December 14th, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). E. Pritchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Saturday, December 24th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. C. Crampton (conductor), 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; J. Barrett, 4; F. Pratt, 5; F. Kirby, 6. And a 408 Kent Treble Bob. H. J. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Saturday, December 31st, a 723 Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles). H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; B. C. Pratchett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Wednesday, January 4th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Pritchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 8th, a 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs and two singles). H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 25th, a 360 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; E. E. Huntley, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. J. Martin, 1; F. Pratt, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; E. E. Huntley (first 720 in the method), 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Saturday, January 28th, a 720 Grandsire Doubles. C. Crampton (conductor), 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; J. Barrett, 4; F. Pratt, 5; C. Crampton, jun., 6. Also 360 in the same method, F. Jones ringing the treble. And 720 Plain Bob. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. The above three touches were rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. C. A. Knights with Miss E. Martin. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday, December 18th, a 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs and two singles). Also a 720 in the same method (forty-two singles). B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; H. J. Martin, 5-6. On Monday, December 19th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. J. Martin, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; F. Carroway (first in the method on handbells), 5-6.

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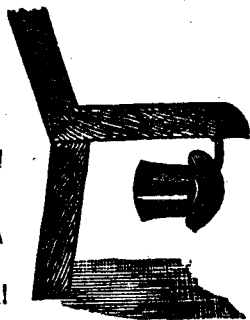
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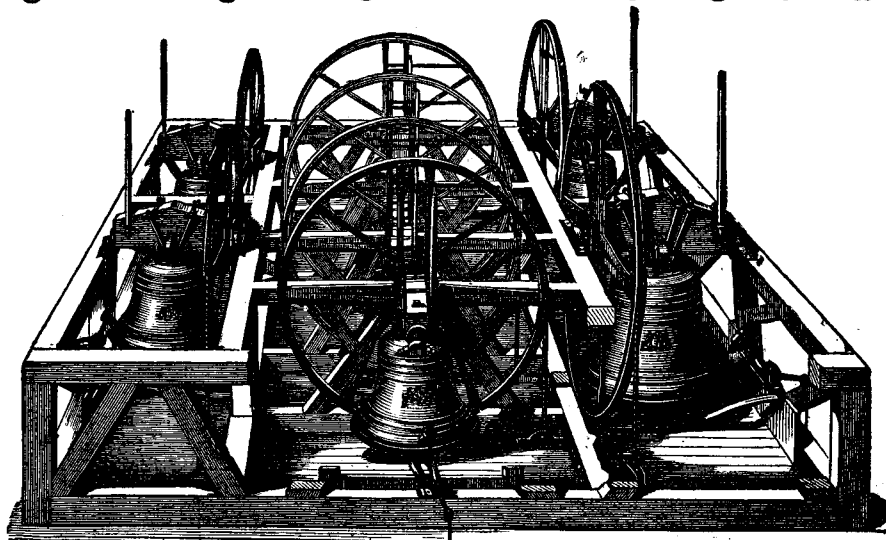
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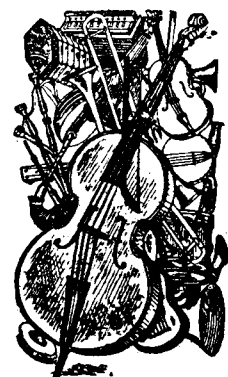
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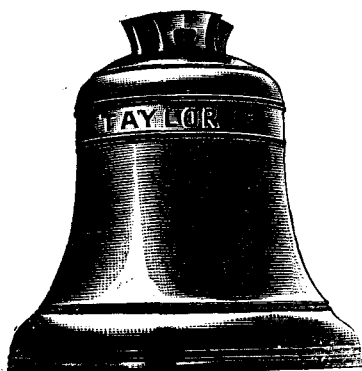
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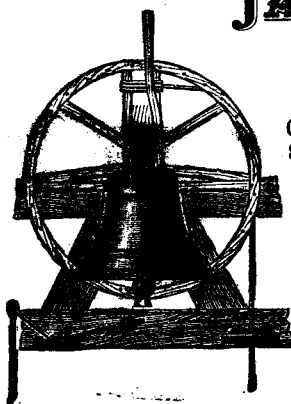
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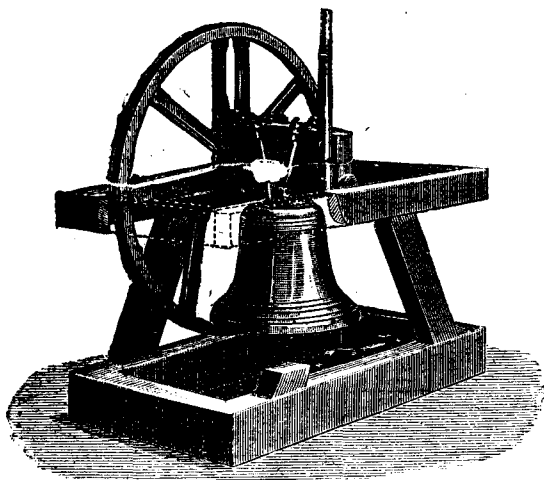


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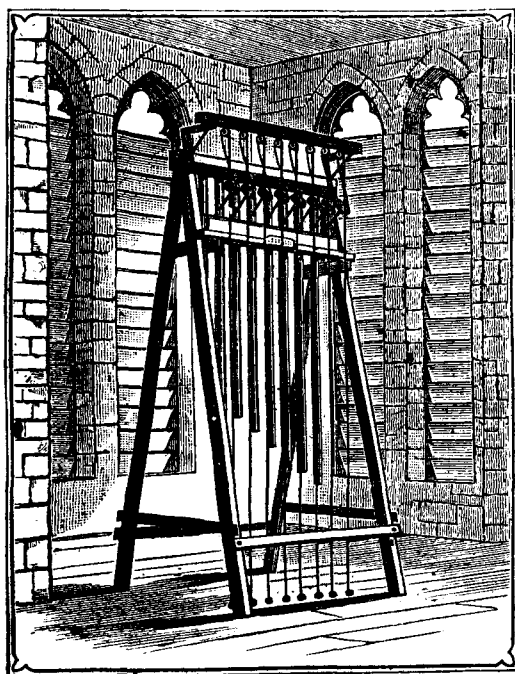
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If a churchman, without any special predilection in the ways before mentioned, but desirous of seeing some practical example of the vitality of the Church of our land, why, just take a walk round the beautiful parish church (now the Cathedral of course) see what has been done in the way of restoring and beautifying that fabric, how the decaying stones have been taken out of its walls one by one and replaced with new stones of exactly similar dimensions. Look at the tower and spire—the pride of Yorkshire—which has been dealt with in this manner from the ground to the vane; and when you call to mind the fact that for thirty years or more this work of restoration was proceeded with at an annual cost of a thousand pounds, subscribed voluntarily by the good folk of Wakefield, your very soul must go out as mine has done to those who through long years so practically demonstrated the love which they bore to the Church where they and their forefathers had worshipped, and which they desired to hand down to generations yet to come in as perfect a state as it is possible for human effort to make it.

Or do you content yourself with claiming the modest title of a bell-ringer, you will find no lack of material of interest and edification. The ring of ten in the cathedral tower has for a generation back been regarded as the finest of its sort in the county—one of the triumphs of the Whitechapel foundry, and which has been so recently augmented by the addition of two bright sweet-sounding trebles, making them the fifth ring of twelve now in Yorkshire. Do you wish to have a pull? Genial Hollis, Ormond, Wrigley, or in fact any of them, will soon be "drumming up" a band to accomplish your desires. If you are a six-bell man, why step over to the adjacent fine old church at Sandal, where they will make you up for almost every conceivable Minor method in existence on a ring which once heard will not readily be forgotten. Or if a complete band of you should go for some Major, just visit the suburb of East Ardsley, where you will find a magnificent ring of eight—tenor a ton—cast by Llewellyns

and James—and more than this, a Vicar who will receive you with open arms, and place at your disposal the bells which he himself assists to ring. There is yet another ring of bells in Wakefield, but which, I regret to say, are now never heard; and for a very potent reason cannot be so. They are at the church of St. John, in the aristocratic part of the city. Some years ago the tower was condemned as unsafe, so it was pulled down, and the bells—a ring of eight, tenor (I believe) about 25 cwt.—placed in the vault under the church till such time as the tower should be rebuilt. Then (so I am told) with restorations of the fabric came modern architect's notions, which in this case included blocking up basement windows, forgetting all about the musical instruments within, and so they remain literally walled in. Their tongues are dumb, they are consigned to solitary confinement, instead of being moved to some other place where their sound could enhance the beauty of the surrounding district. There is a fine tower at the daughter church at Alverthorpe—in fact many habitations might be found for them if they were only taken out of their present grave and brought to daylight. That is one of the things about Wakefield that I can't for the life of me understand. But even in this, Wakefield stands almost unique, for don't suppose you will ever find a place with a ring of eight buried under the church.

Here I must pull up, in obedience to the Editor's command to confine myself as much as possible to the immediate purport of my communication; but I hope I have said enough to make every one of my readers resolve to embrace the first opportunity of visiting "Merry Wakefield," and seeing for themselves that storehouse of ancient and modern history, even if the railway companies should have to run extra services of heavy-laden specials to cope with the abnormally increased passenger traffic.

I got to Wakefield last Saturday, shortly after the hour of noon, on a bright spring day. A cutting wind was blowing from the north-west (N.N.W., I believe, is the nautically correct description) just enough to make you button up pretty closely and keep jogging along. At the Cathedral the bells were going to the tune of Kent Treble Bob (Yorkshire Treble Bob, I think they ought now to call it), and I paused awhile to hear the grand roll of sound as it came out of the louvred windows of the bell-chamber. Nor was I alone in this, for I soon found numbers of well-known brother-strings congregated together either (like myself) listening to the ringing, or else greeting one another on arrival. After awhile I adjourned to the meeting place of the local committee, where I found our friends Hollis and Ormond busily engaged disposing of tea tickets, one of which bits of pasteboard I speedily secured for myself, although I had not complied with the Secretary's admonition to write beforehand.

Then I was favoured with a list giving the places from whence members had come, or were coming, from which I found the following long array of places represented: Armley, Ashton-under-Lyne, Guiseley, Horbury, Halifax, Haley Hill, Headingley, Hull, Harrogate, Huddersfield, Lightcliffe, Liversedge, Keighley, Killamarsh, Lindley, Leeds, Ossett, Pontefract, Ripon, Rothwell, Sandal, Saltaire, Shipley, Snaith, Sheffield, Staveley, Tong, Woodlesford, and York. Every few minutes brought in its contingent of visitors; and a little after three o'clock a specially arranged band met to ring the official touch for service. This piece of arrangement was in the hands of Messrs. Thomas Hattersley and J. H. Hardcastle, the Stewards; but I regret to say (and I doubt not my feelings are shared by all) brother Tom was confined to his home at Sheffield with a painful affection of the eyes, so brother Harry (superintended by his two bright lads home from school) "reigned in his stead." The band comprised Messrs. C. H. Hattersley (conductor), S. Thomas, J. Mulligan, W. Lomas, G. Holmes, A. Brearley, Holman and Biggar, of Sheffield; J. H. Hardcastle and J. Broadley, of Bradford; and S. Wood and B. Broadbent, of Ashton-under-Lyne. At four o'clock the touch of Treble Bob Maximus was brought home, and I entered the Cathedral, where I found a large congregation already assembled. The choir entered and took their places behind the wood screen, followed by the Right Rev. Dr. Walsham How, Bishop of Wakefield, and the Venerable Archdeacon Donne, the former of whom entered the pulpit, and the latter the precentor's stall. Service commenced with the hymn "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," after which the Bishop gave out as his text Leviticus, ix. 33—"Reverence My Sanctuary," and on it based an excellent and instructive address.

He showed how in Old Testament history it was God's will that the holy places should be set apart, and that men should pay respect to them. That under the New Dispensation also this was continued, as evidenced by the cleansing of the Temple by our Lord and Master. This also has been ever the rule of the Christian Church, he said, and then he brought home his application. Our belfries, though not actually the place where public worship is performed, were yet part and parcel of the sacred edifice solemnly set apart and consecrated to the service of Almighty God, and should be revered as such. As was the belfry to the ringer, so was the vestry to the chorister; and each came under the command to "Reverence My Sanctuary." The address was one of that kindly, fatherly nature so characteristic of good Bishop How—better heard than reported—and which I do not doubt left a lasting impression on all who were present. After the sermon, we sung that favourite "The Church's one foundation;" then followed the Creed, the Collects, and after these the hymn "O happy feet that tread." Then the Bishop gave us his blessing, and we departed.

The next item of the programme was "the cup that cheers" without any ulterior malign effect, so I wended my way in company with the throng to the Zetland Street schoolrooms, where we found the tables ready laid with substantial elements, and the tea-urns being filled with steaming liquid. Soon we were seated (i.e. as far as the accommodation afforded), and grace sung, were soon getting rid of that old friend—a keen appetite—as fast as we could, assisted by a goodly number of ladies, who efficiently attended to our comfort, as well as the Ven. Archdeacon and the Rev. J. H. D. Hill, Vicar of East Ardsley, who kindly and energetically exerted themselves on our behalf. Before leaving the tables, the rev. gentlemen having to depart for other engagements, Mr. Snowdon moved, and Mr. W. H. Howard seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop for his kindness in addressing them in church. Mr. Hollis then moved, and Mr. C. H. Hattersley seconded, a similar vote to the Archdeacon and churchwardens for the generous manner in which they had entertained the Association. I hardly need say that both these propositions were adopted in a most enthusiastic manner, and Dr. Donne, on rising to respond, received quite an ovation. He was pleased, he said, to have the opportunity of welcoming the Association to Wakefield so soon after his coming there. On behalf of the Bishop, he said they had not asked him to come and take tea with them, as, owing to his advanced age, they wished to spare him fatigue as much as lay in their power, so that, by God's will, they might have him the longer among them. The Bishop, like himself, was deeply interested in the work of their ringers. He was happy to say that there was between them and their ringers the most cordial good feeling; they were endeavouring to make the ringers' habitation—the belfry—as comfortable as possible, a meet and fitting portion of the Sanctuary, and with a sincere hope for the future success of their work and Association, he thanked them for the votes thus given.

Tea over, we adjourned to the infants' schoolroom for the business meeting, at which there was a fairly large attendance. Mr. W. Snowdon presided, being supported at the table by Mr. W. H. Howard (York), senior vice-president; Mr. W. Stainthorpe (Birstall), treasurer; Mr. B. T. Copley (Bolton), hon. sec., and Mr. C. H. Hattersley (Sheffield). With three exceptions, I believe, all the officers and committee were likewise present.

In opening the business, the President briefly expressed the pleasure he felt, and which he was sure they all felt, at the very successful gathering they had held that day, especially for the excellent address from the Bishop, and the generous tea of which they had partaken. He read the minutes of the previous meeting at Guiseley, which were unanimously adopted.

Mr. W. H. Howard moved, and Mr. C. H. Hattersley seconded, that the votes of thanks passed at tea be entered on the minutes, which was adopted with applause.

For the place of next meeting, East Ardsley was proposed by Mr. T. Lockwood, and seconded by Mr. J. T. Hollis; Lindley (near Huddersfield) was proposed by Mr. B. Shaw, seconded by Mr. W. Stainthorpe; and Bolderstone (near Sheffield) was proposed by Mr. D. Brearley, seconded by Mr. J. Mulligan. On the vote being taken it was found that the majority rested with Lindley, and with an expression of thanks for the invitations

from East Ardsley and Bolderstone, the President announced that the next meeting would accordingly be held at Lindley.

The President then introduced the question of voting expenses to the delegates on the Central Council meeting at Oxford, observing as he did so that perhaps this was a question on which there might be some divergence of opinion. And he was right in this surmise, for considerable discussion followed, mainly, however, on the score of expense. The President led off by proposing that the usual sum (£4) be granted, which was seconded by Mr. G. Nettleton. From the general tone of the remarks which followed from various speakers, it was evident that while supporting the existence of the Council as a central body, the opinion was pretty general that its meetings should be held at convenient railway centres, and not taken to places like Oxford, which in the case of Yorkshire delegates would mean devoting three days in Easter week, the expense of which was too excessive for the Association on the one hand, and the delegates themselves on the other. Various amendments were proposed, and rejected, or ruled out of order, and eventually it was decided by a substantial majority, that under the circumstances, no expenses be allowed this year. So that settled the question and the original proposition as well.

Mr. Hollis then proposed as honorary members the Lord Bishop of Wakefield, the Ven. Archdeacon, Dr. Donne, the Revs. P. D. Hornby, and R. Pitts (curates), and the Rev. J. H. D. Hill, vicar of East Ardsley, making a warm acknowledgment of the interest taken by them in the work of ringing.

Mr. B. T. Copley likewise proposed the Rev. C. H. King, vicar of St. James's, Bolton, and Mr. Reginald H. Adams (of the firm of Messrs. Shaw, Son, and Co., bell founders), remarking that one was a vicar who took great interest in the Association, and the other the son of the worthy vicar of Marple, Cheshire, who had recently come to reside in Bradford.

Both propositions were unanimously agreed to.

Mr. J. H. Hardcastle moved, and Mr. Howard seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to the Wakefield branch, and to the ladies who had assisted at tea, which was carried amid applause, and briefly acknowledged by Mr. Hollis.

A similar compliment to the chairman concluded the business.

I then came away with the rest, and turning out of the school yard, leaving the old vicarage (now the Conservative Club) on my right, I was soon on the top of the short streets which terminated at one corner of the open market. Here was animation with a vengeance—a sort of exhibition of pandemonium on a small scale—where all was of the world—wordly; or rather I should have said—of the noise—noisy—very much so. Round the outskirts of the crowd scampered and yelled a host of young urchins as only twelve-year-old humanity can yell. Inside the market ground were the usual concomitants of such an assemblage. Men on improvised platforms were striving their best to draw the coppers out of the pockets of the natives, and to overcome their next door "tradesman" by sheer strength of lung. One of them dangled a handful of "real gold watches, English levers, every one on 'em," only half-a-crown a piece—"four bob a couple," while a few yards further on was a perfect benefactor to the human race (at least that is what he told his hearers) who offered to cure any mortal complaint from a gum boil to elephantiasis, with one box of his pills—only a penny—and a bottle of his marvellous cure-all—sixpence the lot. Then above all this discordant din and turmoil, came the sound of the bells overhead, across the market place from the Cathedral tower. Now came the sound borne on a sudden gust of wind, crashing in our ears in its double *fortissimo*, as if attempting to drown the discord on the ground below. Then it modulated, moved about tremulously, till it began to be heard with difficulty amid the noise around. Yet still it percolated through the throng, its sweetness reminding one amid the turmoil of this world of that peace which passeth understanding.

Thus I mused, watching the surging crowd, and listening to the sweet sounds overhead; till a glance at my watch reminded me of the familiar old motto *tempus fugit*. It was well nigh train time; so I hurried away, passed the west front of the Cathedral, turned quickly along Westgate, and as the sound of the bells died away behind me, the screeching of railway engines in front caused me to accelerate my speed; and soon I was again with my face homewards, and my back to the place where I had spent so many happy hours in the years that are gone.

WICKHAM, HANTS.

After a silence of 120 years the splendid ring of bells in this pretty old village church have been recast and augmented to a peal of six by the well-known firm of Messrs. Taylor and Sons, Loughborough, the "go" of which is everything that can be desired. A band of young ringers have been elected, with Mr. J. W. Whiting, of Fareham, as their instructor, and after a great deal of patience and trouble on his part they have at last succeeded to unveil to themselves the mystery of the art of change-ringing. On Friday, December 16th, they rang two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, being the first ever rung by a local band. W. Churcher, 1; W. S. Langford, 2; E. Carpenter, 3; E. Cooper, 4; G. Chappell (conductor), 5; T. Bole, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. On Wednesday, January 4th, two 6-scores in the same method. A. Knight, 1; W. Cooper, 2; E. Carpenter, 3; W. Barber, 4; W. Churcher (conductor), 5; T. Bole, 6. On Wednesday, January 25th, 360 Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. H. Baker, 1; W. S. Langford, 2; E. Carpenter, 3; W. Barber, 4; G. Chappell (conductor), 5; T. Bole, 6. On Sunday, January 29th, for evening service, 360 in the same method. W. Churcher, 1; W. S. Langford, 2; E. Carpenter, 3; W. Barber, 4; G. Chappell (conductor), 5; T. Bole, 6. The above are the first 6-scores by all except W. Barber.

Miscellaneous Touches.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CLINT (Worcestershire). On Sunday, January 29th, 540 Plain Bob. G. Workman, 1; W. Shillock, 2; W. Huxley, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; W. Short (conductor), 5; J. Barber, 6.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—Recently, at St. George's House of Welcome, on handbells retained in hand, 574 Grandsire Triples. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Wakeman, 3-4; T. J. Salter (conductor), 5-6; W. H. Barber, 7-8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 31st, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Single Court Bob, in 26 mins. W. Hammond, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Spurgeon (Halstead), 3; F. Davey, 4; F. Warren, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday, January 29th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Saunders, 1; E. Chaplin, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; C. Duncombe, 4; A. Chaplin, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 31st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, standing as before, conducted by A. Chaplin. On Thursday, February 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. H. Saunders, 1; E. Chaplin, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; C. Duncombe, 4; A. Chaplin, 5; F. Saunders (conductor), 6.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, January 21st, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Double Court Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; E. Radley, 6. The above was conducted by H. E. Hammond, who sat in the tower. On Sunday, January 22nd, for Divine Service, 360 Double Court Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Also 504 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Hynds, 1; J. T. Barker, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; E. Claydon, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. On Saturday, January 28th, 720 Bocking Treble Bob and 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Grimwade, 1; W. Moore, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; F. Calthorpe, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; A. Hucksion, 6. On Sunday morning, January 29th, 720 New London Pleasure and 240 Woodbine Treble Bob. In the evening, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob and 144 Kent Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; C. H. Howard, 6. On Saturday, February 4th, 720 each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob. W. Grimwade, 1; W. Moore, 2; S. Sargent, 3; C. Bearman (first 720 of Woodbine), 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. This makes F. Rudkin's 1250th 720, which have been rung in twenty-five methods. On Sunday, February 5th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; W. Grimwade (first 720 in the method), 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob, standing as before. Tenor 13 cwt. Messrs. Hynds, Barker and Claydon hail from Stebbing; Moore Bearman and Sargent from Bocking; the rest are local men.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, January 31st, 720 Bob Minor

in 25 mins. G. Lindoff, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; W. Seamer, 3; W. Haigh (conductor), 4; W. Laker (first 720), 5; W. Kings, 6. Messrs. Hyland, Seamer, and Laker belong to Upchurch.

OSPRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, February 5th (Sexagesima), for Divine Service at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a 434 Grandsire Triples. H. Wallis, 1; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 2; E. Holladay, 3; C. L. Graham, 4; H. F. Foreman (conductor), 5; W. Wood, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; — Wood, 8. Also after evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. S. Croucher, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 3; E. E. Foreman, 4; H. F. Foreman, 5; H. Burling, 6; F. Hunt, 7; — Wood, 8. On Monday evening, February 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. H. Wallis, 1; C. L. Graham, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; E. Holladay (first quarter-peal as conductor), 4; C. Couchman, 5; E. E. Foreman, 6; M. Laxon (first quarter-peal), 7; Rev. C. E. Matthews (first quarter-peal), 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, February 7th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a 1260 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. H. Johnson, 1; A. Windsor, 2; G. Barraclough, 3; A. Naylor (longest touch in the method), 4; J. Logan (longest touch in the method), 5; A. Craven (longest touch in the method), 6; H. Williams (conductor), 7; J. Whitaker, 8. Messrs. Johnson, Windsor and Barraclough hail from Leeds, all the rest belong to the local company.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, January 19th, at Christ Church, 720 College Single Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. E. Yates, 1; J. Hart, 2; C. E. Wilson, 3; T. Barton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. On Thursday evening, February 2nd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. T. Barton, 1; J. Hart, 2; W. Short, 3; C. E. Wilson, 4; R. H. Barton (conductor), 5; J. Bradshaw, 6. The above are the first 720s of College Single and Woodbine Treble Bob that J. Hart has rung. Tenor 12 cwt. C. E. Wilson belongs to Walton.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, February 7th, for practice, 126 Union Triples (six bobs). F. Mathis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; W. Franks, 5; H. Franks, 6; J. Mathis (conductor), 7; H. Elliott, 8.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, February 12th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. R. Trendell (first 720), 1; G. Trendell, 2; T. S. Webb, 3; C. Trendell, 4; F. Trendell, 5; J. Trendell (conductor), 6.

BLACKHILL (Durham).—On Monday, February 6th, at St. Mary's church, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 30½ mins. †P. Reddington, 1; J. T. Dobson, 2; †P. Walls, 3; †J. Walls, 4; A. Nichols (conductor), 5; †J. McPhillips, 6. †First 720 in the method.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—Handbell Ringing. — Recently at the house of Mr. Bowell, 720 Bob Minor. H. Bowell, 1-2; S. Slater (Glensford), 3-4; A. Bowell (conductor), 5-6.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. A. Devereux, 1; A. Attwood, 2; H. Payne (conductor), 3; A. Wallace, 4; A. Devereux, 5; T. Devereux, 6. E. Devereux, A. Wallace, and A. Attwood are members of the Cheltenham and District Guild.

LOWER BEEDING (Sussex).—On Thursday, January 19th, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Cheal, 1; E. Comber, 2; A. Feist, 3; A. Cripps, 4; M. Steer, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 22nd, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. E. Comber, 1; A. Feist, 2; M. Steer, 3; A. Cripps (conductor), 4; W. Wadley, 5; F. W. Cripps, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. J. Cheal, 1; E. Comber, 2; A. Feist, 3; A. Cripps, 4; M. Steer (conductor), 5; F. W. Cripps, 6. On Monday, January 30th, 720 Oxford Bob. T. Cheal, 1; E. Comber, 2; J. Cheal, 3; A. Feist, 4; A. Cripps (conductor), 5; M. Steer, 6. On Wednesday, February 2nd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. Feist, 1; E. Comber, 2; J. Cheal, 3; A. Cripps, 4; F. W. Cripps, 5; M. Steer (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob, standing as before.

WOLLASTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, February 5th, for Divine Service at St. James' church, 360 College Single. W. Stinton, 1; J. Lewis, 2; J. Parsons, 3; J. Pagett, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, January 29th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. E. Trinder (formerly of Cirencester, first 720), 1; R. Hurst, 2; T. Johnson, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; H. Kelly, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

Correspondence.

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

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

Re THE EAST END CLIQUE.

SIR,—We accept the rebuke you gave in your issue of February 4th concerning this correspondence, and in this reply to Mr. Perkins' last, be as short as we can, and will try to get back to the original point, viz., the Westminster peal. In his first letter Mr. Perkins said "I as well as others, gave some of the ringers in the above peal my opinion on the matter in a friendly way; here as far as I was concerned the matter dropped." We say that the matter did not drop as far as he was concerned. He went to Barking and commenced the conversation about the peal and said this: "The peal is false. I heard 2 hrs. of the peal, and had taken down a course-end, which was an out-of-course change. Now," he added, "there's an opening for correspondence in 'THE BELL NEWS.'" Now we say when he asserts "the matter was dropped so far as he was concerned," he speaks incorrectly. As we said before, he introduced the subject at the East end, else no one would have troubled about it. Every one who has read his letters will admit that he has not cleared himself. His first assertion is that after a certain evening the matter dropped with him, yet he goes to Barking afterwards, and deliberately opens the subject again himself. We at the East end thought it strange that he should condemn members of his own society like this. His words are not misconstrued at all. He stated what is written above in the presence of three or four others. This is the main point to be looked at, any other matters are nothing to do with this subject. We should not have began this correspondence if he had not alluded offensively to some of us as the "Clique of the East end," in his first letter. Our friend Perkins likes to show off his learning a bit. What he knows and what he does not know would make a book, but the latter would have the largest space. A friend was getting at him the other day, saying "It must take you a long time to put these long letters together, Perkins." "O no," says he, "it's my trade; I write them in the railway carriage of a morning; takes me no time, it's my trade." What will readers of our paper think now. How can I be successful against such a champion—it's not my trade. I can't quote Tennyson like him. But Lord Beaconsfield, in alluding to an opponent once said, "he is led away by the exuberance of his own verbosity." That applies to Mr. Perkins, I think. As far as we are concerned, we don't care anything about the peal at Westminster, whether true or false, all we are trying to do is to show that A. J. Perkins speaks wrongly—and knows it—in his statements about this peal. He has hinted that I have an amanuensis; and we have heard of his assertion who such amanuensis is. We shall take care that the gentleman he has mentioned hears of it. Others as well as Ackland J. Perkins can write a letter, though it isn't their trade.

SAMUEL HAYES.

SIR,—After an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Barking, in which A. J. Perkins had taken part, he distinctly told us that the Westminster peal was false. He said he heard two hours of the peal, and in the meantime took down a course-end which proved to be out-of-course. This led him to say it was false. He also said there was a good opening for a correspondence in "THE BELL NEWS," but none of us thought proper to begin such a thing. Had he not rushed into print about the East End clique, taking up cudgels and sitting in judgment, we should not have noticed the correspondence. That Mr. Perkins did arrive at Barking and made the foregoing statement about the Westminster peal we are positive.

YORK GREEN.
EDWARD LUCAS.
CHARLES DEAN.

[This correspondence must now cease.—Ed.]

PEAL RECORDS.

SIR,—Before condemning "peal-books" on the score of inaccessibility, we should bear in mind that such a record is in its very nature a "book of reference," to be occasionally looked at as opportunity offers; and also, that it is more or less of a luxury. The simplest and cheapest way, no doubt, of placing a record of peals within reach of all the members of a Society is to print them in its annual report; and such a record is sufficient for all practical purposes. But if the members like to possess, and occasionally inspect, a handsome volume with their peal-ringing performances set forth in ornamental calligraphy, they are entitled to this luxury, so long as it does not absorb an undue proportion of their Society's funds; a condition which may be secured by a rule that at least half the expense of entering peals in the book shall be borne by those who ring them. It has been suggested that a printed volume should be issued every few years. But this would, I suspect, cost the Society quite as much as a manuscript

peal-book now costs, and would have this disadvantage, that there might sometimes be no official record of peals for three or four years past; whereas the manuscript book can always be kept up to date. If the Society has permanent headquarters, like the College Youths or Cumberlands, the peal-book can be inspected there. If not, it must remain in the charge of the Secretary, or other responsible officer, to be produced by him at all meetings of the Society; and meanwhile the members can have in their Society's annual reports, if they take the trouble to keep them, a record to which they can refer at any moment. I think that I am right in saying that this arrangement works well, and to the satisfaction of the members, in the Society which I have the honour to represent.

T. L. PAPILLON,
Whittle Vicarage,
Chelmsford.

Hon. Sec. Essex Association.

SIR,—As the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore seems to court opinion, I may be pardoned if I make a few remarks upon the subject. I incline to the manuscript form of peal-book, but as a member of the Association I apprehend no danger that careful keeping of performances, etc., would suffer, should another form of peal-book be adopted. Another matter, and one of very great importance, was mentioned in the original letter, viz., that of placing compositions in the peal-book. This is undoubtedly pointing to the right road, and if the rev. gentleman will take steps in that direction, he will merit the gratitude of the science at large, and the support I feel sure, of all the leading ringers of the Association.

H. DAINS.

Re FALSE CLAIM.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent B. A. Edmondson, in reference to the 720 of Minor rung by the St. Mary's society, Dalton-in-Furness on December 26th last, I beg to say that being informed by the vicar that ours was the first 720 of Minor rang on the bells, we naturally laid claim to the honour, but as there has evidently been some mistake, we willingly withdraw our claim, hoping this explanation will be satisfactory.

J. BURROWS.

THE WESTMINSTER PEAL.

SIR,—In his letter which appeared in your issue of February 4th, Mr. Pitts is evidently all at sea. In the first place I have made no complaint whatever respecting the "alleged" peal at Westminster; and secondly I think he will find my original epistle was couched as an interrogatory based on the reports of others, and that I made no statement of any kind on my own authority. I merely asked a question, and must reiterate that I am surprised that Mr. Pitts, considering the rumours that have been afloat for months, has not yet taken steps to prove that the peal was attained.

WILLIAM G. BULL.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—Having week after week in common with other brother-strings of the above, looked down the announcements of meetings in your valuable journal, have failed to discover when the next quarterly meeting of the above Association is to be held. I have no desire to cast any reflection on the gentleman whose office it is to make the fixtures for the necessary transaction of business connected with the above, but, as a member, protest against such laxity in business matters. Here, in Hendon, the vicar has been kind enough to offer every accommodation and a special service, and if approached in a proper manner, may do great things in forwarding the interests of the Association. Since the General Meeting nothing has been heard of the annual report and balance-sheet, and on examining the peal-book of the Association, find no entry made since July 11th, 1891, although many peals have been rung since that date.

21, Belle Vue Road, Hendon, N.W.

ALFRED J. J. GIDDINGS.

AN ENQUIRY.

SIR,—I should like to ask through the medium of your valuable paper, if the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association has collapsed, as it is a long time since I saw any account of a meeting, or any notice of any to come.

ONE INTERESTED.

ASCHURCH (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, January 30th, at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. A. Wallace, 1; E. Devereux (conductor), 2; A. Attwood, 3; W. Perks, 4; A. Devereux, 5; T. Devereux, 6. Also a good attempt was made for a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, but after ringing about 600 it came to grief owing to a change-course. E. Devereux, 1; A. Devereux, 2; A. Attwood, 3; W. Perks, 4; A. Wallace, 5; T. Devereux (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles. E. Devereux, A. Attwood, A. Wallace and W. Perks are members of the Cheltenham and District Guild.

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, Manchester Branch.—There will be a ringing meeting held at Manchester Cathedral, to-day, Saturday, February 18th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m. A good muster will be expected on the occasion.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The North Lincolnshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Grimsby, to-day, Saturday, February 18th. Tea at the Bull Ring Coffee Hall, at 4.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. The bells of St. James' (eight), and St. Andrew's (eight), will be at liberty for the use of members in the afternoon and evening.

GEO. CHESTER, Hon. Sec.
142, Portland Street, Lincoln.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Rose Inn, Mount Street, to-day, Saturday, February 18th, at 6.0 p.m. Business: Secretary's report, Election of Officers, &c.

ALFRED ARCHER, Local Hon. Sec.

St. James's Society, London.—The above society will meet at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Monday, February 20th, at 8 p.m. for practice; and on the following Sunday at St. Clement Danes at 6 p.m. for service.

E. A. YOUNG, Hon. Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at the church of St. Mary-le-Port (City), on Tuesday, February 21st, at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, Local Sec.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District. The annual District meeting will be held on Saturday, February 25th, at Aylesford Church Tower, at 4.0 p.m.

A. L. BRINE, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meeting for practice, for February, 1893.—Lewisham, St. Mary, Monday 27th, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, Hon. Sec.

10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—A ringing meeting of the above will be held at the parish church, Ashton, on Saturday, February 25th, 1893. Bells will be ready at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. JOHN HOPWOOD, Hon. Sec.

25, Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Welshpool and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Welshpool on Saturday, February 25th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business Meeting to follow.

T. HUGHES, Hon. Sec.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at Holy Trinity church, Rothwell, on Saturday, February 25th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Committee Meeting 4.30. General Meeting at 6 o'clock at the Swan hotel. Business—Revision of rules and nomination of officers for the ensuing year. Contributions for the year ending March 31st are now due.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. The remaining meetings this month are St. Michael's, Cornhill, Tuesday, February 21st; St. Giles, Cripplegate, Tuesday, February 28th. Meeting time 8.15. W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Helmshore on Saturday, February 25th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 o'clock.

J. B. TAYLOR, Branch Sec.

7, Church Street.

Johnson Memorial Anniversary.—The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, intend holding the annual dinner as usual on Saturday, March 4th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Dinner tickets 2s. 6d. each may be obtained from the undersigned, who will give full particulars in latter issues.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

NOTICE.—Eight members of the Sussex County Association will attempt, all being well, the long peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major, 20160, on Saturday, February 25th, at Warnham, starting at 7 o'clock in the morning.

HENRY H. CHANDLER.

The Gardens, Warnham Court.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT ST. MARY REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL (reported last week).—This peal was rang on Wednesday the 8th, and reflects very great praise on Messrs. Taylor and Co's heavy bell hanging. Mr. F. Price had said on several occasions that it seemed a shame to see two men ringing the tenor to a short touch, and to prove that he was justified in saying so, he successfully rang er through the first single-handed peal ever accomplished on the bells. He was the lightest man in the band, being only nine stone. The thanks of the rest of the band are due to Mr. Price for the very able manner in which the bell was rang.

THE ADDRESS OF Mr. Jacob, Secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths, is 10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

A CORRECTION.—The peal at Ospringe, Kent, reported last week, was rang on February 4th, 1893.

Death.

On Sunday, February 12th, at Horton, Bucks, William Parker, father of Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal.

In Preparation. To be Published by Subscription. THE CHURCH BELLS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. By ALFRED HENEGE COCKS, M.A., Ch. Ch., Oxford; F.R.S., F.R.G.S., Great Marlow, Bucks. With many illustrations.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By H. N. DAVIS, Camberwell.

5021.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

3 4 2 5 6 7 8 9 8th in nine.

4 5 2 3 6 7 8 9 9th in three.

* 4 5 2 3 6 9 7 8†

2 5 6 3 4 8,9.

5 6 2 3 4 7,8.

6 2 5 3 4 7,8.

5 2 4 3 6 8,9.

4 2 6 3 5 8,9.

2 6 4 3 5 7,8.

4 6 5 3 2 8,9.

6 5 4 3 2 7,8.

5 4 6 3 2 7,8.

3 4 5 9 6 6,7.

17th in and out at three with a double.

The last eleven courses thrice repeated, calling a 7-8 instead of the calling of the course marked (*) in the other three-parts. And 8-9 instead of the 6-7 in the last part, produces 42563; round as usual. This peal has the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, each eleven courses behind the 9th in consecutive order. First rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday, February 11th, 1893, by the Royal Cumberland Youths, conducted by J. C. Truss, jun.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By ALBERT E. PARSONS, Old Hill.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

5 6 3 2 4 - S -

3 5 6 2 4 -

6 3 5 2 4 -

2 5 3 6 4 - -

3 2 5 6 4 -

Twice repeated produces

3 2 4 5 6 W M H

5 6 2 3 4 - S -

2 5 6 3 4 -

3 6 5 2 4 - -

5 3 6 2 4 -

2 6 3 5 4 - -

3 2 6 5 4 -

6 3 2 5 4 -

5 2 3 6 4 - -

3 5 2 6 4 -

2 3 5 6 4 -

Twice repeated.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th consecutively at course-ends throughout, the 2nd and 3rd never there. First rung at Old Hill, on Saturday, January 21st, conducted by its composer.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1893

It is to be regretted, in what will be known as the "East End Clique correspondence," that so much feeling has been shown over a storm in a teacup. It is apparent that tactics of a personal nature always act adversely to the interest of the entire ringing world, and the unwisdom of the mere venting of spleen cannot be too forcibly impressed upon certain of our readers. If this correspondence is an instance of "friendly rivalry," it is certain that the sooner a repetition of such is made impossible the better for the reputation of those two words. The creation of offences is productive of nothing but ill-feeling, and it is to be hoped that ringers, whether Cumberlands or College Youths, will try their utmost in the future to prevent the dissemination of scandal. "Friendly rivalry" sounds very attractive and enticing, but experience proves that its application with regard to ringing cannot be admired. Touching the question of the validity of peals, it is hardly to be supposed that any conductor would allow the ringing to proceed if the striking was of the "clang and clash and roar" type, to say nothing of a change-course or two. "Speech is silver; but silence is golden," we are told. And there is immense point in the axiom. Had the originator of this correspondence been aware of such a trite saying, he would have paused ere he began it, at any rate in the manner he did. Merely denying

a rumour is one thing; attacking the supposed manufacturers of it is another; and when the denial is made to look ridiculous by additional trustworthy evidence, the position is not one to excite satisfaction.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, February 13, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PUTNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON Treble.	EDWARD DUFF 5.
EDWIN HORREX 2.	CHALLIS F. WINNY 6.
ROBERT BLANCHARD 3.	*WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 7.
EDWARD H. ADAMS 4.	WILLIAM CROCKER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

*First peal as conductor in the method, and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. R. Newton.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM F. MEADS Treble.	FREDERICK J. PITTS 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS 2.	WALTER C. HASTED 7.
JOSEPH BARRY 3.	†ARTHUR DEAN 8.
JAMES E. DAVIS 4.	‡JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. 9.
HARRY WARNETT* 5.	CHARLES W. WARD Tenor.

Composed by H. N. DAVIS and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.

†First peal. *First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters as conductor. A. Dean, who hails from Beenham, Berks, had never attempted a working bell in Caters previous to attempting the above peal. This composition will be found on another page.

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On Thursday, February 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

Duke of York, Yorkshire Delight, Kent, Merchant's Return, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Violet. Tenor 13 cwt.

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JOHN HOLDEN 2.	THOMAS B. DICKEN 5.
JAMES B. DICKEN 3.	JOHN T. DICKEN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES B. DICKEN.

*First 5040 of Minor. First 5040 of Minor on the bells. James B. Dickson and J. T. Dickson hail from Friezland; Joseph Wood from Saddleworth, the rest belong to Mossley.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Tuesday, February 7, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

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

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On Tuesday, February 7, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES MATTHEWS Treble.	WILLIAM COLLISON 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	HARRY WESTON 6.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 3.	CHARLES SMART 7.
JOHN SMART 4.	GEORGE GATLAND Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The above peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Sir Walter Barttelot, Bart., M.P., a Vice-President of the Sussex County Association. The ringers of Nos. 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8 hail from Steyning.

MACCLESFIELD.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 7, 1893, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILFRED MATTHEWS Tenor.	JOHN MINSHULL 5.
WILLIAM W. STEEL 2.	WILLIAM WALMSLEY 6.
JOHN KENNY 3.	JOSEPH NOBURY 7.
WALTER HENSHALL 4.	WILLIAM GAYES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WALMSLEY.

First peal by W. Matthews and W. Henshall; the latter hails from Gawsworth; near Macclesfield. The ages of the treble, 3rd, 5th and tenor ringers are respectively seventeen, seventeen, nineteen, seventeen.

HAVANT, HANTS.

On Tuesday, February 7th, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

H. SHIRLEY* Treble.	†G. INSTRAIL 5.
J. STAPLES 2.	‡R. HARMAN 6.
J. HARPER 3.	†REV. R. C. M. HARVEY 7.
J. SYMONDS* 4.	W. IRISH Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. R. C. M. HARVEY.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. ‡First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Harman, Rev. R. C. M. Harvey and Symonds hail from Portsea; the rest belong to the local company.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 8, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS.

RALPH BIGGS Treble.	SIDNEY GOODCHILD 5.
HARRY STRATFORD 2.	FRED BIGGS 6.
LEONARD HART 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
FRANK BIGGS 4.	JOSEPH EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

This was a birthday peal for Mr. R. Biggs; his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. It was also the first with a bob bell in any method by Mr. L. Hart, who belongs to the High Wycombe Juniors band.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, February 9, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

J. WALKER SAYER Treble.	JOHN JENNINGS 5.
W. ROCK SMALL 2.	REUBEN HALL 6.
EDWARD GOODREDS 3.	JOSEPH JONES 7.
JOHN CARTER 4.	WILLIAM GOULD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, also the first in the method by Messrs. Sayer and Gould, who belong to the local band; Small and Goodreds from Tipton; Carter, Jennings and Jones, from Birmingham; Hall from West Bromwich.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 9, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 15040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. in F#.

GEORGE HUNT Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
EDWARD P. DEBENHAM .. 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 3.	HENRY G. ROWE .. 7.
ALFRED J. PATE 4.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

This is the first peal by the above Society, and the first on the bells conducted by a resident of Bushey. It was also rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, and on the anniversary of Mr. F. Edwards' wedding, and a birthday compliment to A. J. Pate.

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

On Saturday, February 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM ANSLOWE* Treble.	AARON GRIFFITHS 6.
JAMES F. GROVES 2.	*WILLIAM DEAVY 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	*ALFRED TIPTON 8.
JOSEPH ROWLEY* 4.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 9.
BENJAMIN GOUGH* 5.	*HENRY A. HALL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER of Birmingham and Conducted by ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT.

*First peal of Caters. This peal contains the 5th and 6th each twenty-three times behind the 9th, and now rang for the first time. Messrs. Tipton, Anslowe and Cartwright hail from Wombourne; J. Rowley from Sheffield; B. Gough from Tipton; W. Deavy from King's Norton; W. H. Godden from Birmingham; the rest belong to the local band. This peal was rang as a birthday compliment to J. Rowley, also to Miss L. Tutor, lady member of St. Peter's Guild, the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT SEWELL Treble.	DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 5.
ERNEST E. VINEN 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS 6.
EDWARD H. ADAMS 3.	GEORGE WELLING 7.
FRANK M. BUTLER 4.	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WELLING.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, February 9, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR HARRIS Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
WILLIAM C. JONES 2.	†FRANK KNIGHT 6.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON* .. 3.	CHARLES LYES 7.
HENRY FORD 4.	WILLIAM TOWNSEND .. Tenor.

Composed by E. B. JAMES and Conducted by FRANK KNIGHT.

*First peal of Triples. †First peal as conductor. Messrs. Austin, Jones and Brunsdon belong to the St. Michael's Juniors; the rest belong to the local company.

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

On Saturday, February 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

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

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 9, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN HAMMOND Treble.	WILLIAM RUFFLES 5.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 2.	WILLIAM FLORY 6.
JOHN BRADY 3.	WILLIAM GRIMES 7.
WILLIAM RUMSEY* 4.	WILLIAM MILLER Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

*First 5040. Rung at the first attempt. W. Crickmer hails from Earl Soham; and W. Flory from Creetingham, the rest belong to the local company.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK LOWE Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 4.
HENRY TYSON 2.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
ROBERT C. HUDSON 3.	FREDERICK J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARRISON.

F. Lowe and H. Tyson belong to Tanfield; F. J. Harrison to Jarrow; R. S. Story to Whitley; R. C. Hudson to Sunderland; and C. L. Routledge to Newcastle.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

W. GRIFFEN Treble.	*W. WALKER 6.
F. HALLSWORTH 2.	D. WESTLEY 7.
G. WRIGHT 3.	J. LAWTON 8.
F. COPE 4.	J. ASTBURY 9.
E. LIGHTWOOD 5.	E. TAYLOR Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HALLSWORTH and Conducted by J. ASTBURY.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. This peal has the 6th twenty-four courses behind the 9th. It was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect on the first anniversary of the deaths of J. Astbury and J. Westley, who were ringers at Walsall for over forty years.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWARD HAMPTON* .. Treble.	THOMAS H. SMITH .. 5.
LLEWELYN WALKER† .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. 6.
HARRY MASON 3.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 7.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 4.	*GEORGE PARISH .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. PARSONS.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

GEORGE PAWLEY Treble.	*CHARLES WATERMAN .. 7.
ALFRED PALMER 2.	*WILLIAM KINGS 8.
THOMAS MANNERING .. 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 9.
ALFRED H. WOOLLEY .. 4.	WILLIAM HADLOW Tenor.
ARTHUR C. WEST 5.	†JOHN TURNER Tenor.
WILLIAM COOKE* 6.	

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

This musical composition has the 6th in 2nds place throughout, and is now rung for the first time. It was rung on the twenty-third birthday of T. Mannering, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. *First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal.

DISS, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, February 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM IRELAND Treble.	*CHARLES PALMER 5.
CHARLES WEBSTER 2.	ARTHUR HAMMOND 6.
FREDERICK DAY 3.	ABEL HART 7.
GEORGE MURTON 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM IRELAND.

Messrs. Day, Palmer and Murton hail from Eye; the rest are local men.
*First peal.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Monday, February 13, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. Treble.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD 5.
CHARLES O. JOHNSTONE .. 2.	WILLIAM SNOWDON 6.
WILLIAM WOODHEAD 3.	HENRY SMITH 7.
TOM LOCKWOOD 4.	GEORGE FOTHERGILL .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by TOM LOCKWOOD.

This is the first peal rung in the City of Leeds. All belong to the local company.

SEDGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, February 13, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

J. GOODMAN Treble.	*J. SCREEN 5.
W. MILLS 2.	J. DEVENPORT 6.
B. JOHNSON 3.	R. SCHOFIELD 7.
S. BUNN 4.	*B. FULLWOOD Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by R. SCHOFIELD.

*First peal.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 13, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

Duke of York, College Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 4.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2.	FRANCIS LEES 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARRISON.

This was rung at the first attempt, on the occasion of the February meeting of the above Association at Tanfield.

HEADINGLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, February 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED NAYLOR Treble.	JOHN J. LOGAN 5.
WALTER WOOD 2.	*JOHN C. WALKER 6.
THOMAS FLINT 3.	JOHN WHITAKER 7.
ARTHUR CRAVEN 4.	ALBERT HASTE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by ALFRED NAYLOR.

*First peal. This peal, which had not been previously performed, has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th place, with the 2nd never there, and was rung in honour of Leeds being proclaimed a City.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, February 13, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART.

ERNEST BUTLER* Treble.	ERNEST E. NAPPER 5.
HARRY MILLS 2.	JOB SAWYER 6.
THOMAS EAST 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
DENNIS NAPPER 4.	ALFRED WOODLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

*First peal.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BASINGSTOKE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

CHARLES HOLDAWAY* .. Treble.	*CHARLES HANSFORD 5.
THOMAS CURTIS 2.	HENRY WHITE 6.
FREDERICK WILSON 3.	*GEORGE GASSON 7.
JOHN BALLARD 4.	*CHARLES BEST Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal.

HENFIELD.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor about 16 cwt.

GEORGE GATLAND* Treble.	FREDERICK W. RICE 5.
HARRY WESTON 2.	JAMES SEARLE 6.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 3.	*CHARLES TYLER 7.
JAMES PARKER 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells since they have been augmented from six to eight, and was rung as a birthday peal to Mr. James Searle, the band wishing him many happy returns.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
ERNEST E. BEWICK 3.	FRANCIS LEES 7.
THOMAS CLARK 4.	GEORGE DIXON Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

Mr. Clark belongs to Ripon, Yorkshire; and this is his first peal of Stedman.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, — CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

FRANK BROWN Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN 7.
JOHN HOPWOOD 2.	JOHN THORP 8.
JAMES ADAMS 3.	GEORGE BRADDOCK 9.
REV. H. J. ELSEE* 4.	ALBERT ADAMS 10.
SAMUEL BOOTH 5.	JOHN EACHUS 11.
SAMUEL WOOD 6.	GEORGE LONGDEN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal in the method and first peal of Maximus. The above is S. Wood's 200th peal, his first being 5040 Bob Major. They consist of Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich Court Bob, and vary from 5000 up to 16,608 changes.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, February 5th, the local company with F. Hancock, from Eckington, and C. Fowler, from Anston, rang a date touch, 1893 changes, in the following methods, in 1 hr. 5 mins.: 453 Violet, and 720 each of Duke of York and Oxford. F. Hancock, 1; C. Fowler, 2; T. Bettison, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 29th, a date touch, 1893 changes, being a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob, and 453 Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. H. Barber, 1; W. Boughton, 2; C. Boughton, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (composer and conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Tuesday, January 10th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch (no method mentioned) in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Groves, 1; W. Cornish (longest touch), 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symens (longest touch), 4; C. Simonds, 5; R. Harman (longest touch with a bob bell), 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (longest touch as conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, January 26th, at Christ Church, a date touch of 1893 changes in 1 hr. 10 mins., in the following Minor methods: 93 College Single, 360 Kent Treble Bob 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 600 Plain Bob, and 480 Grandsire. C. E. Wilson (conductor), 1; J. Hart, 2; W. Short, 3; T. Barton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. Longest length by J. Hart. C. E. Wilson belongs to Walton.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, February 4th, at the parish church, a date touch of Minor was rung in 1 hr. and 5 mins., being 453 of Plain Bob Minor, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor and 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Bown, 1; A. Attwood, 2; H. Payne, 3; A. Wallace, 4; A. Devereux, 5; E. Devereux (conductor) 6.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—The belfry of St. John's church was visited on Thursday, January 12th, by Messrs. T. Hudson, sen. and jun., of Bishopwearmouth, and E. Keen and G. Holmes, of North Shields, who took part in the following touches: 336 Bob Major, 420 Bob Triples, 336 Grandsire Triples, and 360 Bob Minor. On Thursday, January 19th, on handbells, 288 Woodbine Minor. C. L. Routledge, 1-2; W. Holmes, 3-4; F. Lees, 5-6. On Sunday, January 22nd, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. E. J. Lincoln (first touch of Stedman), 4. On Monday, January 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor on handbells. H. Lindsey (first 720 on handbells), 1-2; W. Holmes, 3-4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5-6. Also some courses of Stedman Triples in which Messrs. Roper, Welsh, and Lincoln took part. On Thursday, February 2nd, 168 Stedman Triples. W. Holmes, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; J. W. Roper, 3; J. H. Clapperton, 4; A. Hillier, 5; *E. J. Lincoln, 6; *T. Hudson, sen. (Bishopwearmouth), 7; H. Pearson, 8. *First touch in the method.

WHICKHAM (Durham).—On Saturday, January 14th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Stark, 1; J. W. Nicholson, 2; R. Mordue, 3; W. Holmes, 4; S. J. Lincoln, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. And 1440 of Oxford Bob and College Single, in 47 mins. G. Stark, 1; W. Holmes, 2; P. Harbottle, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson, 6. On Tuesday, January 17th, in honour of the wedding of the daughter of J. J. Hunter, Esq., churchwarden, 720 Bob Minor. G. E. Stark, 1; W. Custance, 2; P. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob. G. E. Stark, 1; W. Custance, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson, 6. On Friday, January 20th, another 720 in the same method. W. Custance, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; P. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; W. Holmes, 6. On Saturday, January 28th, another 720 in the same method. H. Willis, 1; W. Holmes (conductor), 2; J. W. Nicholson, 3; H. Lindsey, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; C. L. Routledge, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. *W. Custance, 1; H. Lindsey, 2; W. Holmes, 3; *J. Harbottle, 4; *R. Mordue, 5; *J. W. Nicholson, 6. *First in the method. Also 720 Oxford Bob. G. Stark, 1; W. Custance, 2; P. Harbottle, 3; H. Lindsey, 4; R. Mordue, 5; C. L. Rout-

ledge (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Lincoln, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; W. Holmes, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Monday, February 6th, at the church of St. Peter per Mountgate, 720 of Stedman, Plain, and Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. J. E. Burton (conductor), 1; A. W. Brighton, 2; G. P. Burton, 3; J. A. Trollop, 4; C. E. Borrett, 5. Afterwards several 6-scores of Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles were rung. Tenor 9½ cwt. Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, February 8th, at 45, Oxford Street, 672 Bob Major (nine bobs). *J. A. Trollop, 1-2; *J. E. Burton, 3-4; *G. P. Burton, 5-6; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 7-8. *Longest length on eight bells.

THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 7th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 1344 changes. J. Freeman, 1; A. Pitstow, 2; A. James, 3; C. Freeman, 4; G. Martin, 5; N. J. Pitstow, 6; E. Pitstow, 7; F. Pitstow, 8. Longest touch in the method on the bells. The society rang 1120 in 1849.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, January 17th, for practice at the Abbey church, a 504 of Bob Triples. F. Russen, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Elcombe, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Cole, 6; C. Tribe (conductor), 7; G. Saint and C. Cole, 8. Also a 252 with J. Elcombe 1; F. Russen, 4; the rest as above. The above is J. Walkers first 504 with a bob bell, and also F. Russen's first 252. R. White was formerly of the local company, but is now appointed sexton of Holy Trinity Church, Winchester. On Tuesday, January 24th, 360 of Bob Minor. A. Newman, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; F. Russen, 4; T. Cole (conductor), 5; C. Tribe, 6. On Tuesday, January 31st, 360 Bob Minor. T. Cole, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; C. Tribe (conductor), 6. The above are the first 360s by A. Newman, F. Russen, and J. Walker with a bob bell. On Wednesday, January 25th, on the occasion of the annual meeting, a 556 of Grandsire Triples. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Smith, 3; G. Graftham, 4; T. Cole, 5; C. Tribe, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; J. Batts, 8. First 504 by G. Smith, who hails from Twyford. On Sunday, February 5th, for Divine Service, a 360 Bob Minor. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Cole, 4; J. Walker, 5; C. Tribe (conductor), 6; A. Newman, 7; G. Saint and C. Cole, 8. And for afternoon service a 720 Bob Minor. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; T. Cole (conductor), 5; C. Tribe, 6; J. Walker, 7; C. Cole and G. Saint, 8. And for evening service, a 360 with A. Newman 1; and F. Russen, 4, the rest as before. The above is A. Newman's first 720 with a bob bell, and also T. Cole's first 720 as conductor. Recently on handbells, a 252 Bob Triples. C. Cole, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; F. Russen, 4; T. Cole, 5; J. Walker, 6; C. Tribe, 7-8.

SOUTHAMPTON (Hants).—On Wednesday, February 8th, for practice, at the church of Holy Rood, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Cook, 1; C. Tribe, 2; H. Martin, 3; T. King, 4; W. Sevier (conductor), 5; G. Dacre, 6; C. Bridle, 7; C. Bailey, 8. Mr. Sevier hails from Eastleigh, the rest belong to the local company.

LOCKERLEY (Hants).—On Monday, January 30th, the parish church, three 6-scores of Bob Doubles. H. Rogers, 1; Rev. S. F. Bourdillon, 2; S. Wilkins, 3; J. Elcombe, 4; J. Walker (conductor), 5; T. Creese, 6. Also another 6-score with S. Wilkins 4, and J. Elcombe 3, the rest as before. J. Elcombe and J. Walker hail from Romsey, the rest are local men.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday, January 1st, for evening service, a 622 Grandsire Triples. A. Stone, 1; C. Groves, 2; W. Cornish, 3; J. Harper, 4; J. Symonds, 5; C. Simmonds, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Sunday, January 29th, for evening service, a 630 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; W. Cornish, 2; J. Harper, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; J. Symons (longest touch as conductor), 5; C. Simmonds, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 7; J. Gould, 8.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Tuesday, January 10th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. Rung in honour of the Bishop of Winchester's visit. G. Grafton, 1; W. Cornish, 2; F. Hill, 3; J. Harper, 4; G. Passingham, 5; R. Harman, 6; J. Whiting (conductor), 7. J. Matthews, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE (Cheshire).—On Saturday, February 4th, eight members of the local society attempted Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after 4994 changes had been rung in 2 hrs. 40 mins., owing to the 7th rope breaking. A. Harding (aged 15), 1; J. Broome,

2; A. Jarvis, 3; J. Wright, 4; R. Langford, 5; G. Harding, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Dudley, 8. Longest length by Messrs. A. Harding and Broome; and longest length with a bob bell by J. Wright.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Wednesday, February 1st, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. Stuart, 2; T. Watson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 5th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; T. Stuart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. First 720 of Canterbury Pleasure by all and first in the method on the bells.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, January 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (a three-part, twenty-four singles, composed by C. E. Wilson), in 25 mins. On Friday evening, January 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. On Tuesday evening, January 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 50 mins. T. Johnson, 1; W. Bramley, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; H. Kelly, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON.—On Thursday, February 2nd, at Christ Church, 720 Grandsire Minor, with 7-8 covering, in 29 mins. T. Jenkinson, 1; *L. Gardner, 2; C. Sharples, 3; *E. Caunce, 4; W. Bentham (conductor), 5; *J. Gardner, 6; H. J. Morley, 7; C. Withington, 8. *First 720 in any method.

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LONDON.—On Sunday evening, February 5th, at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins., taken from Holt's Original. S. E. Andrews (first touch away from the tenor), 1; A. G. Ellis, 2; T. E. Harwood, 3; G. Langford (first quarter-peal), 4; J. Willshire, 5; F. E. Davies, 6; H. S. Ellis (conductor), 7; J. N. Oxborrow, 8.

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STAMFORD.—On Sunday afternoon, January 29th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. M. Lipscombe, 1; R. Wyche, Esq. (conductor), 2; C. Harper, 3; T. Betts, 4; F. Dennison, 5; Rev. H. Law James, 6.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EYE (Herefordshire).—On Friday, January 20th, some members of the above Guild, accompanied by the Guild Instructor, drove to Eye

church, and rang several 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles. The bells were raised and ceased in peal, permission to ring having previously been given by the vicar. These bells are a musical little ring, tenor about 10 cwt., but the ropes were so unsuitable, the visitors had some difficulty in handling them. T. Squires (conductor), 1; W. Mound, 2; J. Round, 3; T. Bebb, 4; D. Round, 5; E. Panton, 6. Later in the evening some of the local ringers came to the tower, and a friendly touch was rang with —. Baker at the treble, who also very kindly put a new rope on the fifth, and in other ways prepared the bells for the use of the Tenbury company.

HOLM LACY (Hereford).—On Saturday evening, January 28th, for practice (by kind permission of the vicar), several touches of Grandsire Triples were rang by members and friends of the Hereford Cathedral Society, including two touches of 336 changes each. H. Gaines, 1; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; J. J. Jones (St. Peter's), 4; T. Hobby, 5; J. Davis, 6; T. Lewis, 7; J. Chamberlain, 8. The tenor behind was also rang by W. Davis and W. Taylor of Fownhope, who came across the river to meet the visitors. Three courses of Grandsire Minor on the back six bells were also rung by W. Davis, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; J. Davis, 4; T. Lewis, 5; W. W. Fussell, 6. On Tuesday, January 31st, the parochial ringers from Fownhope visited this tower for practice, and rang several series of three and four different six-scores on 12357 with 4-6-8 as covering bells, permission being given by the vicar, the Rev. Elton Lee. T. Jones, 1; J. Edwards (Woolhope), 2; G. Wheatstone, 3; W. Taylor, 4; A. Jones, 5; T. Wellings, 6; W. Davis, 7; T. Hard, 8. Messrs. R. Stone, G. Jones and T. Wellings, also rang working bells to several six-scores. The bells were raised and ceased in peal. Tenor 16 cwt.

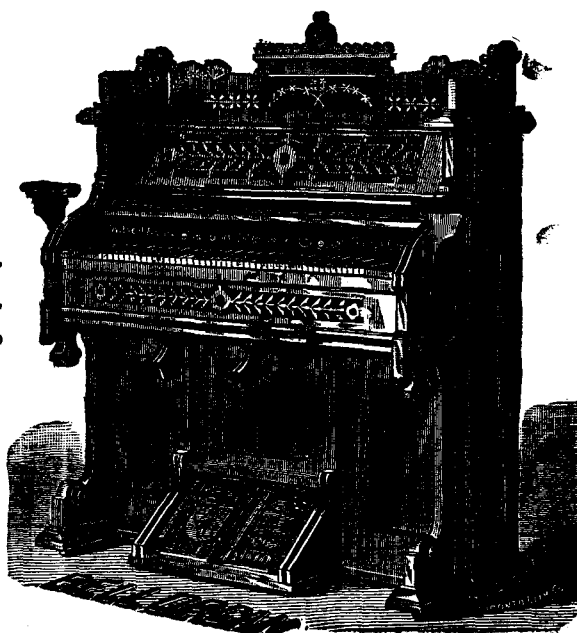
HEREFORD.—On Wednesday, January 25th (the weekly practice at the Cathedral), two 168s of Grandsire Triples on the back eight bells. H. James, 1; R. Powell, 2; T. Phillips, 3; J. Jones, 4; C. Watts, 5; J. Davis (Foreman), 6; T. Lewis, 7; G. Tristram, 8. On Wednesday, February 3rd, a 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Gaines, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; C. Watts, 3; J. Jones, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; J. Davis, 6; T. Lewis, 7; I. Chamberlain, 8. Tenor 40 cwt.

TARRANTON (Hereford).—On Thursday afternoon, February 2nd, a company of ringers from Lugwardine (accompanied by their Guild Instructor), visited this belfry and rang a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, consisting of six different 6-scores. J. Jones, 1; E. Turner, Esq., 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; C. Clifford, 4; James Jones (conductor), 5; T. Jones, 6. Permission was previously given for the rise of the bells by the rector, the Rev. John Winter, M.A., who also very kindly provided a suitable tea for the company at the rectory. Other 6-scores were rang in which E. Brookes and John Jones also rang. The bells were raised and ceased in peal. An adjournment was made to the Foley Arms for an hour with the handbells, which the Lugwardine company brought with them. The Tarranton band were present in the belfry and rang a peal or two of "thirties."

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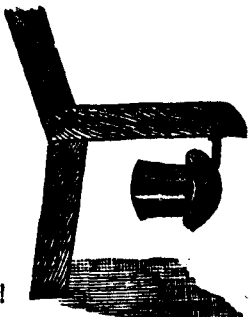
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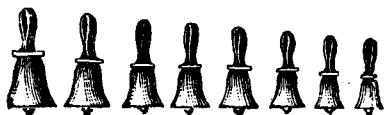
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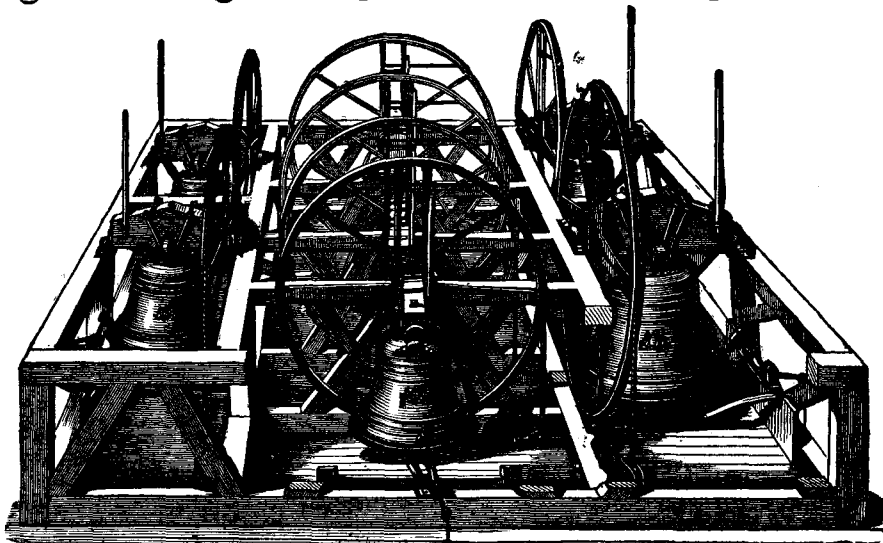
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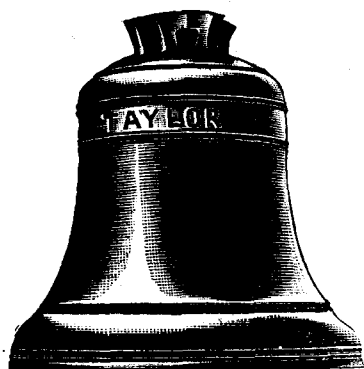
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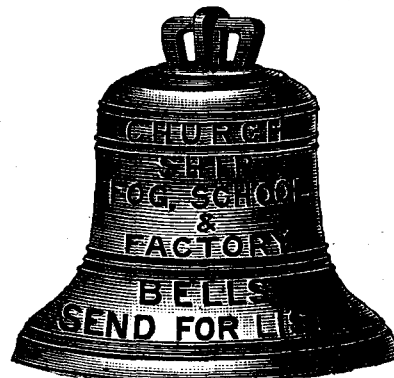
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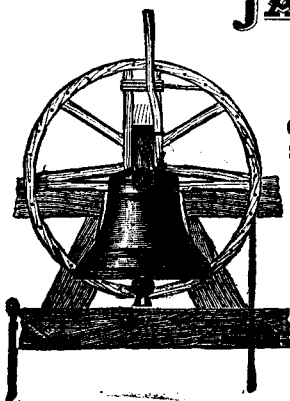
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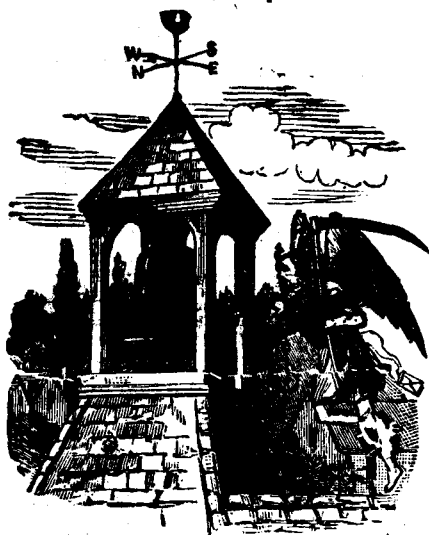
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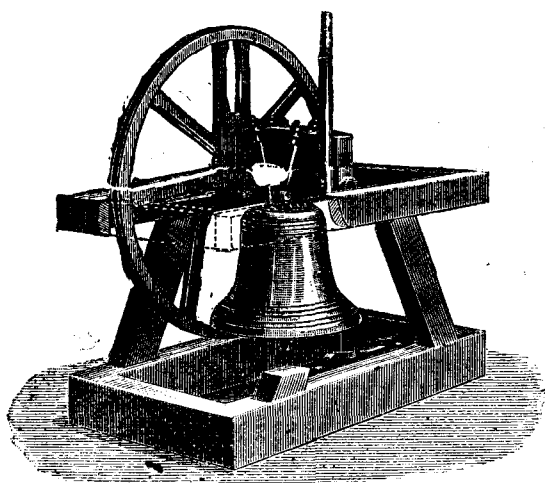


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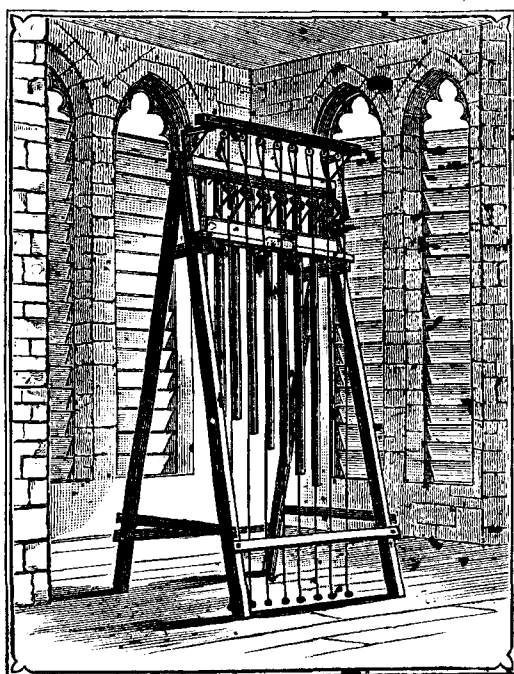
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THE RIPON AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Ripon, on Saturday, February 4th, when representatives were present from Ripon, Harrogate, Boroughbridge, Sharow, and Baldersby. The first assembly was at 5.15 p.m. in the Cathedral belfry, where the visitors were met by Mr. T. Clark, Honorary Secretary of the Association and President of the Ripon Society. Short courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters were rung.

At 6.30 an excellent tea was served by Mr. and Mrs. Snowden, at the Westgate Cocoa House. Here the ringers were met by the Rev. S. Reed, Minor Canon and Precentor of the Cathedral, who, before leaving at the close of the tea, gave a brief address, in which he referred to the practice of ringing bells in this country and on the Continent, stating that it was a very healthful occupation. He was glad that Mr. Clark had secured so many of the younger members, because if they made progress and induced others to join the Association, they would be doing good work. Bells were connected with churches, but in the old times it was not an uncommon thing, he was sorry to say, for the ringers to ring for people to go to church, and forget to go themselves. Happily that state of things was passing away, and should do so entirely, because bell ringers should feel that they were church helpers and church workers, and the more they exalted their position in that way and felt they were doing their part in inviting others to go to the house of prayer, they would not forget to avail themselves of the services. While ringing the bells to give pleasure to others, they were also giving pleasure to themselves and increasing their health. From his own experience he knew that bell-ringing was healthful and enjoyable. He always liked to hear the chimes. He hoped those gatherings would be continued. They were very pleasant, because they brought the members together from different centres, and it was a good thing for them to meet from time to time in that way. He hoped the Association would continue to prosper, and that the members would support those who took such an interest in the work. They could not always expect things to go on smoothly, but they must be forbearing and try to make the society flourish. He wished them every prosperity and happiness.

Mr. Clark, in thanking the Rev. S. Reed for his address, referred to the support he had received from the clergy and gentry of the district, which was very encouraging.

The annual meeting was afterwards held, when the chair was occupied by Mr. H. M. Bower, J.P., of Elmcrofts, Ripon, who, in opening the proceedings referred to the active part Mr. Clark had taken in the Association, and said the work he had done should be acknowledged in some way during the meeting, either formally or informally. He urged the members, whether old or young, to listen to what Mr. Clark had to say with very great attention, for the plain reason that there were not many places in England where they would find any one who combined enthusiasm with knowledge in the same way that Mr. Clark did. In keeping up and carrying on an art of which England ought to be proud, there was a great amount of arduous work. It was, perhaps, little known that the art of bell ringing, as we understood it in England, was a very peculiar art. There were bells in continental towns like Seville, Bruges, and other places, which had a great reputation; but English change-ringing was a peculiar art, and one which required, as every one present knew, great skill and perseverance to acquire. It was an art which had been developed over a long period of years, and nowhere would they find it carried out with greater success than by Mr. Clark at Ripon.

Mr. T. Clark, in acknowledging the remarks of the chairman, said he was happy to see so many friends present. He then, as Hon. Sec. of the Association, presented his report, in which he stated:—

There were now upwards of thirty-one well established Ringers' Associations in England, besides numerous minor ones. Until those and other societies commenced operations—the majority being formed since 1870—the office of bell ringer had received little or no attention, and some of the belfries were in a wretched state. At the same time many of the ringers were careless of the fact that they occupied a part of God's house during their avocation, and it was unusual for the greater part of them to attend service. This condition of things becoming more prominently noticeable to some of the clergy and the better ringers, including a number of gentlemen who took an interest in the art of change-ringing, it was considered that more good would

be done to remedy the existing abuses by binding the whole body of ringers, and as many of the clergy as would assist, into associations to work with certain aims common to all the members, than by those interested working single-handed. Associations were therefore established, their object being practically as follows:—Reform, by the abolition of irreverent and unbecoming behaviour in the ringing-chamber; by securing proper treatment of the bells themselves, they being valuable property of the church; and by inculcating a proper appreciation of the belfry as a part of God's house. To unite the various companies of ringers into associations, so that by meetings and friendship with each other, they might be stimulated to a friendly rivalry in the prosecution of their art. To promote the study and practice of scientific change-ringing, as distinguished from the dull, spiritless, and ignoble performance known as "call changes," and thus to elevate and improve the mental capacity of the ringer, while furthering the development of a beautiful science and art which was peculiarly and exclusively English. To secure for the church bell ringer a recognition of his position as a church worker, and at the same time to raise up in him a proper feeling of responsibility with regard to his office. With regard to the proceedings of the Ripon Association during the second year of its existence, he was glad to state that although many of their best senior members had not paid their subscriptions, and perhaps might have rendered more assistance than they had done, nevertheless the junior members were very promising. The periodical meetings had been fairly well attended, and good improvement made, although not productive of any great ringing achievement. The first meeting after the annual meeting was held in Ripon Cathedral belfry on Tuesday, February 16th, at 6 p.m. At the next meeting held on March 5th, in the Cathedral belfry, five performing members were elected. On March 12th, a meeting was held at in St. Mary's belfry, Harrogate, when five members from Ripon, one from Boroughbridge, and seven Harrogate members attended, good practice in change-ringing being done. Upwards of 1200 changes were rung in attempting a date touch (1892) composed by the secretary. The ringing being so much improved, it was unanimously agreed that a meeting should be held on the same day the week following, in St. Mary's belfry, but although twelve members attended, the same class of ringing could not be attempted for want of more experience. On Saturday, May 14th, a meeting was held in Boroughbridge belfry, when the Rev. R. C. P. Brownrigg, of St. Mary's, Harrogate, attended, along with nineteen other members from Ripon, Harrogate, Boroughbridge and Sharow. Peals of 720 Bob Minor were rung at Aldborough and Boroughbridge. After tea, a meeting was held, when the following honorary members were elected; the Rev. Canon Waugh, Ripon Cathedral; the Rev. Canon Owen, Vicar of Boroughbridge; the Rev. J. St. Maur Russell, Vicar of Aldborough; the Rev. R. C. P. Brownrigg, Harrogate; Mr. Edward Reackham, and Mr. H. Oswald Shutt, Harrogate. Mr. R. S. Storey was elected an honorary performing member, and Messrs. Dickenson (Harrogate), and Alfred Gibson (Ripon), performing members. The outing was a pleasant and agreeable one. On Saturday, October 22nd, a meeting was held at Sharow, but only nine members were present. Short touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples were rung. Thirteen members attended at the Harrogate meeting on November 12th, some good change-ringing being accomplished, especially touches of 350 and 168 changes of Grandsire Triples, which were neatly brought into rounds. On Saturday, December 3rd, Ripon Cathedral belfry was the place of meeting, fifteen members putting in an appearance. Short touches of Triples, Major, Caters and Royal were rung and enjoyed. After the ringing Mr. Benson was elected a member of the Association, along with Messrs. P. Willis, Arthur and Wilfrid Gibson, T. Ingleby and Robert Pick. The meeting following was held at Sharow belfry on December 17th, and attended by fourteen members. Ringing commenced about 6.30 p.m., when 600 changes were rung, succeeded by 350 Grandsire Triples, 672 Bob Major, concluding with a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor, (120 changes), an important step in change-ringing not hitherto attained by the association at their meetings. On Saturday, January 7th, a meeting was held in Sharow belfry, being the fourth and last in that belfry for the year. At this and all the former meetings ample time was given for all non-change-ringers to have a trial, and he was glad to state they had made good progress. Change-ringing commenced with 168 Grandsire Triples, and 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. A course of Plain Bob Major followed as a preliminary to proceeding with this year's date touch in the same method. After several attempts upwards of 1000 changes were rung, when a collapse took place, time not permitting the ringers to commence again. Thus ended a most friendly and agreeable meeting. The present meeting was the last for the year. During the past year twenty new members had been added to the association, which now numbered fifty-nine, viz., thirty-six honorary members, and twenty-three performing members. Last year the society numbered twenty-six honorary and twenty performing members, total forty-six. While thus increasing in numbers he hoped they were making progress in bell-ringing as a science. An eminent

Bishop of the present day had said:—"Bells are in very mysterious harmony with our mysterious nature. At one time they toll out some peal of joy, almost exuberant joy; at other times they remind us that we, too, are mortal. And so whether bells are heard on the marriage morn, or after some solemn funeral, or for the more ordinary purposes of summoning Christ's people to worship, there is something in them in harmony with the truest and deepest affections of our nature; they have a power, a secret and mysterious power, over some of our finest and most elevating sentiments, and therefore, I would add, should never be in the hands of low and unworthy characters." In conclusion, Mr. Clark said—Notwithstanding drawbacks, the beautiful and interesting science of change-ringing had been more widely diffused and more extensively practised, and he hoped this would lead to still greater efforts in the ensuing year.

The report was adopted, on the motion of Mr. T. Langley (Boroughbridge), seconded by Mr. A. Atkinson (Harrogate).

Mr. F. Tappin (Honorary Treasurer), presented the statement of accounts, from which it appeared that there were thirty-six honorary members, and twenty-three performing members. The year commenced with a balance in hand of £5 17s. The income of the year was £13 6s., making a total of £19 3s. The expenditure amounted to £10 7s. 8d., leaving a balance in hand at the close of the year of £8 15s. 4d. Considering the number of meetings that had been held during the year, the expenses were very reasonable, and he thanked Mr. Clark for the manner in which the accounts had been kept.

The Treasurer's report was adopted, on the motion of Mr. King (Boroughbridge), seconded by Mr. Langley.

The Chairman read the following letter from the Mayor of Ripon: "My dear Sir, I am unable to join you to-night, as I am required to attend a meeting outside the city, and in all probability shall not be back in time for your annual meeting. I enjoy your efforts very much, and should have, as usual, enjoyed your company along with the rest of the bell-ringers. Feeling sure you will have a good meeting, and a good balance in hand, I am, as ever, yours very faithfully, J. B. Parkin."

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the honorary secretary and treasurer for the work they had done for the Association; and also very hearty thanks to those who had already mastered the art of bell-ringing, as well as to the ringers who had assisted in the instruction of the junior members. In bell-ringing or any other art, without the hearty co-operation and assistance of those who were masters in the art, no progress could possibly be made. In bell-ringing it was peculiarly necessary that that assistance should be relied upon, for the reason that if there were six or eight bells and six or eight beginners no progress could be made, and the only thing that could be looked for was the co-operation and assistance of those who had already attained proficiency. The first time he went into the Minster belfry it was certainly like a fresh atmosphere to him, and perfectly astonishing to him, knowing the little he did of the intricate nature of the art, to see the readiness and proficiency with which the changes were rung. In a matter that depended not so much, as in handbell ringing, upon the ear, but so largely upon the sight, he was struck with the wonderful rapidity and skill with which the older ringers—who had no doubt spent many years in acquiring that skill—readily caught, at a glance, the position of affairs. And when it was remembered that the whole of a change was rung in a few seconds—(Mr. Clark: twenty-six changes in a minute)—and that each successive change was, by the law of bell-ringing, absolutely obliged to be different, not only from the preceding change, but from all that had gone before, it struck him in wonder and amazement, not only that the ringers in a belfry such as at Ripon or Sharow, but that any men in the world, with all the scientific attainments possible, could attain to that proficiency. He was not exaggerating when he said that to a tyro like himself, such a result was very striking. It was the older ringers who had handed down the traditions of that old art, and it was from them the younger members had acquired what skill they had already attained. He therefore begged to move that the hearty thanks of the Association be given to the honorary secretary, the honorary treasurer, and the other officers of the society for the assistance they had rendered during the past year, especially the proficient ringers, for the instruction they had given to the younger members.

Mr. Atkinson (Harrogate) seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Langley, seconded by Mr. A. Gibson, the following officers were re-elected: President—the Lord Bishop of Ripon; Vice-President—Rev. Canon Gibbon; Hon. Sec.—Mr. T. Clark; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. F. Tappin.

On the motion of Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, the following members of the Committee were re-elected: Rev. J. A. Naylor and S. Reed, Mr. H. M. Bower, Mr. J. Whitham (Ripon), and Mr. H. Brown (Harrogate).

The following were also elected on the Committee: Messrs. Atkinson (Harrogate), J. King and T. Langley (Boroughbridge).

Mr. Clark suggested that during the ensuing year there be two meetings at Boroughbridge, four at Ripon Cathedral, four at Sharow, and three at Harrogate; also that an additional meeting be arranged for outside the district if the funds would permit. This was adopted on the motion of Mr. Dickenson, seconded by Mr. Benson.

Mr. Atkinson called the attention of the Association to the necessity of the performing members attending in larger numbers at the meetings.

On the motion of Mr. Clark, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Dean of Ripon, the Rev. Canon Nunn (Sharow), the Rev. Canon Owen (Boroughbridge), the Rev. G. O. Brownrigg (St. Mary's, Harrogate), and the vicars of other churches for the facilities granted in allowing the use of the bells at the different places of meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman on the motion of Mr. Langley, seconded by Mr. Atkinson.

The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing under the conductorship of Mr. Clark.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Bolton on Saturday, February 4th, when between forty and fifty members attended from the various churches in the town, and from Deane, Halliwell, Heywood, Manchester, Ashton, Walkden, Wigan, and Radcliffe. The business meeting was held in the Holy Trinity school, at which the vicar, the Rev. T. Taylor Evans, presided, supported by the vice-president. The chairman read a letter from the President (Rev. H. J. Elsee), regretting his inability to be present on account of being in the midst of a mission. He then gave the members a hearty welcome to his church, this being the first meeting held there since he was appointed vicar, and although not a member, he was very willing to become an honorary member. He was subsequently elected along with some half-dozen performing members.

The Secretary (Mr. Redford), then gave a short outline of a scheme which the committee are formulating for the election of committee-men at annual meetings, the object being to lessen the time occupied in such elections.

The new certificate was on view for those members desirous of possessing one, and orders for them satisfying the committee that the design meets with the approval of the members.

Votes of thanks to the chairman for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to the respective authorities of the other churches, terminated the meeting.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The half-yearly meeting of the above was held on Monday evening, February 6th, in the belfry of St. Philip's church, a very good muster of about twenty members being present. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, a proposition was carried that a rider to Rule 5 should be added, viz.—"That the society may admit any ringers belonging to any other society in the city, on the same scale as a district member." Twenty-nine members were then duly elected. It was also decided to keep the practice night at St. Philip's church on Mondays at 7.30, and Deritend on Fridays at 8 p.m. The date of the next quarterly meeting was left in the hands of the committee to decide, when fourteen days' notice will be given in this paper.

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On Saturday, January 28th, the members of the above society with their wives, children and friends, held their annual social gathering in the Girls' schoolroom connected with the church, when upwards of forty sat down to a tea provided by the above society at 5.30 p.m. prompt. After justice had been done to the good things provided, and the cloth withdrawn, they all settled down to enjoy a social evening. Through the kindness of Mr. J. Poole (sidesman), and one of their most willing supporters, Tiddley winks and Snap cards were provided for the children's amusement, many of the older ones thinking themselves children again, passed a jovial hour away at this innocent game. Finding the Ring was another game, many thinking they were sure where it was, but were doomed to disappointment, when open hands was shown. Mr. T. Seed, though rather noisy, amused the ladies with his often having to pay forfeit, while looking for the ring. Tune playing was next indulged in, and a well-known selection of Scotch Airs was first rendered, after which the "Heather Bell" polka was rang and re-demanded, the latter of which is composed by Mr. J. M. Fitzclarke, F.C.O., conductor of the handbell band. Songs were sung during the evening, and Mr. J. Rowley with his usual ability gave "McAnultyies Garden Party," and as an encore sang "The Brick came down." Mr. F. Willey sang "My Village Home" with taste and feeling. Mr. J. Rew followed with a humorous song entitled "He was a careful man." And at this hour of the night the company had got warm and fairly settled, and he was recalled to the footlights and sang the last edition to his budget of song, "They all come home to roost." There was also a bagatelle table kindly lent by another sidesman, Mr. G. V. Yates, which was much patronised by the members of the cue. The hour of departure was drawing nigh, and with many good wishes for the New Year and thoughts of looking for their next annual gathering, fathers, mothers, and children journeyed home, having spent one of the many pleasant evenings this company arranges and carries out for its members and friends.

THE BELLS FOR THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

On Saturday, February 11th, the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. was visited by a distinguished party from the Imperial Institute, London, to hear the heavy peal of ten bells cast for that building. Amongst the visitors were Sir Frederick Abel (Secretary), and Sir Somers Vine, Assistant Secretary of the Imperial Institute, Dr. Mackenzie, Principal of the Royal Academy of Music, and Professor Dewar. We are pleased to report that as was to be expected, the peal was pronounced to be very fine indeed, and will be worthy of the tower in which they are to be hung.

Many people having asked for permission to see the bells, Messrs. Taylor have kindly asked us to state that the peal will be on view from 2 to 4 o'clock this Saturday afternoon.

We shall publish next week a list of the dimensions and notes of the bells with their inscriptions.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, February 4th, at Bucknall, and was attended by over twenty members from the following towers: Hanley, Tunstall, Longton, Leek, Wolstanton, and Bucknall. Ringing commenced soon after 4 o'clock, when touches of Bob Minor, Bob Doubles, and Oxford Bob were rung. At 6 o'clock the members adjourned to Bucknall Cottage and partook of a capital tea which had been provided by the ringers of Bucknall. Tea being over, Mr. J. Johnston (Tunstall) proposed a vote of thanks to the ringers of Bucknall for so kindly entertaining them. This was seconded and carried. A vote of thanks was also proposed to Mr. Clarkson for the use of his room, and to the ladies who had so kindly waited upon them. An adjournment was again made to the tower, and 240 College Pleasure was rung by six of the Bucknall band, and 720 Kent Treble Bob by J. Johnson (Tunstall), 1; W. Wheildon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; T. Miller (Wolstanton), 4; W. Twigg, 5; *G. Woods (Longton, conductor), 6. *First 720 as conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER BRANCH.—On Monday, February 6th, the ringing members of the above branch held their annual dinner at the house of Mr. Stephen Cooper, C.C., when over twenty sat down to an excellent repast. It was noteworthy that every ringer present had won his "spurs" in a 5000.

After the viands had disappeared and the cloth had been withdrawn, Vice-President Cooper was duly installed in the chair, and the usual loyal toast was drunk to musical honours. A duet "Larboard Watch" was then given by Messrs. Willson and A. Martin, followed by capital songs by Messrs. Cotton, Buttery, Jarvis, Harriman, and Lowe. Lengthy speeches were properly conspicuous by their absence, as it gave more time for social intercourse and harmony. The toast of the evening, "Success to the Leicester Branch," was received with applause, and was responded to by the chairman, who congratulated the branch on the record it had made during the year 1891, they having rung no less than seventeen peals (including nine on handbells) in five different methods. He was pleased to see the achievements of the rising generation, although he himself had not figured to any extent in the performances, and trusted they would keep the ball rolling for the credit of their town. "The Bishop and Clergy" was also given, with votes of thanks to the rev. gentleman who had so kindly granted permission for the use of the bells. A vote of sympathy and condolence was also passed to the family of the late Canon Broughton, vicar of St. Mary's, and an honorary member of this association, for the loss they have sustained during the past year.

A course of Union Triples was then rung by J. O. Lancashire, 1-2; S. Cotton, 3-4; G. Cleal, 5-6; J. Needham, 7-8. The evening was thoroughly kept alive till 12 o'clock arrived, when the company dispersed, well satisfied with the night's enjoyment. On the following evening the election of officers took place, when S. Cooper was re-elected vice-president, J. Lancashire, Secretary, and S. Cotton and G. Cleal, Committee.

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."

DOUBLE NORWICH.

SIR,—I regret to say the peal rang at Henfield by members of the Sussex County Association on Tuesday, February 14th, and duly reported in your last issue, is false. It is the last of four compositions given by me on page 75 in your issue for June 5th, 1886, and I desire here to tender my humble apologies to the band, and especially to the conductor, Mr. Charles Tyler, for all the time, etc., wasted.

H. DAINS.

[NOTE.—We have sometimes considered it necessary to put the closure upon a certain sort of correspondence, and up to the present, those concerned have quietly borne with our action, and said nothing by way of protest. A different reception has this week met our intimation that the correspondence between A. J. PERKINS and S. HAYES was at an end. Mr. PERKINS has written what can best be termed an extraordinary letter. In this he says that he expected to see last week a note closing the correspondence. We believe that many of our readers expected to see such an intimation long before. Mr. PERKINS goes on to refer to his opponent—Mr. HAYES—by various choice appellations, in which "contemptible humbug" and "liar" are, he says, "the mildest language I can use." What his strongest language would be, we suppose no one wants to know. He threatens if he does not "get fair play from 'THE BELL NEWS,' he will drop the paper altogether." Against such an awful contingency we will try and make due provision. We should like it to be understood that each of the belligerents—S. HAYES and A. J. PERKINS—wrote the same number of letters to this paper, and every one appeared, so that our readers can form their own opinion of our fairness in this matter; and conscious as we are that in all instances we strain every effort to be fair and just, we shall be satisfied with their verdict. Not content with sending a letter to us, Mr. PERKINS has, we are told, written to Messrs. HAYES and GREEN, in which some more of his choice abusive rhetoric is to be found. Those writers who call their opponents "scoundrels" and such like because a newspaper correspondence has not pleased them, ought not to be allowed the privilege of expressing publicly their ideas; and such privilege we therefore withdraw from Mr. PERKINS for the present.—ED.]

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH. — The Monthly Meeting of this branch was held at Walton, near Liverpool, on Saturday, February 4th, when upwards of thirty members attended from Garston, Hale, Halewood, Liverpool, Southport, Woolton, etc., as well as members of the local company. The tower was open for ringing at four o'clock, and shortly after that time members began to arrive. At 5.30 the members assembled in the girls' schoolroom, and sat down to tea, which was presided over by the Rev. J. C. Leigh, M.A., Rector of Walton. During tea the Kirkdale handbell ringers, consisting of Messrs. Wilson (conductor), Yates, F. Muir, A. Muir, Jackson, Woodward, Burns, and Tyler, played several selections on their fine-toned bells, and judging from the applause of the audience, their efforts were much appreciated. Mr. F. Yates played some selections on his fairy bells, and a plain course of Grandsire Doubles, which was loudly applauded. After tea the usual business meeting was held, the Rev. J. G. Leigh presiding. The rev. gentleman heartily welcomed all those that were present, and spoke at some length on the good work that was being done by the Association. He also said it gave him very great pleasure to see such a large number assembled, and hoped that every meeting would be similarly well attended. He urged upon the ringers the importance of their duty as church-workers, and said it was desirable that they should all unite and band themselves together so as to make the ringing a success. Although not a change-ringer himself, he knew from reports that Walton was in a flourishing condition so far as change-ringing was concerned, and he hoped that other towers would make a special effort and see what could be done.

Mr. R. Hill, of Southport, also expressed the pleasure he felt at meeting such a large number, and hoped that members would attend the meetings more frequently than they had hitherto done, and by that means come in closer contact with each other. He also spoke words of encouragement, and in the course of his remarks said he hoped the day would not be far distant when there would be two more bells added to the peal at Walton.

The Rector said that £5000 were required for new schools, so that under the circumstances it would be a considerable length of time before anything could be done regarding the bells.

The minutes of the previous meeting held at Liverpool were read and confirmed. Twelve new members were elected, including five from Garston, three from Liverpool, two from Walton, and two from Cheshire.

The next business was the appointment of Secretary in place of Mr. C. R. Stanley, resigned. The choice seemed to lie in the Walton company, and after a discussion it was proposed and carried unanimously that Messrs. Wilson and Somerville be appointed for the next twelve months. A vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

The ringers afterwards adjourned to the tower, where some ringing was done, an account of which appears in its proper place. About ten o'clock the company parted for home, every one having thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon's and evening's proceedings. The next meeting is to be held on Saturday, the 4th of March, at Wigan. It is particularly requested that members will do their utmost to attend the various meetings with a view to practising new methods.

THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, January 28th, at Stamford. The bells of the several churches were kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers by the incumbents. The bells of St. Martin's were raised at 11.0 a.m., when several touches were rung. At 12 o'clock a business meeting was held in St. Martin's music room, the Rev. W. W. Layng, Rector of Rippingale, president of the Association, occupying the chair. The minutes of the last meeting (held at Morton) having been read, after a few remarks from Mr. J. Alford, the secretary, they were, on the proposition of Mr. Stow, seconded by Mr. F. Betts, duly confirmed. It was then proposed by the Rev. H. L. James (Stamford), seconded by Mr. C. Harper, that the rev. chairman be requested to write to the Rev. G. Ash (Fulney) to arrange for the annual meeting to be held at Spalding on Easter Monday. This was carried unanimously. On the motion of the Rev. H. L. James, seconded by Mr. H. Parker,

(Grantham), it was decided that reports of meetings be sent to "THE BELL NEWS" for publication, and also that notices of future meetings be advertised therein. Messrs. Heald and Collins were elected auditors for the present year. Other business have been transacted, the company adjourned to Mr. Holmes' restaurant in St. Mary's street, where an excellent dinner was provided, the Rev. H. L. James presiding, supported by the Rev. W. W. Layng and the Mayor of Stamford. After dinner the chairman proposed "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," coupling with it the Mayor of Stamford, who suitably responded. Mr. Stow (Morton) then proposed "The Church and Clergy," responded to by the Rev. W. W. Layng. The company then dispersed, and attended a special service at St. Martin's church at 3 p.m., where a very appropriate address was given by the Rev. H. L. James, who alluded to the duties and office of bellringers as Christians and churchworkers. After the service the following members rang a 720 of Bob Minor. R. Clarke (Glington), 1; R. Wyche, Esq. (Stamford), 2; C. Collins (Stamford), 3; J. Alford (Hanthorpe), 4; T. Dennison (Stamford), 5; Rev. H. L. James (Stamford; conductor), 6. Several other touches were afterwards rung at neighbouring towers, and a very pleasant day was soon after brought to a close. Representatives attended from Grantham, Rippingale, Morton, Glington, and Stamford.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, DARLINGTON.

On Saturday, January 28th, six members of the above society with Mr. G. Park, sen., of St. Cuthbert's, journeyed to Heighington, Durham, for an afternoon's ringing on the fine-toned bells at the church, this being their first outing since the formation of the society eleven months ago. On arrival at the belfry they were met by Mr. Chambers, one of the local ringers, when a start was made for a 720 of Bob Minor which came to grief after ringing 420 changes, owing to one of the band missing the sallie in consequence of the long draught of rope, which the young band had not been accustomed to. Another start was made which also came to grief. E. Cox, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; G. W. Park, 4; G. Park, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. Afterwards the ringers were invited to a meat tea at Heighington House, the residence of Mrs. Barrett. After doing justice to the good things provided, the ringers adjourned to the entrance hall with the handbells, and rang a touch of Bob Minor and a course of Bob Triples, which was much appreciated. The belfry was again visited and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung. J. W. Lynn, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; G. Park, 4; G. A. Overton (conductor), 5; G. W. Park, 6. Also 240 Bob Minor. G. W. Park, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; J. W. Lynn, 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; G. Park, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. The bells were then lowered in peal, with J. Robinson, one of the local ringers, on the 4th. The ringers then returned home, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They desire through the medium of this paper to thank Mrs. Barrett for her hospitality in providing tea, and Mrs. G. Chambers for oiling the bells, etc., and also the local company for their reception.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4th, some members of the above Association met at the tower of the parish church at Eversholt for a friendly practice. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m., and after ringing several 6-scores of Bob Doubles, the company adjourned to the Green Man inn, and partook of an excellent tea, most hospitably provided by Mrs. Baker, the wife of the Rector. After tea the party again visited the church tower, and rang Bob and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. The gathering afforded a good opportunity of helping forward some of the young Eversholt band who are learning half-pull ringing. At 7.30 the bells were brought down in peal, a choir practice then commencing at the church. The following took part in the ringing: Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Hon. Sec. of the Bedfordshire Association and Rector of Milton Bryant), and Messrs. Charles Herbert, Cyril Herbert, E. Herbert, E. Negus, C. Wild, F. Major, W. Janes, W. Oakley, A. Fleet, etc. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F. The ringers desire through this paper to thank the Rev. W. S. Baker for the use of the bells, and also Mrs. Baker for so kindly and thoughtfully giving the tea—materially contributing to a most enjoyable gathering.

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.—Maidstone District. The annual District meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th, at Aylesford Church Tower, at 4.0 p.m.

A. L. BRINE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—A ringing meeting of the above will be held at the parish church, Ashton, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th, 1893. Bells will be ready at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. JOHN HOPWOOD, *Hon. Sec.*
25, Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Welshpool and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Welshpool to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business Meeting to follow.

T. HUGHES, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society. The next monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at Holy Trinity church, Rothwell, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Committee Meeting 4.30. General Meeting at 6 o'clock at the Swan hotel. Business—Revision of rules and nomination of officers for the ensuing year. Contributions for the year ending March 31st are now due. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Helmsford to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 o'clock.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Branch Sec.*

7, Church Street.

St. James's Society, London.—The above society will meet at St. Clement's, for practice, on Monday next, the 27th instant, at 8 o'clock p.m.

E. A. YOUNG, *Hon. Sec.*

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meeting for practice, for February, 1893.—Lewisham, St. Mary, Monday 27th, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. The remaining meeting this month is at St. Giles, Cripplegate, Tuesday, February 28th. Meeting time 8.15. W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth.

The Royal Cumberland Youths.—On Friday, March 3rd, 1893, at 54, St. Martin's Lane, very important business will be brought before the Society. All members that can make it convenient are requested to attend.

10, St. Ann's Road, A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*
Hornsey, N.

Johnson Memorial Anniversary.—The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, intend holding the annual dinner as usual on Saturday, March 4th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Dinner tickets 2s. 6d. each may be obtained from the undersigned.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Tunstall, on Saturday next,

March 4th. Bells at 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Johnson, 15, Madely Street, Tunstall, not later than Wednesday, March 1st. REV. J. W. ALSTON, *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG,

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The twelfth quarterly district meeting will be held at Great Glemham, on Saturday, March 4th. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Business meeting at 6 o'clock. All members and friends are cordially invited.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*

Leiston.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wigan parish church, on Saturday, March 4th. Tower open at 2.30. Short service at 4.30. Business meeting at 6.30, at which one of the clergy will preside. It is hoped that members from the surrounding districts will do their utmost to attend and be present at the service.

C. R. WILSON, *Hon. Secs.*
T. R. SOMERVILLE,

Lancashire Association, Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. JOHN MILLETT, *Hon. Sec.*
60, Starkey Street, Heywood.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—There will be a ringing meeting at Long Eaton, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells open at 3.30 p.m. E. WHITE, *Local Sec.*
29, Heathcote Street.

Essex Association.—A District meeting will be held at Saffron Walden, on Saturday, March 18th. Towers open for ringing; Saffron Walden (8), Radwinter (8). Further particulars will be given. Communications respecting this meeting to be addressed to me, and not to the Assistant Secretary.

T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

Midland Counties' Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The members of the above District are reminded that their subscriptions are now due, and should be paid to the district Hon. Sec. A. WAKLEY.
125, Victoria Crescent, Burton-on-Trent.

NOTICE.—Eight members of the Sussex County Association will attempt, all being well, the long peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major, 20160, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th, at Warnham, starting at 7 o'clock in the morning. HENRY H. CHANDLER.

The Gardens, Warnham Court.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. H. MARTIN has removed to Mayfield, Stratford Road, Hendon.

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A 720 YORKSHIRE COURT.

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

Five times repeated, substituting single for bob midway end end.

A 720 BOB MINOR.

By E. FRANCIS, Norwich.

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

Twice repeated.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1893

By an advertisement on another page we find that Miners, who are expert six-bell ringers, are required at a spot in the North. Plenty of occupation, we hear, can be found for such persons who can ring, and their presence will be welcomed. We are perfectly ignorant of the probable number of people following the occupation of mining, and who at the same time are ringers. Nevertheless we hope there are some who may be able and willing to respond to the invitation given.

It has often been remarked that there are a number of ringers who could effect some considerable amount of good among their brethren in proposals for their employment. There has to our knowledge been several instances of late, where, through the instrumentality of this paper, our brethren have found employment when wanting it. It is hoped that the practice of advertising for ringers to take work may be fostered and encouraged, and that where this good can be done among unemployed ringers, it will be done with spirit and promptitude.

There are to be found many excellent men in the Exercise who are compelled by circumstances beyond their control to live in a sphere where their ringing talent cannot have free play. Whoever makes an effort to lift such as these into better social conditions, does a most commendable action.

The Metropolis.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, February 18, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS Treble.	GEORGE SMITH 5.
JAMES E. DAVIS 2.	HAROLD N. DAVIS 6.
FREDERICK J. PITTS 3.	WALTER C. HASTED 7.
JOSEPH BARRY 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.

The Provinces.**TWERTON, NEAR BATH.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, February 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

C. BATH Treble.	G. TEMPLE 5.
F. SKUSE* 2.	C. LANGDON 6.
W. DAVIS 3.	H. WOTTON 7.
J. SMITH FLOWERS 4.	S. JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by F. SKUSE.

*First peal as conductor.

CRAWLEY.--THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, February 16, 1893, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK DENCH* .. Treble.	GEORGE PAICE 5.
JAMES PARKER 2.	ROBERT JORDAN 6.
JOHN RICE 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE 7.
WILLIAM WARD 4.	EDWARD MOSES Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major. This peal has the 6th her extent in 5-6; the 2nd never there. Mr. Moses belongs to Reigate.

LIVERPOOL.--THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, February 16, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

RICHARD HILL Treble.	WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS .. 6.
RICHARD S. MANN* 2.	GEORGE FISHER 7.
ROBERT WILLIAMS 3.	JOHN ASPINWALL 8.
JAMES BOOTH 4.	THOMAS HAMMOND 9.
HENRY COLEY 5.	ALFRED J. NICOLSON Tenor.
	*JAMES MARTIN Tenor.

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS and Conducted by JAS. MARTIN.

*First peal of Royal. It was found necessary for two men to ring the 9th, the bell going so badly. R. Hill hails from Southport; the rest belong to Liverpool.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.**THE BISHOPS STORTFORD ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, February 16, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER WILLIAM TUCKER* Treble.	WALTER PRIOR 5.
ALFRED TUCKER 2.	GEORGE PRIOR 6.
HENRY JAMES TUCKER 3.	HENRY PRIOR 7.
CHARLES PRIOR 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

*First peal. This is the first peal ever rang by a band of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and is believed to be the first peal in the method ever rang in the County of Hertford, and the first in the method by all the band.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Committee for the collection of peals hereby give the following notice:—

For the sake of convenience the methods have been divided into four groups.

GROUP I.—Methods for odd-bell ringing, in which the treble has a continuous plain hunt, e.g., Grandsire and Union.

GROUP II.—Those for even-bell ringing in which the treble has a continuous plain hunt, e.g., Plain Bob and all its derivatives.

GROUP III.—Those for even-bell ringing in which the treble has a continuous dodging hunt, e.g. Treble Bob and all its derivatives, such as the Surprise methods, etc.

GROUP IV.—Those in which the treble has work similar to that of the other bells, e.g. Stedman, Duffield, etc.

All composers who wish their peals to be inserted in the report to be presented to the next meeting of the Central Council are requested to forward as soon as possible the reference (giving date of issue and page) to their *true compositions published in this paper* not later than December 31st, 1892, provided always that such composition is not to be found in any of the recognised books, pamphlets, or treatises already published. From the references received, a copious selection of peals will be taken for publication in the forthcoming report, but the Committee reserve to themselves entire freedom to accept or reject any composition as shall seem best to them.

The references to peals falling under Groups ii. and iii. should be forwarded to Mr. J. W. Washbrook, 26, Bath Street, St Clement's, Oxford; those in Group iv. to Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Snider Works, Sheffield; and those in Group i. to me here.

The Report will not enter into the question of compositions in Doubles or Minor, nor in fact into that of anything less than 5000 changes.

It is earnestly requested that the references may be forwarded as early as possible. Those arriving first will naturally have first consideration, and none will be accepted later than Tuesday, March 7th.

On behalf of the Committee,

East Marden Rectory,
Chichester.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Notices of any motions, &c., to be brought forward at the meeting on Easter Tuesday, should be sent to the Hon. Sec. in writing, with proposer's and seconder's names, by Saturday, March 4th. Hon. Secretaries of Societies which elect representatives are again respectively reminded that the subscription of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative became due on January 1st, and should be paid without further delay.

Stanhoe, King's Lynn,

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

22nd February, 1893.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual committee meeting was held at the Church Club, Chester, on Saturday, February 11th, at 3.30. Present: the Master (Archdeacon Barber). Rev. Canon Holme, Rev. G. I. Howson, Messrs. F. R. T. Bolton, Dillon, Walmsley, Wilson, Holding, Forster, Langford, and H. A. Heywood (hon. sec.)

The treasurer's statement of accounts for 1892 was read and passed. The Wirral branch is again at the head of the list. It was agreed: "That no band of ringers be allowed to ring more than 1000 changes in any one eight bell tower on Festival days, nor more than 720 in a six bell tower."

The Secretary was requested to get a list of members printed up to date, and circulated.

The Annual Festival will be held at Crewe, on Monday, August 7th.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 16, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON FIVE BELLS;

Six 6-scores each of Earl Soham Doubles, London Doubles, Antelope, April Day, Old Doubles, Plain Doubles and Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK LING* Treble.	WILLIAM FLORY 4.
FREDERICK CLAYTON 2.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. Tenor.
ERNEST CLAYTON 3.	

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

*First 5040.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, January 18, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN BARBER* Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	THOMAS R. BENNETT .. 6.
GEORGE SALTER 3.	JOHN CRANE 7.
ALBERT E. PARSONS* .. 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, without the 2nd and 3rd being there, and is the first peal of Superlative rung in the city of Birmingham. *First peal in the method.

HALEWOOD.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH GRACE Treble.	THOMAS AMBROSE 5.
ROBERT WILLIAMS 2.	CHARLES WILLIAMS 6.
THOMAS GRIFFITHS* .. 3.	THOMAS KAY 7.
ALBERT GRACE 4.	RICHARD BRIERS .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS KAY.

*First peal. Rang as a compliment to Alderman J. T. Woods, Esq.

STALYBRIDGE, LANCASHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 20, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

BENJAMIN LEES Treble.	*GEORGE H. CARTER 5.
WALTER CARTRIGHT*† .. 2.	HARRY BAILEY 6.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN 3.	*ALBERT HASSALL 7.
GEORGE H. COOK* 4.	†ISAAC SCHOFIELD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JAKEMAN.

*First peal. †Proposed as members of the above Association before commencing the peal. W. Jakeman hails from St. Peter's, Ashton; J. Schofield from Oldham; the rest belong to the local company.

BOUGHTON.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 20, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN E. CHAMBERS* .. Treble.	*GEORGE M. SAYER 5.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR† .. 2.	†FREDERICK HUNT 6.
MORTON W. PIERCE* .. 3.	GEORGE A. RANSOM 7.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM G. LUCAS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. This was a birthday peal for the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Messrs. Pierce and Sayer belong to Canterbury; Taylor and Hunt to Ospringe; the remainder to the local company.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK DENCH* .. Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN 4.
EDWARD STREETER* 2.	*GEORGE PAICE 5.
JAMES PARKER 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICE.

*First 5040 in seven different Treble Bob Methods. First 5040 on the bells in seven Treble Bob Methods. Messrs. Parker, Jordan and Paice hail from Crawley; the rest from Worth.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BASINGSTOKE BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 20, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

HARRY LAWES* Treble.	CHARLES HANSFORD 5.
THOMAS CURTIS 2.	HENRY WHITE 6.
FREDERICK WILSON 3.	GEORGE GASSON 7.
JOHN BALLARD 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHT .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss May and Miss Leila May, daughters of the late Thomas May, Esq., of Brook House, and nieces of Lieut. Col. J. May, of Hawkfields, Basingstoke.

WIGAN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. in C.

ALEXANDER SHAW* .. Treble.	S. HALL 6.
WILLIAM MAJOR† 2.	ROBERT FISHER 7.
JOHN E. GUMMERSON .. 3.	†HENRY MEADOW 7.
WALTER MARSDEN 4.	E. BENTHAM 7.
J. F. HALL 5.	†J. FISHER Tenor.

Conducted by ALEXANDER SHAW.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal.

Date Touches.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

SHIREOAKS.—On Friday, February 10th, at St. Luke's church, a date touch, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins., in the following methods: 453 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 720 Kent, and 720 Duke of York. D. Russon, 1; J. Fitzjohn, 2; R. Knowles, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; B. Hall, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

HULL (Yorks).—On Monday, February 13th, at St. James's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. G. Marshall, 1; J. W. Stickney, 2; W. Southwick, 3; W. T. Verity, 4; J. Dixey, 5; T. Stockdale, 6; C. Jackson (composer and conductor), 7; G. T. Miller, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. James Thompson.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, February 14th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins. *F. Kemp, 1; *H. Newnham, 2; W. Messam, 3; H. Wood, 4; S. Brooker, 5; H. Newnham, sen., 6; W. Marks (conductor), 7; T. Miles, 8; E. Hull, 9; J. Lisney, 10. Rung to celebrate the opening of the new Institute presented to the town by A. Dixon, Esq., of Cherkley Court, Leatherhead. *Longest length of Caters.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, February 5th, before evening service at St. Laurence's church, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 16 mins. A. Watmore, 1; W. Holloway, 2; C. Foxell, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. T. Tarrant, 5; C. Stone, 6; F. Hopgood, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; W. Robins, 10. Composed by E. Vinen.

LINDLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 12th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. and 8 mins. A. Sykes, 1; A. Crosland, 2; G. Denbigh, 3; J. Royston, 4; J. Turner, 5; B. Shaw, 6; C. Crowther, 7; F. Schofield, 8. Composed by A. Sykes and conducted by F. Schofield, the bobs are all six-place.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

BLYTH (Notts).—On Sunday evening, February 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. H. Swinburn, 1; J. Hind, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; G. Clayton, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6. First 720 of Kent by all except the conductor. On Monday, February 6th, for practice, 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob in 50 mins. by the same band.

SHIREOAKS (Notts).—On Saturday, February 11th, Messrs. H. Haigh and J. Swannack, of Retford, paid a visit to St. Luke's church, and rung 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. S. Tomlinson, 1; J. Swannack (first 720 in the method), 2; D. Russon (conductor), 3; B. Hall, 4; H. Haigh (first 720 in the method), 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. Also 720 Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; D. Russon (conductor), 2; E. Russon, 3; B. Hall, 4; H. Haigh (first 720 in the method), 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. And 240 Kent Treble Bob. J. Swannack (first in the method), 2; D. Russon, 3; the rest as before. The company then adjourned to the village inn, and spent a jolly hour, which brought train time for the two visitors, and after thanking the local company for their kindness in assisting them through the above methods, steamed out for home, well pleased with their outing.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, January 31st, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; C. H. Sone (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. On Tuesday, February 7th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 24 mins. C. H. Sone, 1; H. Denne, 2; E. Potter, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; Laker, 5; H. Castle, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 24 mins. S. Mockett, 1; E. Potter, 2; W. Ongley, 3; G. Denne, 4; H. Castle, 5; A. Moorcraft (conductor), 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. Messrs. Potter and Laker hail from Dover.

LEE (Kent).—On Wednesday, February 8th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. *S. Kirby, 1; J. Crowder, 2; *A. Pheasant, 3; H. Warnett, 4; T. G. Deal (conductor), 5; *H. Barrett, 6. *First 720 of Minor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LANE END (Bucks).—On Saturday, December 31st, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Bownes, 1; W. Bishop, 2; W. Coles, 3; W. Meakes, 4; Rev. F. L. Nash (conductor), 5; J. Meakes, 6. First 720 by all the band, and the first ever rung on the bells. On Monday, February 13th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles, fewest possible number of calls) in 25 mins. C. Guttridge, 1; W. Bishop, 2; W. Coles, 3; W. Meakes, 4; J. Meakes, 5; Rev. F. L. Nash (conductor), 6. The Rev. F. L. Nash is vicar, and all the rest belong to the local band.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

WATERFOOT (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 25th, for morning service at St. James' church, 720 College Single. R. H. Halstead (conductor), 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; J. B. Taylor, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; A. White, 6. And for evening service a 720 Plain Bob, the ringers standing as before. On Tuesday, January 7th, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor. R. H. Halstead (conductor), 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. B. Taylor, 3; J. Pilling, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; A. White, 6. On Sunday, January 15th, a 720 College Single. R. H. Halstead (conductor), 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; J. B. Taylor, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; A. White, 6. On Tuesday, January 10th, a 720 Bob Minor. R. H. Halstead (conductor), 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. B. Taylor, 3; J. Pilling, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; A. White, 6. On Sunday, January 22nd, a 720 College Single. R. H. Halstead (conductor), 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; J. B. Taylor, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; A. White, 6.

NEWCHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 1st, at the parish

church, a 720 Bob Minor and a 720 College Single. R. H. Halstead (conductor), 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; J. B. Taylor, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; A. White, 6.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GREAT GRIMSBY.—On Tuesday, February 7th, for practice at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Weldon (longest length), 1; J. Baker, 2; G. Weldon, 3; A. Collins, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; C. Creasey, 6; T. O. Nixon (conductor), 7; J. Lamb, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. W. Shimmans hails from Bedford; the rest are local men.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAWSWORTH (Cheshire).—On Sunday afternoon, February 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. W. Matthews, 1; J. Hammond, 2; J. Simpson, 3; C. Postles, 4; J. Minshull, 5; W. Henshall (conductor), 6. Tenor about 12 cwt. in G. Simpson hails from Bosley; Matthews and Minshull from Macclesfield; the rest belong to the local company.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

DARWEN (Lancashire).—On Saturday, February 11th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Smith, 1; J. Horrocks, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, February 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. F. Calvert, 1; J. Horrocks, 2; J. Smith, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, February 13th, at the Cathedral, 503 and 504 Grandsire Caters, conducted by L. Longney, and a 575 conducted by G. Hayward. W. Johnson, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Page, 3; G. Hayward, 4; J. Mason, 5; L. Longney, 6; G. Bourne, 7; O. James, 8; W. Rea, 9; T. Malin, 10. Tenor 50 cwt.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, February 11th, ten members of the above Association attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters, but after ringing nearly 2500 changes in 1 hr. 30 mins. the conductor called "stand" owing to a change-course. W. Rea, 1; G. Bourne, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; T. Albutt, 4; G. Hayward, 5; J. Mason, 6; T. Bullock, 7; A. Moore, 8; O. James, 9; G. Morris, 10. L. Longney hails from Croome; the rest are local men. On Saturday, January 20th, on the occasion of a Quarterly Meeting of the above Association, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. W. H. Barber, 1; A. E. Parsons, 2; W. Wakeman, 3; W. Short, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; H. Martin, 6; G. Hayward (conductor), 7; W. Page, 8; J. Crane, 9; J. Barber, 10. And a 504 of Stedman Triples, and a course of Double Norwich. W. R. Small, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; T. Smith, 3; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 4; W. Micklewright, 5; W. Short, 6; J. Barber 7; W. Rea, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Thursday, February 9th, at St. Edward's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Nash, 1; E. Pye, 2; W. Doran, 3; G. Pye (conductor), 4; W. Watson, 5; J. Dale, 6. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor, in 43 mins. S. James, 1; E. Pye, 2; W. Watson, 3; G. Pye (conductor), 4; W. Doran, 5; A. J. Perkins, 6; W. Nash, 7; J. Dale, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, January 28th, seven members from Northampton and one local man attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Chad's (R.C.) cathedral, but it came to grief after ringing about 3 hrs. owing to a change-course. J. B. Martin, 1; G. Hitchman, 2; S. Hall, 3; J. Mackay, 4; E. H. Haxley, 5; J. S. White (conductor), 6; W. H. Wood, 7; E. R. Maule, 8. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rev. Canon Greaney for the use of the bells; Mr. W. Sanigar, steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness; and Mr. John Carter and friends for so kindly making all the necessary arrangements.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday evening, February 5th, at St. Mary's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Lakin, 1; W. Willson (conductor), 2; J. Wilson, 3; W. Lowe, 4; J. Barrow, 5; W. Miller, 6; A. Millis, 7; H. Lowe, 8. The above touch was rung to oblige Mr. J. Barrow, who hails from Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

SYSTON.—On Saturday, February 11th, at St. Peter's church, an attempt was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, and all went as merry as the proverbial marriage bell till nearly 3000 changes had been rung, when the 6th rope slipped wheel and brought the peal to an untimely end. W. Willson (conductor), 1; G. Freeman, 2; T.

Briggs, 3; S. Cooper, 4; W. Moore, 5; J. Barker, 6; J. Hall, 7; J. Freeman, 8. Tenor 15½ cwt. W. Willson and S. Cooper belong to Leicester, the rest to the local company.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

BEBINGTON (Cheshire).—Recently at the parish church 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. J. Smith, 1; E. Breeze, 2; J. Cliffe, 3; E. Hough, 4; F. Banton, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6. First 720 by J. Smith and F. Banton, who hail from Rock Ferry; Dillon from Bromborough; the rest are local men.

RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

FINE DON.—On Saturday, February 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Pettit, 1; Rev. W. H. Abbott, 2; H. Sharp, 3; A. H. Martin, 4; J. B. Martin, 5; W. Hall, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT (Surrey).—On Monday, January 16th, at St. Anne's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Corbett, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis, 3; O. Harding, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 19th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. Corbett, 1; T. Gould, 2; E. Spooner, 3; F. Francis, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Collins (conductor), 6. First in the method by all except the conductor. On Saturday, January 28th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Corbett, 1; E. Collins, 2; T. Gould, 3; F. Francis, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by E. Collins. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Corbett, 1; E. Collins, 2; T. Gould, 3; F. Francis, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. First 720 by J. Corbett. On Saturday, February 4th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. Boyles, 1; B. Hawkins, 2; G. Hawkins, 3; H. Stapleton, 4; T. Gould, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. Messrs. Boyles and Hawkins belong to Hawley, and this is their first 720 in the method. On Sunday, February 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Corbett, 1; T. Gould, 2; E. Collins, 3; F. Francis, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by J. Corbett. Tenor 21 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, February 12th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-four bobs and four singles) in 26 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. Watson, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Composed by F. Pittow. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-four singles) in 25 mins. T. Townson, 1; T. Watson, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Composed by E. Wilson, of Walton, and conducted by T. Watson. First 720 in the method by T. Townson. These touches were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late W. G. Ainslie, Esq., of Grizedale Hall. For evening service 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles) in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Composed by F. Pittow.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

WALTON (Lancashire).—At the monthly meeting of the above association, on Saturday, February 4th, the following touches were rung: A 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 24 mins. T. Johnson, 1; W. Booth, 2; R. Hurst, 3; J. Booth, 4; J. Schofield, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. The above is the first 720 in the method with a bob bell by J. Schofield. A 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. T. Johnson, 1; T. Jennions, 2; T. Hammond, 3; J. Schofield, 4; W. Davies, 5; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 6. The above is the first 720 in the method by T. Jennions. A 720 Canterbury Pleasure (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. T. Johnson, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; T. Hammond, 3; J. Booth, 4; J. Aspinwall, 5; W. Davies, 6. The above is the first 720 in the method by Messrs. Hammond, Aspinwall and Davies.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday, December 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Whieldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For service in the evening, a 720 Oxford Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Whieldon, 2; J. E. Wheildon, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 1st, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Whieldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 8th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. Also for evening service a 720 Violet Treble Bob, the ringers standing as before. On Tuesday,

January 10th, for practice, a 720 New London Pleasure. Also on Tuesday, January 17th, for practice, a 720 Duke of York Treble Bob. And on Tuesday, January 24th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob and 720 Violet Treble Bob, the ringers all standing as before. On Sunday, January 29th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Doubles being 480 of Bob and 240 Grandsire. C. Preston, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg, 6. And on Thursday, February 2nd, for practice, 720 College Pleasure. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Thursday, February 9th, in honour of a wedding, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. J. Balcomb, 1; F. Smith, 2; T. Boniface, 3; W. Mayne, 4; G. Potter, 5; L. Killick, 6; J. Bashford, jun. (conductor), 7; G. Brown, 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRADLEY.—On Sunday evening, February 12th, for Divine Service, six different 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (with plain leads and extremes). C. Watkins, 1; E. S. Kings (conductor), 2; R. Treherne, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; R. Stone, 5; M. Williams, 6. After service a 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. C. Watkins, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; R. Treherne, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; C. Edwards, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, 14th instant, for practice, several courses of Grandsire Minor, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 13 cwt.

WITHINGTON (Hereford).—On Thursday evening, February 9th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 27 mins. H. Masen (foreman), 1; W. Davies, 2; A. Brace, 3; F. Matthews, 4; C. Jenkins (conductor), 5; A. Bowers, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

HEREFORD.—On Wednesday, February 8th, at the cathedral, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Greenleaf, 1; J. G. Wall (Ross), 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; J. Jones, 4; C. H. Watts, 5; J. Davies, 6; T. Lewis, 7; J. Chamberlain, 8. Tenor 40 cwt. Rung on the back eight bells. Also several courses in which Messrs. Gaines, Powell, Phillips and Matthews took part.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—Recently at the parish church a 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. H. Martin, 1; J. Johnson, 2; T. Elcox, 3; W. Martin, 4; J. Reynolds, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. First 720 of Minor by H. Martin and J. Johnson.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, January 31st, for practice, 1000 Grandsire Triples. F. Howarth, 1; J. Pickup (conductor), 2; A. Whitworth, 3; S. Kay, 4; W. Ashworth, 5; J. Sutcliffe, 6; J. Standing, 7; T. Lord, 8. *First touch as conductor.

BATH (Somerset).—On Saturday, February 11th, at St. Saviour's church, Larkhall, 532 Bob Triples. W. Simmonds, 1; G. Whale, 2; A. Wilcox, 3; G. Hill, 4; G. H. Colston (Bristol), 5; H. Fussell, 6; H. Brown (conductor), 7; C. Goodenough, 8. It was intended to start for a peal of Bob Triples, but failing, the above was rung. Also two plain courses of Union Triples, being the first in the method by all.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Thursday, February 2nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham (first quarter-peal in the method), 2; F. Rice, 3; W. Ward, 4; R. Jordan, 5; E. Moses, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; J. Rice, 8. And 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham, 2; J. Rice, 3; J. Parker (conductor), 4; R. Jordan, 5; G. Paice, 6; F. W. Rice, 7; E. Moses, 8. On Sunday, February 12th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Rice, 1; J. Newnham, 2; J. Rice, 3; G. Paice, 4; T. King, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; J. Gasson, 8. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Rice, 1; J. Parker, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Gasson, 4; R. Jordan, 5; G. Paice, 6; T. King, 7; F. W. Rice (conductor), 8. Also 447 Grandsire Triples. G. Paice, 1; J. Newnham, 2; F. Dench, 3; P. Tyler, 4; F. Rice, 5; J. Parker (conductor), 6; R. Jordan, 7; J. Rice, 8. And 336 in the same method. E. Streeter, 1; J. Parker, 2; C. Holman (first in the method with a bob bell), 3; J. Tyler, 4; R. Jordan, 5; T. King, 6; F. W. Rice, 7; J. Gasson, 8. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. F. Dench, 1; F. Rice, 2; J. Rice, 3; R. Jordan, 4; G. Paice, 5; T. King, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; P. Tyler, 8. Messrs. Streeter, Gasson, Holman, and King hail from Balcomb; Moses from Reigate.

FROME (Somerset).—On Saturday, February 4th, for practice, 420 Grandsire Triples. E. Frisker, 1; W. Bishop, 2; C. Summers, 3; H. Scammell, 4; F. Rebbeck, 5; H. Nutley, 6; J. Rebbeck (conductor), 7; J. Millard, 8. And a 182. E. Bishop, 1; H. Gaisford (first touch with a bob bell), 2; F. Rebbeck, 2; H. Scammell, 3; C. Summers, 5; F. Iles, 6; J. Rebbeck, 7; A. Langford, 8. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles. On Tuesday, February 7th, 168 and 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Gaisford, 1; F. Bishop, 2; W. Bishop, 3; H. Scammell, 4; C. Summers, 5; H. Nutley, 6; J. Rebbeck (conductor),

7; J. Millard, 8. On Saturday, February 11th, 210 Grandsire Triples. H. Gaisford, 1; W. Bishop, 2; C. Summers, 3; H. Scammell, 4; F. Rebbeck, 5; H. Nutley, 6; J. Rebbeck, 7; F. Iles, 8. And three plain courses. E. Bishop, 1; F. Iles, 7; J. Rebbeck, 8; the rest as before. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. H. Gaisford, 1; W. Bishop, 2; C. Summers, 3; H. Scammell, 4; R. Southcomb (steeple-keeper), 5; J. Rebbeck (conductor), 6; F. Rebbeck, 7; F. Iles, 8.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Friday, February 5th, three of the Ealing ringers paid a visit to this place and had a friendly pull with the local band. They rang three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 behind, and three touches of Grandsire Triples, including a 504. T. Beadle, *E. J. Walsom, W. Etherington, *E. Harris, Rev. H. Shears, W. Bishop, *J. Basden, and W. Stanney. *Hail from Ealing. On Sunday afternoon, February 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. H. Taber, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; W. Etherington, 3; E. Harris, 4; W. Meaton, 5; J. Basden (conductor), 6; E. H. Adams, 7; T. Beadle, 8.

MONEDWEN (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, February 8th, 720 College Single in 22 mins. B. Moss, 1; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. G. Archer, 5; J. Tarrant, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. W. Brook, 1; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 2; H. Moss, 3; W. G. Archer, 4; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, 5; J. Tarrant, 6. There will be no ringing here during Lent.

QUEDGELEY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, February 7th, for practice at the parish church, 210 Grandsire Triples. C. Cox, 1; — Peglar, 2; A. Harris, 3; A. T. Brunson, 4; F. Knight (conductor), 5; S. Knight, 6; W. Brown, 7; W. Townsend, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Cox, 1; — Peglar, 2; A. Harris, 3; A. T. Brunson (conductor), 4; W. Brown, 5; F. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; W. Townsend, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Cox, 1; — Peglar, 2; W. Brown, 3; F. Knight (conductor), 4; A. Harris, 5; S. Knight (longest touch), 6; C. Lyes, 7; W. Townsend, 8. — Peglar hails from Hempsted; A. T. Brunson from Gloucester; the rest belong to the local company.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, February 14th, for practice, 504 Stedman Caters, in 25 mins. C. Foxell, 1; A. Pike, 2; E. Reeves, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; C. Stone, 6; J. M. Routh, Esq., 7; W. Newell, 8; W. J. Williams (conductor), 9; C. Chapman, 10. First touch of Stedman Caters by all except J. M. Routh, Esq.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 11th, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins. W. Watling, 1; F. Watling (first 720 as conductor), 2; G. Thompson, 3; R. Wells, 4; G. Hardy, 5; J. Edmunds, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

WEST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).—On Tuesday, February 7th, at the

parish church, 720 Warnham Court Bob Minor (thirty singles) with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Sir William Barttelot, M.P. W. Jupp, 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 12th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles). W. Jupp, 1; R. Summersell, 2; W. Peirce, 3; H. Tourle, 4; J. H. Blake, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob (thirty singles). W. Jupp, 1; W. Pierce, 2; J. H. Blake, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6.

WINCHESTER (Hants).—On Tuesday, February 14th, for practice at the Cathedral, 672 Grandsire Triples on the back eight. A. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. Andrews, 4; J. Batts, 5; T. Groves, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor about 30 cwt. This is the longest length yet rung by the newly-formed Cathedral society.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, February 20th, the Cathedral Guild held their first practice at the Cathedral and rang 305 and 306 Grandsire Caters, the first touch being conducted by L. Longney, the second by W. Page. B. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Pudge, 3; W. Johnson, 4; W. Powell, 5; L. Longney, 6; E. Davis, 7; W. Bradford, 8; W. Page, 9; T. Malin, 10. In the last touch F. Owen changed with B. Hill for the treble, and T. Penny rang the tenor. It is arranged to hold a weekly practice on Mondays at 7.30 p.m. sharp, and any friends being in town will be welcome.

Obituary.

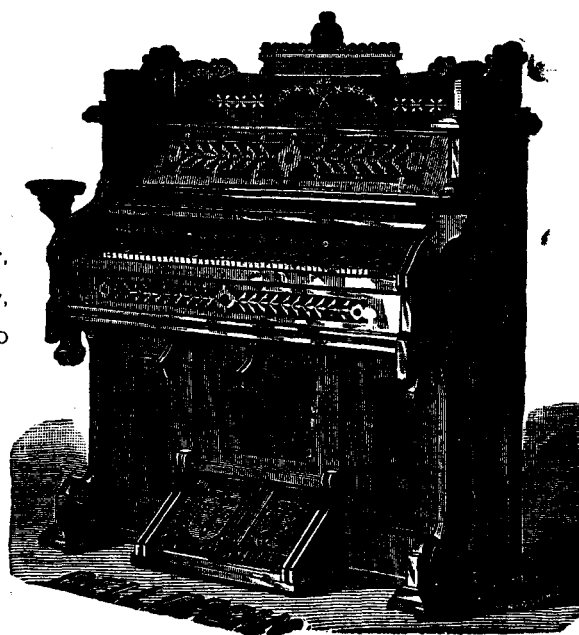
NATHAN YOUNG.

We very much regret to announce the decease of this once talented ringer which occurred on Monday, February 13th, at Clowne, Derbyshire, at the residence of his only daughter, Mrs. Wild, after suffering for some months through an accident to one of his legs, which at last proved fatal. He began his ringing career at Staveley, Derbyshire, on January 14th, 1847, with the well-known ringers, viz., Madin, Beresford, W. Harris, Widdowson, and Swift, although having only taken part in a small number of peals. He was a life member of the Yorkshire Association, and greatly enjoyed a high character as a ringer, and was one of the finest strikers in peal-ringing to be found. On the evening of his interment the Staveley society rang 768 Kent Treble Bob Major with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to their late member. S. Palmer, 1; W. Worthington, 2; S. Smedley, 3; A. Worthington, 4; S. Price, 5; H. Mottershall, 6; J. Harris, 7; H. Madin (conductor), 8. His remains were interred at Clowne on Thursday, February 16th. He was in his 65th year.

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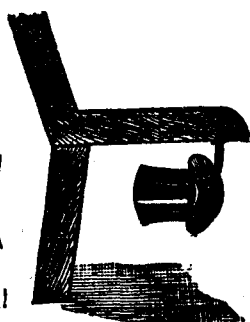
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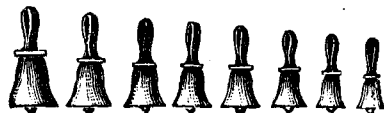
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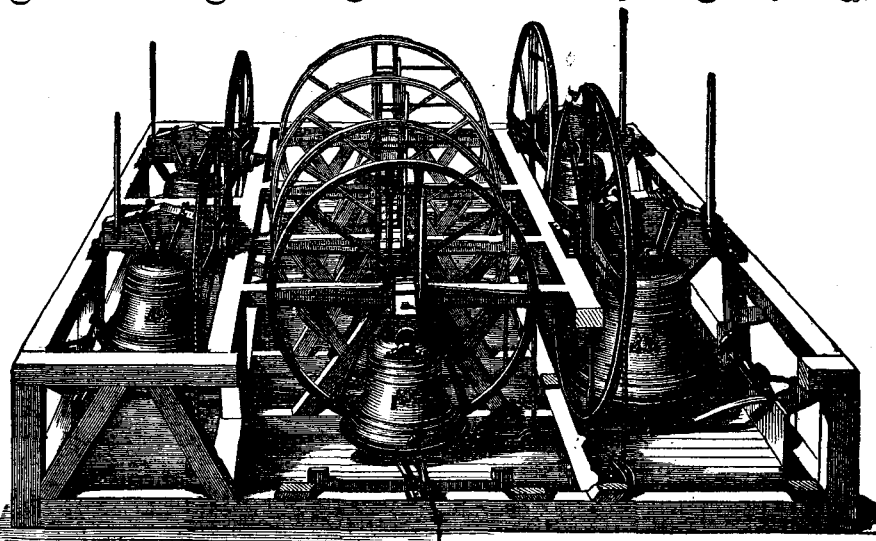
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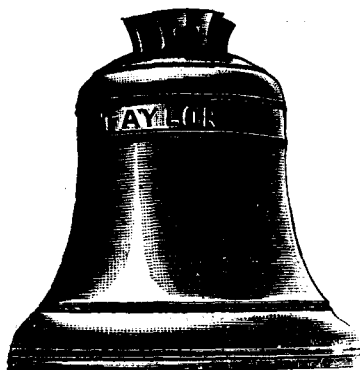
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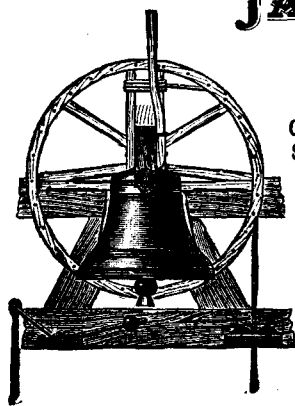
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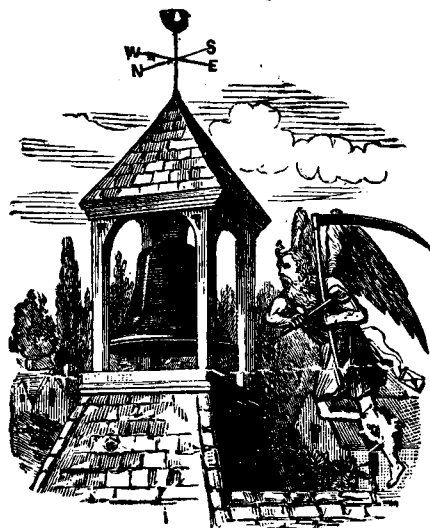
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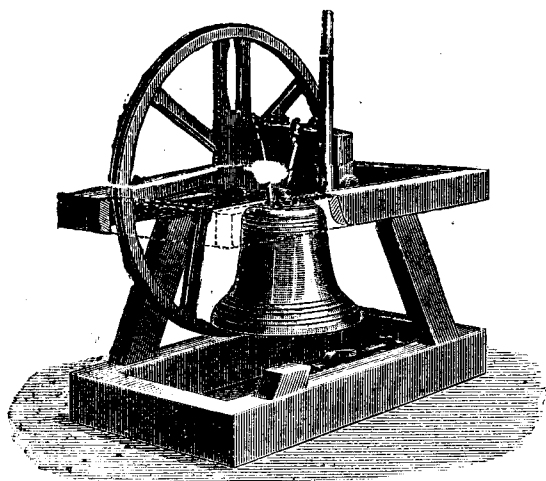
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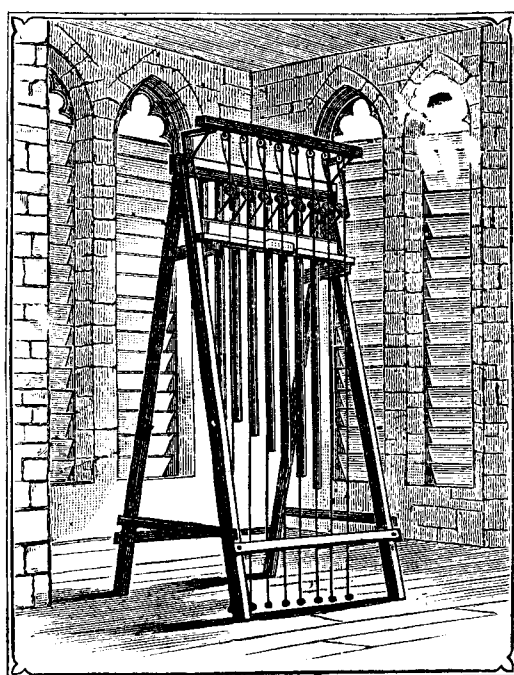
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On the motion of Mr. S. F. Burleigh, (East Dereham) seconded by Mr. F. Day (Eye), a sum of £2 was voted as a contribution to the Debenham peal tablet. Three honorary and thirty performing members were then elected, and one probationer admitted. The beautiful bells of the parish church were made good use of during the day by various bands, and a party also went in the afternoon to Ryburgh, to make acquaintance with the six put up there not long ago by Messrs. Taylor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.—The Annual Festival of this branch was held at Great Marlow on Saturday, February 4th. Some good ringing in various methods occupied the afternoon, and the members present, numbering about ten clergy and seventy laymen, subsequently attended evensong at the parish church. An excellent and practical sermon was preached by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, on the analogy between the ringers' art and his moral and spiritual life. He drew a forcible parallel between accurate striking, and a well-regulated Christian life, in their respective effects on our fellow-men.

Tea followed evensong, and the business meeting followed tea. The chairman of the branch (Rev. A. H. Drummond, Vicar of All Saints, Boyne Hill), congratulated the members of the branch on their progress and achievements during the past year. The latter included, according to the Secretary's report, ten peals, of which the greater proportion were in the higher methods; one being the peal of London Surprise rung at Hughenden. A 12,096 of Double Norwich had also been rung at Boyne Hill, though not by members of the Branch (saving Mr. J. Evans, of Hughenden), on December 31st, 1892.

The balance-sheet was adopted and the officers re-elected.

The Master of the Guild (the Rev. F. E. Robinson) was present, and with the Guild's Secretary added his congratulations to those of the Chairman; especially with regard to the London Surprise peal, which the Master said compared favourably with a similar peal rung at Oxford. The meeting, which was extremely well-attended, then broke up, and ringing was resumed till a late hour.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday, February 11th, a meeting of this branch was held at Holy Trinity church, Darwen. Representatives were present from Blackburn, Church, Hoddleston, Darwen and Oswaldtwistle. Ringing was commenced at 3.30 and kept up until nine o'clock. Mr. J. Walker, President of the Branch, presided at the meeting, which was held at 5.30, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 8th. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, Wardens and ringers terminated the business of the meeting.

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A well-attended quarterly meeting of this Society was held at Finedon, on a recent Saturday afternoon. Ringers to the number of about fifty were present from Earls Barton, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Raunds, Wellingborough, Rushden, Desborough, Kettering, Warkton, Wollaston, and Finedon. The Rev. Wilfred H. Abbot, curate of Kettering, attended the meeting, took part in the ringing, and promised to join the Society. By the kind permission of the Rev. G. W. Paul, the bells of the church of St. Mary (a peal of six, tenor 24 cwt., first five dated 1825, tenor dated 1878), were at liberty for ringing from 2 to 6 p.m. After 6 o'clock the ringers adjourned to that famous hostelry The Bell, and amused themselves with tunes and changes on a new peal of fifteen handbells (by Warner) in the key of G, lately purchased by the parishioners of Finedon for the use of their ringers. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Tompkins and the local ringers for making them so welcome. It was gratifying to see those old ringing veterans, Messrs. Oughton, of Irthlingborough, and Moon, Manning, and Wallis (the aged sexton) of Finedon, mixing with the younger generations of campanologists. The Vicar of Finedon is one of the oldest clergymen in the district, having been inducted to the living in the year 1848. He is very desirous of having two trebles added to the present ring of six to complete the octave. If this could be done Finedon would possess a peal very close in weight and tone to the octaves at Kettering and Higham Ferrers. Finedon tenor is a very fine bell, well worthy to act as "cover" to a ring of eight.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Rothwell on Saturday, February 25th, and was fairly attended by members and ringing friends from the following churches in union: Armley, Calverley, Leeds, Holbeck, St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Headingley, Horbury, Woodlesford, and the local company. Ringing commenced long before the time announced, the bells going merrily in sweet Treble Bob for little over three hours, an account of which appears in another column. Other Major and Minor ringing followed in the above-named method. A business meeting was then held at the Swan Hotel, the President, Mr. J. Whitaker, presiding, supported by the Vice-President, Mr. C. Pratt. The minutes of the last meeting being read and passed, three new members were elected. The nomination was then made for the various offices for the ensuing year. The next business was the lettering of the headstone which mark the resting-place of the late Mr. Henry Hubbard and his son, the latter name being yet omitted, and the space at disposal being rather limited. It was decided to place a foot-stone to the above bearing the necessary inscription. The design will take the form of a bell, and is intended to be in position at as early a date as possible. The work is entrusted to Mr. A. Naylor, of Headingley, and the expenses in connection with this movement is being raised by a voluntary penny subscription. Any ringers or friends who have not previously subscribed, and who are desirous to assist in this object, may forward donations to the Secretary of this society, and which will be thankfully received and acknowledged in "THE BELL NEWS." A cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar, Churchwardens, and local ringers for the use of the bells and other arrangements was passed. The usual vote to the Chairman concluded the meeting. The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing (the bells being kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers by Mr. John Chapman, of Rothwell), touches of Grandsire being rung to a late hour.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

This society held its seventh annual dinner on Saturday, the 11th January, at the Victoria Mansions restaurant. At 7.0 p.m. the word "go" was given, and the knives, forks, and spoons were kept merrily at it by the twenty-one performers, till the host's composition of five courses, with the usual coming round of butter and cheese, was most satisfactorily completed. The cloth being removed, and glasses replenished, the Chairman (the Ven. Archdeacon of London) commenced the second part of the programme by proposing the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family." Then followed "The Church," proposed by Mr. G. J. Chapple, and responded to by the Archdeacon. Mr. J. N. Oxborrow next gave "The Health of the President" (the Rev. W. H. G. Twining), who in replying spoke of his early attempts at bell ringing, which resulted in being able to ring what is commonly called "the dinner-bell." He then proposed the toast of "The Society," which was responded to by Mr. H. R. Newton. Then came "The Visitors," given by Mr. G. T. McLaughlin, and responded to by Mr. Chapple in a very humorous speech. A vote of thanks to the Chairman, accompanied by musical honours, brought round the hour for the clergy to take their departure, having the morrow to think of. This part of the programme was intersected with songs by Messrs. Newton, Pryer, Sice, and Sorrell; a recitation by Mr. Chapple; a course of Grandsire Triples by A. G. Ellis, H. S. Ellis, J. Willshire, and T. R. Bell; and a course of Stedman Triples by F. Davis, H. R. Newton, G. T. McLaughlin, and J. N. Oxborrow. Having elected a new chairman (Mr. Oxborrow) the ball was kept merrily rolling, and songs, recitations, and handbell ringing followed each other in rapid succession. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. A. F. W. Humm, who presided at the piano; and the singing with joined hands of "Auld lang syne," brought a most enjoyable evening to an end only too soon. Great praise is due to Mr. H. S. Ellis and Mr. H. R. Newton, who acted as stewards, for the admirable manner in which everything was arranged and carried out.

THE HECKINGTON SOCIETY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Tuesday, January 31st, the members of the St. Andrew's society paid a visit to Swineshead for an outing. The company arranged to meet at headquarters at two o'clock, where a break and pair was waiting. A start was at once made, Swineshead being reached at three o'clock. Here they met their old friend Mr. Dawson, and at once proceeded to the belfry. The bells were raised, and were soon set going to the tune of Grandsire Triples, some excellent touches being brought round. The company afterwards adjourned to The Wheat inn, where a good knife and fork tea was provided by their worthy conductor, Mr. S. C. Skinner. "Go" was called at six o'clock, and after half-an-hour's good striking the course-end turned up in good style. The company wish to thank their conductor for his kindness, and also for the trouble he has taken with them in teaching them the Art of change-ringing. The company arrived home at 11.30 p.m., all having enjoyed themselves.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

The annual supper of choirs and ringers connected with the parish church and St. Barnabas, took place at the Drill Hall on Monday evening, February 13th. The Vicar (Rev. R. W. Wynter), presided, and was supported by the churchwardens, Messrs. C. Watkins and W. E. Askham, the Revs. W. H. Davis and H. C. Beasley, and twelve of the sidesmen. Mr. Jowett (sidesman), proposed the toast of "The Ringers and Chimers" in very kindly terms. His remarks were re-echoed by the Vicar, and the churchwarden, Mr. Watkin, called for musical honours. Mr. E. J. Dennes (belfry sidesman), responded on behalf of all connected with the belfry, thanking those present for the very hearty way in which the toast had been received. The gathering passed off in the usual pleasant manner, the entire company (numbering about eighty), seeming to thoroughly enjoy themselves. General regret was expressed at the absence of Mr. J. T. Smith (sidesman) through illness. Mr. Smith was much missed, also his well-known song "John Peel," which has always been a feature of the evening.

MARRIAGE OF MR. C. H. MARTIN, OF HENDON, MIDDLESEX.

On Thursday, February 9th, at the parish church, Blewbury, Berkshire, Mr. Charles Henry Martin was united in holy wedlock to Miss Sarah Ann Cummings, of Blewbury. By the number of presents that Mr. Martin has been the recipient of, one is easily convinced of the high esteem in which he is held by all who knew him. The bridegroom is the eldest son of Mr. Harry Martin, who is the foreman of the band of ringers connected with the church of St. Mary, Hendon, N.W., and whose daily occupation for many years has been to work in "God's Acre" adjoining the church, assisted by his younger son, H. J. Martin, who also is a capital change-ringer and conductor. The newly-married pair, it is needless to say, has the good wishes of all, especially the members of the Middlesex County Association, of which the bridegroom is Master. On Monday, February 13th, Mr. Martin returned home to Hendon, and the bells of the parish church were on the swing, and in all probability a peal would have been attempted had it not been for the indisposition of the vicar. However the following touches was rung in honour of the occasion: A 720 of Grandsire Doubles. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. Crampton, 5; F. Kirby, 6. And 720 Bob Minor. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; F. Carroway (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. This was followed with some excellent firing and breaking into "Queens," and the bells were lowered in the same. Thus in a manner emanated from the Hendon parish church the sentiments of the ringers below: "Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder." Besides the above ringers there were present Messrs. W. Church, Giddings, B. C. Pratchett, etc. The ringers were entertained after the ringing by the bridegroom. The following is Mr. C. H. Martin's ringing record, as well as being a composer, viz.—Fourteen 5040's on six bells; Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 11; Grandsire Triples, 7; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2; Treble Bob Major, 5; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 9; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Total 53. Peals conducted by the above: on six bells, 6; on eight bells, 3; four of these peals were rung upon handbells retained in hand, of which one was the first peal in the method ever rung on handbells. It might be also well to add that on January 28th, Mr. Martin's sister Emily was married at the parish church, Hendon, to Mr. Charles Knight. The ringers also rang in honour of this occasion. A. J. J. G.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—The annual meeting took place at the Rose inn, Mount Street, on Saturday, February 18th, when representatives from Wollaton, Beeston, and Long Eaton were present. Mr. John Hickman, Vice-President, occupied the chair. Mr. Alfred Archer, Local Sec., then read the report, after which it was decided to pay a visit to Wollaton, where there is a peal of six. Before the election of officers was proceeded with, the Vice-President and Local Sec. intimated their desire to be relieved from office. Mr. E. W. Holroyd was elected in the place of the former, and Mr. W. E. White the latter, and Messrs. Oldham and Wilkins were elected committee-men. Mr. A. Archer called attention to the deplorable condition of St. Peter's bells, and asked for a Committee to be formed to wait on the rector and churchwardens, and to lay before them the necessity of having the bells quartered and rehung. This was followed by encouraging remarks from Messrs. Hickman and Abbott, with a result that a committee was formed consisting of Messrs. Abbott, Hickman, Haywood, White, Wesley, Wilkins, and Archer, who subsequently waited upon the rector and churchwardens, and with their consent a start was made with the St. Peter's Bells Restoration Fund. After the usual complimentary vote of thanks to the retiring officers, the meeting was brought to a close.

Mr. John Ward, of Long Eaton, gave an account as to what part the ringers there took towards the restoration of their bells.

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

THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

The society's annual dinner took place on Wednesday, February 8th, at the New Inn hotel. A few short touches of Stedman, &c., were rung at St. Michael's before dinner. The president of the society being unable to take the chair, Alderman W. Stafford (churchwarden) presided in his absence. Host Berry placed on the table a most excellent repast. This having been disposed of, the chairman submitted the toast of "Church and Queen," Mr. E. B. James responding, in the absence of his father, the Rev. G. James, through illness. The toast of "The President and Vice-President" was entrusted to Mr. W. Dawe, and was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The Chairman, in responding, regretted the enforced absence of their worthy and respected rector. Speaking for himself, he felt delighted to be among them once more. He trusted there would be many annual gatherings in store for the members of this society. He sincerely hoped that the society would still continue to prosper and maintain the high reputation it had earned for itself.

Mr. F. E. Ward next proposed, in a very humorous speech, "Success to the Junior Society."

The Master (Mr. W. T. Bennett) having replied, Mr. A. Roberts gave the toast of "Our Absent Members."

Mr. F. E. Hart being responsible for a reply, Mr. W. T. Bennett gave "Our Visitors," coupled with the name of Mr. F. E. Ward (Cheltenham), the other toasts being "The Secretary," "Our Conductor," "the Chairman" and "our Host."

During the evening songs were rendered by E. B. James, W. Dawe, F. E. Ward and W. T. Bennett, and recitations by E. Hayward, and selections on the handbells by Messrs. Brunson, Hart, Austin, James and Ward, which brought to a close one of the most enjoyable and successful social gatherings in the annals of this society. "Auld lang syne" having been sang a move was made homewards.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at Grimsby on Saturday, February 18th, and was attended by the local ringers, together with ringers from Lincoln, Waltham, and other places. Tea was provided in the Coffee Palace, and the business meeting was held immediately afterwards. The Rev. Canon J. P. Young, vicar of St. James' took the chair, and in opening the meeting spoke of the pleasure it gave him in welcoming the Association to Grimsby. He thought such meetings like the one he was addressing did good in giving a sort of fillip to the members to carry on the work of the Association. In concluding his remarks he said he hoped that the meeting at Grimsby would become an annual one. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, and the election of new members proceeded with. The Secretary said he had great pleasure in being able to say that three new honorary members had consented to their names being added to the Association, viz.—Rev. William De Foe Baker, of Welton; Rev. Reuben Jeffries, of Scothorne; and Mr. J. Parker, of Grimsby. The Welton band had joined the Association, and as a movement was on foot to have the bells thoroughly overhauled, it was hoped they would soon make progress. The total numbers of new members proposed was nineteen. A hearty vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the chairman and vice-chairman was proposed.

Mr. Parker, in responding at the request of the chairman, said it was a great pleasure to him to be amongst the members of the Association, and gave an interesting account of bells and the casting of bells.

This concluded the meeting, and afterwards the towers of St. Andrew's and St. James were visited, and several touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round.

NOTICE.—On Easter Monday, April 3rd, 1893, all being well, ten members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and St. Peter's Guild, will attempt at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, a 17,045 of Grandsire Caters, to start at 8 a.m. A set of new ropes will be supplied by Ironmongers, Limited, Wolverhampton, for the occasion.

* * We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

ST. NICOLAS CHURCH, HEREFORD.

The bells of the parish church of St. Nicolas, Hereford, have recently been re-opened, after being repaired. The peal, which is by the famous founder Rudhall, of Gloucester, whose firm went out of existence something like seventy years ago, dates from an early period, having been removed from the old church. Since October last year the bells have been silent, some repairs being badly needed, and in the meantime Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury, who recently rehung the Cathedral bells, have been engaged on the needed work. The framework has been straightened and repaired, the fittings repaired and partly renewed, and the five largest bells have been quarter-turned, so that the hammers might strike in fresh places, the old indentations having worn to a considerable depth. There are six bells altogether, the largest weighing about 11 cwt., and the peal is considered to be very sweet. The repairs, the cost of which was about £60, have been carried out by Mr. Greenleaf, under the superintendence of Mr. Robinson, architect, and the work has given general satisfaction. On the occasion of the re-opening the belfry was occupied by the St. Nicolas ringers assisted by ringers from the Cathedral, St. Peter's, and All Saints', and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. In the evening the ringers and a few friends were entertained to supper by Mr. H. B. Williams. Several toasts were honoured, and in the speeches satisfaction as to the way in which the work had been performed was expressed.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Saturday, February 18th, at the kind invitation of Mr. J. Akehurst, the ringers who took part in the peal of Oxford Treble Bob at Warnham on January 22nd, met with a few friends to partake of his hospitality at the Sussex Oak inn, Warnham. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Charman, who was supported by the Revs. R. Bowcott and H. M. Hordern, and J. Akehurst. Mr. Chandler, conductor of the peal, occupied the vice-chair, supported by E. Jordan, W. Short, A. Mills. A capital spread was provided, to which full justice was done. After the tables were cleared the usual loyal toasts were given by the Chairman, and duly honoured. The toast of the "The Church and Clergy" was given by the vice-chairman, and responded to by the Rev. R. Bowcott, who spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to be present that evening, and of the interest he always felt in the ringers and their achievements. He heartily wished them success in their efforts. Other toasts were "Success to Change-Ringing," "The Conductor," "The Donor of the Feast." Songs were sung by various members of the company, a most enjoyable evening being brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem and "Auld lang syne."

PRESENTATION TO A RINGER.

On Thursday, February 9th, a concert was given in the schools, Kidlington, Oxon, by the Kidlington Musical Society, in which the ringers took part, ringing a plain course of Grandsire Triples, and playing the Blue Bells of Scotland, and at the conclusion, the Rev. H. Jacob, who is leaving Kidlington, was presented with a Pocket Communion Service by the parish, as he has earned the good-will of all. Also the ringers presented him with five views of the principal colleges in Oxford framed in oak. In returning thanks he thanked the Kidlington people for their great kindness, and especially the ringers, as he had spent many happy hours among them, and he hoped to see their one ambition fulfilled, a peal of eight bells in the tower. On Friday, February 10th, the ringers rang a farewell touch with him, a 720 Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. F. Webb, 1; Rev. H. Jacob, 2; W. Bennett, 3; H. Butler, 4; J. Franklin, 5; H. Judge, 6. Tenor 26 cwt.

PERRY BARR (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, February 11th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing three-quarters of an hour, through a change-course. A 1008 was brought round in 39 mins. G. Williams, 1; W. Long (conductor), 2; W. Stringer, 3; F. Gibbs, 4; J. Murphy, 5; P. Conlon, 6; M. Murphy, 7; W. Painter, 8. Tenor 14 cwt.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

We are requested to again publish the following:—

The Committee for the collection of peals hereby give the following notice:—

For the sake of convenience the methods have been divided into four groups.

GROUP I.—Methods for odd-bell ringing, in which the treble has a continuous plain hunt, *e.g.*, Grandsire and Union.

GROUP II.—Those for even-bell ringing in which the treble has a continuous plain hunt, *e.g.*, Plain Bob and all its derivatives.

GROUP III.—Those for even-bell ringing in which the treble has a continuous dodging hunt, *e.g.*, Treble Bob and all its derivatives, such as the Surprise methods, etc.

GROUP IV.—Those in which the treble has work similar to that of the other bells, *e.g.*, Stedman, Duffield, etc.

All composers who wish their peals to be inserted in the report to be presented to the next meeting of the Central Council are requested to forward as soon as possible the reference (giving date of issue and page) to their *true compositions published in this paper* not later than December 31st, 1892, provided always that such composition is not to be found in any of the recognised books, pamphlets, or treatises already published. From the references received, a copious selection of peals will be taken for publication in the forthcoming report, but the Committee reserve to themselves entire freedom to accept or reject any composition as shall seem best to them.

The references to peals falling under Groups ii. and iii. should be forwarded to Mr. J. W. Washbrook, 26, Bath Street, St. Clement's, Oxford; those in Group iv. to Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Snider Works, Sheffield; and those in Group i. to me here.

The Report will not enter into the question of compositions in Doubles or Minor, nor in fact into that of anything less than 5000 changes.

It is earnestly requested that the references may be forwarded as early as possible. Those arriving first will naturally have first consideration, and none will be accepted later than Tuesday, March 7th.

On behalf of the Committee,

East Marden Rectory,
Chichester.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, FROME,
SOMERSETSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this society was held in the belfry on Saturday, February 11th, Mr. R. Southcomb presiding. After the Secretary had read the minutes of the previous meeting, the Captain read the report of the ringing during the year, which shewed that the bells had been rung on eighty-two occasions for festivals and for practice, and on five special occasions. The number of changes rang were 32,998 Grandsire Triples and 21,290 Doubles. The longest length of Triples has been several 336s, and it is hoped that a quarter-peal will be rang shortly, which is the longest the company will be able to get, as practice is limited to an hour. The election of officers were next proceeded with, and resulted in R. Southcomb (steepkeeper) being elected Treasurer; E. F. Bishop, Secretary; and J. Rebbeck, Captain; all three being unanimously re-elected, the first-named for the fifth time, and the two last for the sixth time in succession.

PEAL OF BELLS FOR GREENGATES CHURCH, YORKS.—Messrs. Shaw and Co., bell founders, Bradford, Yorks, have received instructions from Miss Ibbotson, of Idle, to supply and fix for her a peal of church bells for the tower of the new church at Greengates, Apperley Bridge. The bells are to be rung by means of chiming hammers, as the tower is not sufficiently large for the bells to be hung for ringing by ropes and ringers. The bells are to be a peal of six, in the key of G., the largest bell to weigh 10 cwt., and the whole peal about 40 cwt.

A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d.
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HULL, YORKSHIRE.

The annual dinner of the members and friends of the St. James's Society, and the Hull branch of the Yorkshire Association took place at the Builders' hotel, Cogan Street, Hull, on Thursday, February 2nd. Thirty-six members and friends sat down to an excellent and substantial repast provided by the hostess, which was thoroughly enjoyed. A message was received from the Rev. D. K. Moore, Vicar of St. James', regretting his inability to be present owing to indisposition, and expressing the hope that those present would spend a pleasant evening. The same unfortunate cause contributed towards the absence of Mr. C. Kelsey, senior churchwarden of St. James'.

On the removal of the cloth the Rev. B. Radcliffe, curate of St. James', kindly undertook the duties of chairman, Mr. T. H. Richardson, junior churchwarden, occupying the vice-chair. The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, Mr. T. H. Richardson proposed "The Health of the Archbishop and Clergy," remarking that the Archbishop of York had expressed the intention of visiting every parish in his diocese, a task that had not been undertaken by any of his predecessors for more than 200 years. He thought that Hull possessed at the present time a staff of clergy that would compare favourably with those of any town in the country for the manner in which they carried on their work.

The Rev. B. Radcliffe, in responding, desired to express the pleasure it gave him to be present that evening, and said that it was gratifying to find that in fulfilling the difficult duties of their office they should receive such kind recognition of their services as that accorded them by Mr. Richardson.

"The Health of the Mayor and Corporation of Hull," proposed from the chair, was responded to by Mr. Councillor Meanwell, who trusted that this would not be the last time he would have an opportunity of being present on similar occasions.

Mr. J. W. Stickney proposed "Our Churchwardens," paying a tribute to the kindness and consideration with which they always met him whenever he had occasion to pay them a visit as steepkeeper.

Mr. T. H. Richardson, replying, said how pleased he was to be present, and regretted that his partner in office had not been able to get there.

"Success to the Yorkshire Association and the Hull Branch" was proposed by Mr. Needham, who pointed out the objects of the Association, and the success which had attended the working of it from the time of its formation.

Mr. C. Jackson suitably responded.

Mr. W. Southwick proposed "Success to the St. James's Society," to which Mr. J. W. Stickney replied.

"The Health of the Visitors," was proposed by Mr. T. Stockdale, Mr. H. Needler responding.

The toasts were liberally interspersed by musical selections on the handbells, and songs from a large number of those present. A congratulatory telegram was received from ringing friends at York. A vote of thanks to the hostess for providing the excellent repast, which was replied to by Mr. A. Bailey, brought another of these pleasant reunions to a close.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, January 21st, this Society held its twenty-fifth anniversary dinner at the Lord Hill hotel, Waterloo Bridge Road. Altogether about fifty sat down to a most substantial repast, the chair being taken by the Master, Mr. G. Wild, while Mr. H. S. Thomas, of Battersea, occupied the vice-chair. Dinner being successfully got through, to which justice had been done, the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family" was given by the Chairman, which was heartily received. The City of London Handbell Ringers, under the conductorship of Mr. A. Linstead, were in attendance, and played several selections in excellent style on their fine peal of fifty-six handbells, much to the admiration of the company present. The handbell ringing was interspersed with songs, recitations and change-ringing. "The Waterloo Society" was given by the chairman, and responded to by Mr. A. E. Young. The vice-chairman gave the toast of "The Vicar and Churchwardens," to which Mr. Mansfield responded in a few well-chosen words. Other toasts followed, and thus ended one of the most enjoyable and successful gatherings of the Waterloo Society.

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.

Johnson Memorial Anniversary.—The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham, as already announced, will hold the usual annual dinner to-day, Saturday, March 4th, when the chair will be taken by the President of the Yorkshire Association, Wm. Snowdon, Esq. There will be ringing at St. Martin's from 3 to 5.30; and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. sharp.

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

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Tunstall, to-day, Saturday, March 4th. Bells at 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG,

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The twelfth quarterly district meeting will be held at Great Glemham, to-day, Saturday, March 4th. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Business meeting at 6 o'clock. All members and friends are cordially invited.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wigan parish church, to-day, Saturday, March 4th. Tower open at 2.30. Short service at 4.30. Business meeting at 6.30, at which one of the clergy will preside. It is hoped that members from the surrounding districts will do their utmost to attend and be present at the service.

C. R. WILSON, *Hon.*
T. R. SOMERVILLE, *Secs.*

Lancashire Association, Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, to-day, Saturday, March 4th. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m.

JOHN MILLETT, *Hon. Sec.*
60, Starkey Street, Heywood.

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for practice for March, 1893.—Greenwich, St. Alfege, Tuesday 7th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in vestry afterwards. Lewisham, St. Mary, Monday 27th, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at the church of All Saints (city), on Tuesday evening, March 7th, at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, *Local Sec.*

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—There will be a ringing meeting at Long Eaton, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells open at 3.30 p.m. E. WHITE, *Local Sec.*
29, Heathcote Street.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts.—A Committee meeting of this Association will be held in St. Thomas's School-room, Stourbridge, on Saturday, March 11th, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The bells, which have recently been rehung, will be open for ringing.

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

Essex Association.—A District meeting will be held at Saffron Walden, on Saturday, March 18th. Towers open for ringing; Saffron Walden (8), Radwinter (8). Further particulars will be given. Communications respecting this meeting to be addressed to me, and not to the Assistant Secretary.

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

Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton District.—The next meeting of this district takes place at Barwell, on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open 3.30.

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

Middlesex Association.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Hendon, on Saturday, March 25th. Ringing at 5 o'clock.

PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Grayling Road, Stoke Newington, N.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT HUNTINGDON.—By special request of the vicar and churchwardens of St. Mary's church, five members of the Royal Cumberland Society journeyed to the above town to assist the local band in ringing a funeral peal in memory of the late Colonel Oliver Montague, who died at Cairo, and was entered in Brampton churchyard (a suburb of Huntingdon) on that date. The proceedings commenced with a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six, after which 461 of Grandsire Triples. An adjournment now took place for refreshments; the order being two o'clock for attempting peal. On returning to the belfry, the election of Messrs. Brown and Murphy members of the society took place, and after three futile attempts, go was eventually called at 2.45, all going well until 5.54, when "That's all" brought round a very fairly rung peal, which although being slow, no doubt greatly contributed to the success obtained.

A CORRECTION.—Mr. A. Knights, of Chesterfield, writes:—"The eighth course of the peal of 6784 published in 'THE BELL NEWS' for February 11th, page 547, should contain a bob before."

In Preparation. To be Published by Subscription.

THE CHURCH BELLS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. By ALFRED HENEAGE COCKS, M.A., Ch. Ch., Oxford: F.Z.S., F.R.G.S., Great Marlow, Bucks. With many Illustrations.

MESSRS. JARROLD & SONS have pleasure in announcing the early publication by subscription of this most interesting and important work. It will contain an account of all the Church Bells in Buckinghamshire, with everything relating to their history that can be discovered. Full accounts of all the Founders whose bells hang in the various towers will be given, special reference being made to the Bell-founders whose works were located in the County, including the Wokingham and Reading Foundries, where so large a number of Church bells in Buckinghamshire were cast. The work was undertaken at the instigation of the late J. C. L. Stahlschmidt, Esq., author of "Surrey Bells and London Bell-founders," "The Church Bells of Kent," "Herts," etc.; and the fact that the author had the benefit of the kind assistance and advice of this well-known campanologist may be mentioned as some guarantee of the scope and nature of the present work. Mr. Stahlschmidt wrote the author, that in his opinion "Bucks will make a particularly interesting county," and he repeated this opinion in a subsequent letter. The "Church Bells of Buckinghamshire" will consist of about 600 pages, & be handsomely illustrated with 24 full-page plates of mediæval letterings, founders' marks, etc., found on Bells still existing in the County and numerous figures—some of them being peculiar to Bucks—will be inserted in the text. The 8vo. Edition is limited to 350 copies, and will be offered to subscribers before the day of publication at 2s. nett. The Larger Edition, Royal 4to, is limited to 80 copies, and will be subscribed at 4s. The prices will be raised on the day of issue should any copies remain unsold.

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WANTED.—Gardener who understands laying out grounds. Young married man without family preferred. Voluntary Change Ringer. Lodge and coal free. State wages required, to "J." office of this paper.

WANTED.—A copy of Hubbard's Art of Ringing (1876 edition). Apply, stating price, to Mr. C. L. ROUTLEDGE, 8, Westmorland Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Must be in good condition.

Compositions.

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By Dr. A. B. CARPENTER, Croydon.

5000.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
2	6	3	5	4	2		1
2	3	5	6	4		1	2
2	5	6	3	4		1	2
5	2	4	3	6	2		2
5	4	3	2	6		1	2

Repeated as above forms a touch of 4880. This is increased to 5000 by calling into titums (first course), and out again (last course). Rung at Beddington, on Saturday, February 4th, 1893, conducted by Edgar Bennett.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By ERNEST E. VINEN, F.C.O., London.

1893.

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

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

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

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

Twice repeated.

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A TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By NOBLE SPINDLOW, Ducklington.

1302.

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

Twice repeated.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1893

The event of the next meeting of the Central Council is casting its shadow before. The Honorary Secretary reminds all whom it may concern that notices of motions to be introduced at Oxford next Easter Tuesday must reach him not later than to-day, Saturday, March 4th, and he also throws out the hint—which really ought not to be needed—that the subscription for each elected representative is due, and should be paid at once.

An "instruction" of great import is also published by the Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES, as one of the Committee for the Collection of Peals. This instruction is given on another page, and it is most desirable that those whom it may concern will be careful in following it to the letter, so that no mistakes may occur to cause the committee additional and unnecessary labour. We are acquainted with a good deal of the slipshod character of many ringers' caligraphy, and know the trouble sometimes caused thereby. Perhaps this hint will be sufficient to cause those who send anything to this Committee to be

more careful than usual in their penmanship. It should be understood that different figures can be easily made to look very much like each other, and many letters can also be formed that will admit of more than one interpretation. These vagaries of penmanship cause infinite trouble in deciphering, which ought to lead those who wield the pen to exercise a little more care than they are in the habit of doing.

As we are now alluding to the Central Council, an idea has occurred to us in connection therewith, which it may not be wrong to mention. We think if a circular, signed by the President and Hon. Secretary of the Council, was issued to the resident clergy of Oxford and neighbourhood, inviting them to attend the meeting of the Council, and notice its proceedings, it would be a very good thing. They would thus receive a kind of introduction to ringers and ringing which they would not be likely to forget, and their attendance may be productive of some benefit; it could not, at any rate, do the slightest harm. With all due deference, we submit this proposal to the above-mentioned officers of the Council.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 18, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH .. Treble.	I. GEORGE SHADE 5.
WILLIAM COOTER 2.	MATTHEW A. WOOD 6.
JOHN BONNEY 3.	JAMES WEST 7.
JAMES PETTIT 4.	WALTER PRIME Tenor.

Conducted by MATTHEW A. WOOD.

The above was rung on the forty-seventh anniversary of the first peal of Mr. M. A. Wood and W. Cooter, which took place at St. James's, Clerkenwell, on February 18th, 1846. Time 2 hrs. and 53 mins.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 6.
ARTHUR JACOB 2.	*ARTHUR TENNANT 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3.	ALBERT PITTAM 8.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 4.	HARRY RANDALL 9.
GEORGE SMITH* 5.	WILLIAM F. MEADS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal in the method and also on ten bells.

THE ALL SAINTS (FULHAM) ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, TWICKENHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. ELSON* .. Treble.	ROBERT PEARSON 5.
WILLIAM S. SMITH† 2.	GEORGE WOODISS 6.
JOHN BASDEN 3.	ALLEN H. TABER 7.
WILLIAM R. SMITH 4.	THOMAS BEADLE ? .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WOODISS.

*First peal of Grandsire Triples. †First peal with a bob bell. The ringers beg to thank the Rev. R. Tahourdin (Vicar), through the medium of this paper, for so kindly granting the use of the bells, on this and previous occasions.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL .. Treble.	HENRY A. BARNETT 5.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 2.	WALTER PRIME 6.
JOSEPH J. CROUCH* 3.	JAMES PETTIT 7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 4.	CHARLES J. DAVIDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

First peal of Stedman. This is believed to be the first peal in the method rung on the bells.

The Provinces.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 20, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE T. MARSHALL .. Treble.	ROBERT CHAFFER 5.
TOM STOCKDALE 2.	JOHN WM. STICKNEY 6.
GEORGE M. BROWNRIFF .. 3.	WILLIAM BURKINSHAW .. 7.
HERBERT W. NEEDHAM .. 4.	JOHN W. DALE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. STICKNEY.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Samuel Slingsby and Mrs. A. Bigby, sister of Mr. C. Jackson.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, February 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE FARMER* .. Treble.	GEORGE HITCHMAN 5.
EDWIN BOYLIN* 2.	JOHN JENNINGS 6.
CHARLES SPARKES† 3.	*EDWARD BRYANT 7.
JOHN CARTER 4.	*THOMAS CHAYTOR .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal, which is in two parts, is now rung for the first time, and it is the first peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, February 23, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN SMITH Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5.
EDWARD WARD 2.	WILLIAM BALES 6.
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 3.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 7.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS of Chesterfield, and Conducted by FREDERICK KNIGHTS.

This composition has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in sixths place, and the 2nd never there. First peal by Edward Ward, who has made almost innumerable attempts for it. Rung upon the middle eight with the 9th as tenor.

STEYNING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE STEYNING BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 23, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

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

Conducted by GEORGE SMART.

This composition is now rung for the first time by this Association.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, February 23, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

G. WALKER SAYER, Esq. Treble.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	JOHN CARTER 6.
EDWARD GOODREDS 3.	REUBEN HALL 7.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL 4.	JAMES JONES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 6th twenty-two times wrong and twenty-three times right, and is the first peal of Major on the bells. The above are all members of the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society, and the Worcestershire and Districts Association. This is James Jones' fiftieth peal, made up as follows: Grandsire Triples, 18; Major, 2; Caters, 6; Stedman Triples, 6; Caters, 2; Bob Triples, 2; Major, 4; Treble Bob Major, 3; Darlaston Bob Triples, 4; Union, 2; Forward Major, 1.

HUNTINGDON.

On Thursday, February 23, 1893, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDEKICK BROWN Treble.	RICHARD BEVAN 5.
GEORGE NEWSON 2.	FRANK V. SINKINS 6.
GEORGE SMITH 3.	THOMAS TITCHENER 7.
JAMES CAWLEY† 4.	*CHARLES MURPHY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

TREETON, YORKSHIRE.

YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(THE KILLMARSH COMPANY.)

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

Tulip, Primrose, College Treble, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure and Violet. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HENRY TAYLOR Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM 4.
THOMAS BETTISON 2.	W. HENRY TURTON 5.
JAMES EMSEN 3.	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor.

Conductor by T. BETTISON.

This is the first 5040 ever rung on the bells. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells, and W. J. Nicholson for having everything in readiness for ringing.

HENFIELD.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	THOMAS SEARLE 5.
JAMES MATTHEWS 2.	GEORGE SMART 6.
JOHN SMART 3.	GEORGE GATLAND 7.
CHARLES SMART 4.	WILLIAM COLLISON Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal on the bells since they have been augmented from six to eight.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

A. HARDING* (aged 15) Treble.	A. JARVIS 5.
A. WILSON* 2.	G. HARDING 6.
R. LANGFORD 3.	R. T. HOLDING 7.
J. WRIGHT† 4.	A. DUDLEY Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HOLDING.

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

ROTHWELL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD STOKOE Treble.	ALFRED CHAPMAN 5.
J. C. ABBISHAW* 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 6.
CHARLES PRATT 3.	ALFRED NAYLOR 7.
WALTER CHAPMAN 4.	JOHN WHITAKER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by ALFRED TAYLOR.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Stokoe, Craven, Naylor and Whitaker hail from Headingley; Pratt from Calverley; the rest belong to the local band.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

HENRY BUNCE* Treble.	JOSEPH FARMERY 5.
SAMUEL WALKER* 2.	THOMAS WHITWORTH 6.
TOM WILD 3.	*WALTER HAWKINS 7.
JOHN ENSOR 4.	*ROBERT WHITWORTH Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS WHITWORTH.

*First peal. This peal was rang as a birthday compliment to H. Bunce, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK BIGGS Treble.	FRED BIGGS 5.
ERNEST GADSDEN 2.	RALPH BIGGS 6.
SIDNEY GOODCHILD 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
HARRY STRATFORD 4.	JOSEPH EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

This peal was rung in honour of the twenty-sixth birthday of Coningsby Disraeli, Esq., M.P., who has now come into possession of Hughenden Manor and Estate.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

SAMUEL PALMER Treble.	SAMUEL PRICE 5.
HENRY MOTTERSHALL 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6.
SAMUEL SMEDLEY 3.	JOHN HARRIS 7.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON 4.	HERBERT MADIN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This peal, which had not been previously rung, was taken from a peal of 5408 in sixteen courses, containing the 5th and 6th the extent in 5ths place, and the 4th, 5th and 6th, the extent in 6ths.

BIRMINGHAM—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt.

JOHN JENNINGS Treble.	CHARLES SPARKES 6.
J. EDWARD SCOTT 2.	GEORGE HITCHMAN 7.
ROBERT 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 has the 6th twenty-four times right; six times behind the 9th, and twenty-four times behind the 8th.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR SPITTLE* Treble.	HENRY DAWKES 6.
WALTER JUKES 2.	CHARLES F. VICKERS .. 7.
JOHN MARSH 3.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 8.
BENJAMIN DALTON 4.	AARON GRIFFITHS 9.
SAMUEL SPITTLE 5.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters with a bob bell. Messrs. Spittle (father and son), and W. Micklewright hail from Dudley; B. Dalton from Tettenhall; the rest belong to the local company. The thanks of the company are due to Messrs. Vickers and Marsh for taking the ropes rendered vacant by the non-appearance of two of the company.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Three Hours and a ½ Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Double Court, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

CHARLES ALLEN Treble.	EDWARD COLEMAN 4.
ISAAC HILLS 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
CHARLES WEST 3.	*HERBERT SHARP Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT SHARP.

*First 5040 as conductor. The ringers wish to thank Mr. John Dickins for having everything in readiness.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

SAMUEL TAYLOR Treble.	JOHN CRABTREE 5.
FRED. JAKEMAN* 2.	JOHN H. BRIERLEY 6.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN 3.	WALTER INGHAM 7.
ERNEST BROWN* 4.	JOHN HARRISON Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by WM. JAKEMAN.

*First peal in the method. W. Ingham belongs to Oldham.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 27, 1893, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JONATHAN FREEMAN Treble.	ERNEST PITSTOW 5.
ALFRED PITSTOW 2.	JOHN F. PENNING 6.
ARTHUR JAMES 3.	N. J. PITSTOW 7.
CHARLES FREEMAN 4.	FREDERICK PITSTOW Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

This is the first peal in the method rung in the County, and also the first by the Association. Rung on the fifty-seventh birthday of Mr. Jonathan Freeman.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE WINTER Treble.	WILLIAM HICKLING 5.
GEORGE DAWSON 2.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 6.
WILLIAM CLARKE 3.	JOHN FLOWER 7.
HENRY W. WILDE 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, February 19th, at St. Michael's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 45 mins. S. Snelling, 1; W. Taylor, 2; E. Allen, 3; J. G. Elliott, 4; C. Willshire (conductor), 5; G. A. Ramsom, 6; F. Hunt, 7; W. Walker, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Monday, February 20th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Webb, 1; E. Bennett, 2; *A. Arnold, 3; W. Sadler, 4; *W. States, 5; C. Kitching, 6; H. Brooker (conductor), 7; F. Hermon, 8. *First 500 in the method. This is believed to be the first 500 of Stedman Triples rung by a band of residents in Croydon. Also 252 in the same method. H. Brooker (conductor), 1; W. Sadler, 2; A. Arnold, 3; A. Collins, 4; G. Burt, 5; C. Kitching, 6; F. Hermon, 7; B. Blake, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHADWELL HEATH (Essex).—On Sunday evening, February 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 672 Bob Major, T. Baker, 1; A. Deards, 2; E. Pye, 3; G. Pye, 4; E. Lucas, 5; F. Norris, 6; A. Whight, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8.

STANTON (Essex).—On Sunday, January 22nd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of College Exercise in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, a 720 Chichester Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 25th, for practice, a 720 Durham Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And a 720 Superlative Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 29th, for morning service, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, February 1st, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles). G. Gray, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Sibley, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. White, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. An attempt was also made for a 720 Plain Bob Minor which came to grief after ringing 700 changes. G. Jordan, 1; J. Mills, 2; W. Watts, 3; J. Dellow, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 5th, for morning service, a 720 Worcester Surprise, 4th the observation. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, six 120's of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5. On Wednesday, February 8th, for practice, a 720 of London Surprise. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Wells Surprise. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method), 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6; in this 720 the 4th was the observation bell. And 720 Durham Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. This makes G. Jordan's 100th 720, also T. J. Watts 450th 720. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, February 14th, for practice at the parish church, 756 Grandsire Triples. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; S. Wolfe, 3; H. J. Button, 4; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 5; G. Wilson, 6; J. Button, 7; A. Osborne, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

NORWICH.—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, February 15th, at 45, Oxford Street, Unthinks Road, 1008 Bob Major. *J. A. Trollop, 1-2; *J. E. Burton, 3-4; *G. P. Burton, 5-6; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 7-8. *First 1008. First by all on handbells.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Sunday evening, February 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Rodway, 1; T. Ricketts, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; O. W. Layng (conductor), 4; G. Iles, 5; T. Robinson, 6; H. B. Slack, 7; G. Grist, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday evening, February 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. Stuart, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday morning, January 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; G. Hayes (conductor), 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin, 6. On Saturday, January 14th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. M. Digby, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; W. Cooke, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, January 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Superlative Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 22nd for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Clifford, 1; M. Digby, 2; F. Ring, 3; G. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. H. Milloms, 1; W. Clifford, 2; G. Hayes, 3; L. Digweed, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 23rd, 720 Colledge Single. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; W. Harper, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BATTERSEA (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 12th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Conley, 1; H. Hopkins, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; F. Davis, 4; A. Dean, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; A. Sweatman, 7; T. Taylor, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 12th, at St. Dunstan's church, Stepney, for evening service, 1295 Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins. T. Baker, 1; A. Deards, 2; E. Lucas, 3; E. Hall, 4; C. Relton, 5; W. Dallimore, 6; S. Parmenter, 7; S. Hayes, 8; H. Springall (composer and conductor), 9; G. Barrell, 10.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRADLEY.—On Sunday, February 12th, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. C. Watkins, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; R. Treherne, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; C. Edwards, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. And six 6-scores of Grandsire in 26 mins. C. Watkins, 1; E. S. Kings (conductor), 2; R. Treherne, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; R. Stone, 5; C. Edwards, 6. On Sunday, February 19th, 600 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 22 mins. R. Treherne, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; C. Edwards, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, February 14th, at Christ Church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins., with the tenor covering. C. Withington (first 720), 1; L. Gardner, 2; C. Sharples, 3; J. Taylor, 4; J. Gardner, 5; J. Watts (conductor), 6; R. Rimmer, 8. On Monday, February 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. C. Withington, 1; L. Gardner, 2; T. Jenkinson, jun., 3; E. Caunce, 4; J. Gardner, 5; W. Bentham (conductor), 6; J. Watts, 7; J. Parkes, 8. Longest length in the method by all except Messrs. Bentham and Watts.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Friday, January 27th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. O. Pearson, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Mason, 3; A. H. Bassano, 4; T. H. Smith, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

UFFINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, February 11th, at the parish church, some 6-scores of St. Dunstan, Grandsire, and Bob Doubles. E. Popple, 1; C. Collins, 2; C. Harper, 3; F. Dennison, 4; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 5. Tenor 17 cwt.

STAMFORD.—On Sunday afternoon, February 12th, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, 360 Bob Minor (twelve singles). M. Lipscombe, 1; C. Collins, 2; C. Harper, 3; R. Wyche, Esq., 4; F. Dennison, 5; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 14th, a course of Oxford Bob Minor, standing as above. On Sunday, February 19th, some 6-scores of Bob Doubles, and some Oxford Bob Minor.

ALDBURGH-ON-SEA (Suffolk).—On Thursday, January 26th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins. C. Smith, 1; H. Girling, 2; A. Pryke, 3; R. Joy, 4; W. Perriton, 5; G. Churchyard, 6. First in the method by Messrs. Pryke, Joy, and Perriton. On Thursday, February 2nd, 240 Bob Doubles, 240 Grandsire Doubles, and 360 of Minor. On Thursday, February 9th, two 360s of Bob Doubles, and 240 of Grandsire. G. Churchyard, 3; J. Lovett, 6. On Tuesday, February 14th, 240 Bob Doubles, and two 360s and 120 Bob Minor. And 360 of Minor on handbells, standing the same as in the Minor. These bells are silent during Lent.

BRESTON (Notts).—Handbell Ringing.—Recently at the house of Mr.

Clifford, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Clifford, 1; W. Clifford, 2; A. Coppock, 3-4; G. Oldham, 5-6. And a course of Bob Doubles, standing as before; conducted by A. Coppock.

CHICHESTER.—On Saturday, February 18th, for practice at the Cathedral, 560 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. R. Cheeseman, 1; F. Luxford, 2; F. B. Tompkins, Esq., 3; W. Smithers, 4; G. Balchin, 5; E. Ede, 6; R. Walters (conductor), 7; W. Spurlock, 8. Messrs. Luxford, Balchin, and Ede hail from Arundel; the rest are members of the Cathedral band. The Chichester ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Arundel men for their kindness in coming to assist them.

DURSLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, February 18th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. G. Robbins, 1; W. Giddings, 2; H. Dainton, 3; A. Burcombe, 4; E. Whittard, 5; H. Fussell (conductor), 6. This is supposed to be the first 720 in the method ever rung on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. It is also the first 720 in the method by Messrs. Robbins, Giddings, Dainton, and Whittard, and the second 720 by Messrs. Burcombe and Fussell. Great credit is due to the conductor for conducting it, and also to the whole band, as they have only been practising the method since Christmas.

EVESHAM (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, February 18th, at St. Peter's church, Bengeworth, the local company rang 720 Oxford Bob Minor. E. Sharp, 1; F. Lewis, 2; A. H. Sharp, 3; W. G. Arkell, 4; H. Middleton, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the band; first on the bells; and rung at the second attempt.

FLADBURY (Worcestershire).—Recently, at the parish church, by the St. Peter's Society, Bengeworth, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. E. Sharp, 1; F. Lewis, 2; H. Middleton, 3; W. G. Arkell, 4; A. H. Sharp, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6. First 720 on the bells for a great number of years. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire and Plain Bob, with G. Williams at the treble.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 18th, the following members of the local company, with C. Sillitoe and W. Howell, of Sudbury, met at the parish church and rang a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. W. Howell (first 720 in the method), 1; C. Honeybell, 2; Z. Slater, 3; O. Garwood, 4; C. Sillitoe (first 720 in the method), 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor. C. Honeybell (conductor), 1; Z. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; R. Theobald (Stanstead), 4; W. Howell (first 720 in the method), 5; R. Gowers (Stanstead), 6.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Sunday, February 19th, at St. Matthew's church, the late H. Johnson's 720 Grandsire Minor (Variation No. 1). G. Gardner, 1; V. Hitchman, 2; A. Bosley, 3; A. Thomas (conductor), 4; J. Hitchman, 5; W. Hitchman, 6. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled. An "In Memoriam" service was held at the above church on the evening of the same day.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, February 14th, on the occasion of the annual fair, the bells of the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul were rung during the afternoon by a mixed band of ringers, who were visiting the town on this occasion. A touch of Bob Major, 944 changes. T. King (Lavenham), 1; W. Howell (Sudbury), 2; H. Smith (Lavenham), 3; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 4; O. Garwood (Glemsford), 5; W. Snell (Lavenham), 6; J. Bradwin (Glemsford, longest touch of Bob Major), 7; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 8. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples, 630 changes. W. Fisk (Lavenham), 1; W. Howell, 2; C. Jarvis (Lavenham), 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; T. King, 7; O. Garwood, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

NORTON FITZWARRREN (Somerset).—On Sunday morning, February 19th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. P. B. Willis (first 720), 1; C. A. Lucas (first 720), 2; H. J. Creed, 3; J. Cridland, 4; H. Chaplin, 5; I. Creed (conductor), 6. For evening service a 720 in the same method called differently, standing as above.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 5th, 504 Stedman Triples. A. E. Parsons (conductor), 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; H. Mason, 4; T. H. Smith, 5; W. Priest, 6; W. Green, 7; G. Parish, 8. On Friday, February 17th, 864 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Priest, 1; H. Mason, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; C. W. Bassano, 4; T. H. Smith, 5; O. Pearson, 6; A. H. Bassano, 7; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. C. W. Bassano, 1; H. Mason, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; W. Priest, 4; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 5; O. Pearson, 6; T. H. Smith, 7; G. Parish, 8. On Sunday, February 19th, one course of Treble Bob and two courses of Stedman Triples. Also 480 Grandsire Major. T. H. Smith, 1; H. Cartwright, 2; O. Pearson, 3; W. Priest, 4; A. H. Bassano, 5; C. W. Bassano (conductor), 6; H. Mason, 7; A. E. Parsons, 8.

SHREWSBURY.—On Friday, February 10th, for practice at St. Alkmund's church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Owen, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. Espley, 3; G. Byolin (conductor), 4; F. Taylor, 5; G. Burrows, 6.

SWANSEA (South Wales).—On Friday, February 17th, at St. Mary's parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. H. West, 1; E. Searl, 2; F. Curtis, 3; G. Searl, 4; J. Hoare, 5; W. Rees, 6; H. G. Gardner (conductor), 7; G. Hale, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. H. J. Gardner hails from Gloucester.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, February 12th, the local company met at St. Peter's church, and rang for evening service a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. After service a 755 of Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. On Tuesday, February 14th, at St. Gregory's church, a 1260 of Stedman Triples in 52 mins. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; J. Campin, 2; M. Silvester, 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; A. Scott, 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Howell, jun., 7; H. Brackett, 8.

CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Havant on the 7th inst. should have been headed "Winchester Diocesan Guild."—The peal rang at Clerkenwell, on Saturday, February 18th, by the Cumberland Youths, was Bob Major, and not Treble Bob Major, as published in the last issue.

Obituary.

SAMUEL SLINGSBY.

MR. SLINGSBY was born at Hull, in 1859, and commenced to ring at St. James' church in 1875, and continued with the St. James' society with the exception of a short time until 1889, when failing health compelled him to resign. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1880, and was thus a life member. He rung in eight peals, the longest of which was 6272 Bob Major, rung at St. James' Hull. He was also conductor of the St. James' Handbell company, from its formation in 1884 until 1890. His remains were interred at the Holy Trinity cemetery, on Monday, February 20th, 1893, the Rev. B. Radcliffe, curate, of St. James' taking the service. He was carried to his last resting place by four members of the Yorkshire Association, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells at the grave side by Messrs. T. Stockdale, 1-2; J. W. Stickney, 3-4; C. Jackson, 5-6; R. Chaffer, 7-8; who were members of the handbell company with him. A muffled peal was rung as a mark of respect at St. James' church after the funeral. He leaves a widow and three children to mourn his loss.

Correspondence.

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

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—I was hoping, as a result of "Enquirer's" letter in your issue of February 18th, to see in last week's "BELL NEWS" a notice convening a district meeting of this association at Wellington—at least, I understood that at the Yeovil meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Wellington about the end of January—it is now March. Why, then this delay? I, amongst others, looked in vain for a report in your issue of the meeting above referred to, held at Yeovil in the autumn of last year, but the executive apparently did not think it worth while to send you even a few lines giving an outline of what took place—a full report would be too much to expect. Yeovil was an impossible place for a good many ringers to get at owing to the awkward train service, and it is disappointing to those who are unable to attend district meetings that reports of what transpires do not appear in "THE BELL NEWS." One other thing. Has any member seen the official report of the association for the year 1891? It should have been published about Midsummer last year, and there cannot be surely, any reasonable excuse for such delay as this! Many of the members, I know, are much to be blamed for the scant interest they take in the association, but if it is to be made a success there must be a deal more energy and life thrown into the management, and not till then can we expect to see an increased interest taken in our association by the members themselves.

A MEMBER.

HANDBELL CONTEST.

A Grand Concert and Change-Ringing Contest on handbells will take place in the Mechanics' Hall, Uppermill, on Easter Monday, April 3rd, 1893, when the following prizes, and the Hollingworth Silver Challenge Cup will be given for the best two courses, one of Grandsire Triples, and one of Grandsire Major. The Cup is to be held by the winning company for twelve months, to be competed for every year. First prize, £2; Second prize, £1; Third prize, 10s.; Fourth prize, 5s.; entrance fee, 2s. 6d. each company. Also a contest on ten bells for the best course of Grandsire Caters. First prize, 15s.; Second prize, 5s.; entrance fee sixpence each company. Draw to take place at 6.30 p.m. prompt. Bells in G, 18 size. All companies not in readiness when called upon, will have five faults penalty. No person allowed to ring with more than one company in each contest. Yours respectfully—The Saddleworth Friendly Societies Bath Fund Committee.

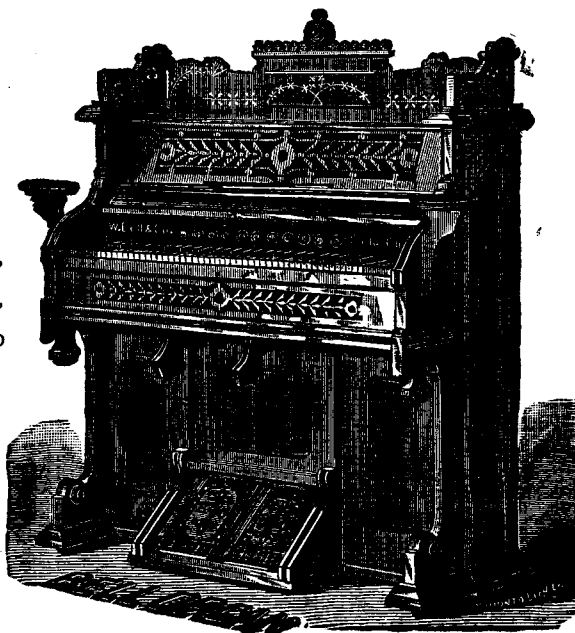
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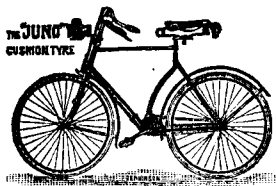
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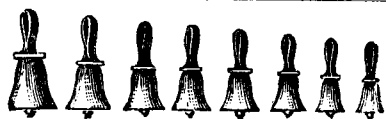
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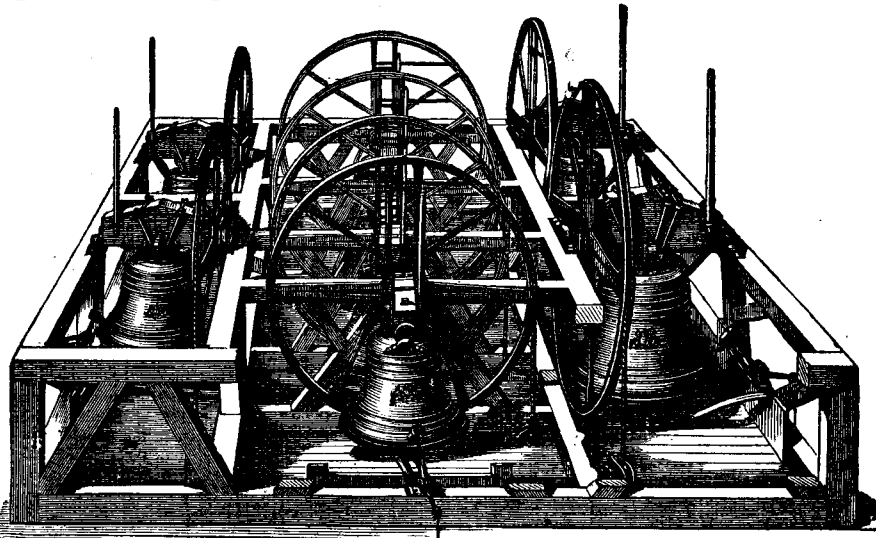
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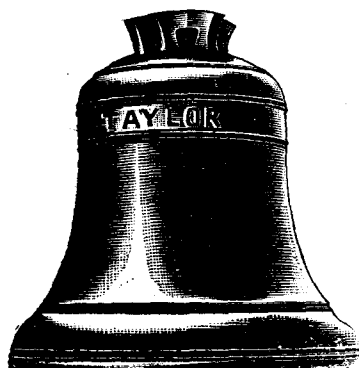
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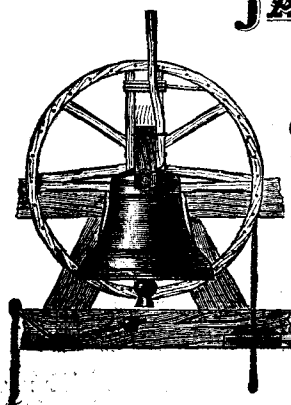
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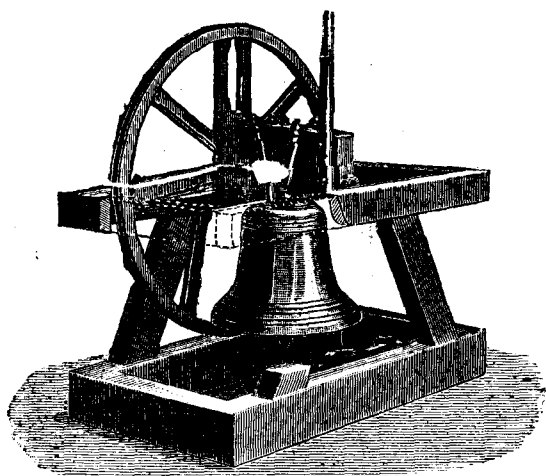


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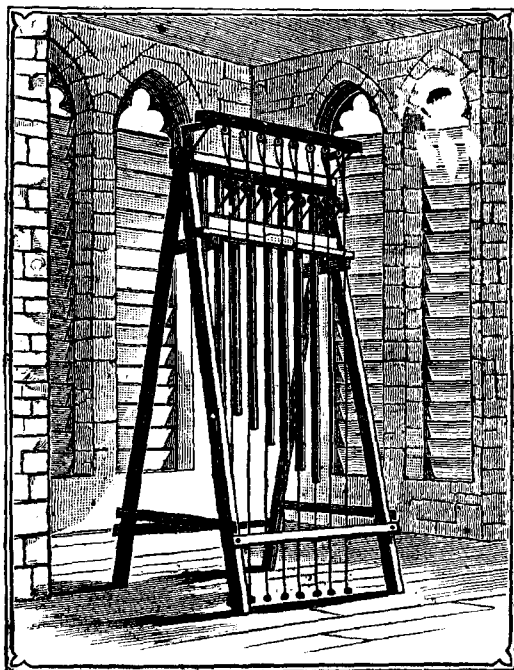
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The Rev. F. J. Birkett proposed "The Visitors."

The Rev. Cyril Edwards, whose name was associated with the toast, said if the Chichester ringers could make it convenient some day to pay a visit to Peterfield, they would be gladly welcomed there.

The Chairman next proposed the toast of the evening, "The Chichester Cathedral Bell Ringers." After some humorous remarks on the subject of bells generally, which occasioned much merriment amongst the company, the Dean referred to the fact there was nothing our colonists miss more than the sweet sound of the church bells of England. He looked upon Chichester old people as being particularly fortunate in at least being within the sound of a good peal of bells, because it had not always fallen to his lot to be in that happy position. In his old parish of Lavington there was only one tinkler. At Graffham there was certainly two bells and two ropes. There was also a vacant hole for another bell-rope, but when it was filled up it was discovered that the third bell was so cracked as to be perfectly horrible. That was one thing which it was said could not be cured, viz., a cracked bell. When he left Sussex and moved on to Clifton, there was only one bell in his church there. It was certainly a very nice bell, and moreover it did a great deal of work both week-days and Sundays. The man who rang it, too, was so fond of his work that no matter how often he had to ring it he never complained or asked for extra pay. After some further observations on the subject of bells, the Chairman specially asked the ringers to always remember the sacredness of the work in which they were engaged.

Mr. Walters (leader of the ringers), in responding, gave the company some interesting information on the subject of the number of changes which could be rung on various sets of bells. With such a fine peal of bells and with such a bell tower as they possessed in Chichester, than which there was no finer in England, he thought the Chichester ringers should become one of the best bands of change-ringers in the county. Incidentally the speaker referred to the excellent work of the Warnham ringers and to the attempt which they recently made to beat the record in trying on a peal of 20,000 changes.

The last toast, that of "The Chairman," was proposed by Mr. F. B. Tompkins, who expressed a hope that the flagstaff which Mr. Bostock, in accordance with promise, had kindly provided, would shortly find its way to the top of the campanile.

The Chairman fittingly responded.

At intervals during the evening some excellent songs were rendered by Messrs. F. Bailey, C. E. Burgess, E. B. Wannop, W. H. Merry, and others, whilst a skilful performance on the handbells by four of the ringers was much enjoyed. Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

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BRISTOL.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Thursday evening, February 9th, at the George hotel, Narrow Wine Street, about forty sat down to a supper provided by the worthy host, Mr. S. W. Ansell, who gave every satisfaction desired. After supper the company settled down to make the best of the remaining time at their disposal by indulging in songs, handbell ringing, etc., the chair being taken by C. E. D. Boufflower, Esq., churchwarden of St. John's church (city). After the usual toast list had been gone through, songs were given during the evening by Messrs. Wilkins, Bawn, Staddon, Tomkins, Stowell, Richards, and Trevette. Mr. W. J. Hinton very ably tapped off a course of Grandsire Cinques on his very musical peal of handbells, which was much enjoyed by all present. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung by G. Colston, 1-2; R. J. Wilkins, 3-4; W. J. Hinton, 5-6; F. Price, 7-8; C. H. Gordon, 9-10. There was also a couple of tunes on the handbells by Messrs. Hinton and Gordon.

The Chairman in response to his toast being given, after expressing himself as being highly pleased at being present on that occasion, made some very appropriate remarks on the ringing matters of Bristol generally, and strongly urged the more friendly meeting of ringers, which would result in much more being done in change-ringing than there was at the present time. He thought the change-ringing done in Bristol was nothing considering the number of peals (over twenty, including one of twelve bells and four of ten bells), and also a large number of ringers. He also made pleasing references to the last peals rung in Bristol, viz., at Temple Church and at St. Mary Redcliff, complimenting Mr. Price on ringing the tenor (48 cwt.) in the latter peal without any assistance, and only weighing 9 stone.

Mr. Price suitably responded.

Mr. Hudson also threw out some very useful hints to the local ringers on ringing matters.

Messrs. Llewellyns and James, Bell Founders, very kindly sent some of their illustrated catalogues for distribution amongst those present.

Messrs. Gordon, Hinton, and F. W. Powell, who had the management of the supper were more than satisfied at the success which it proved to be.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, MAIDSTONE.

On Tuesday, February 14th, the members of this Society met at The Globe inn, where host Potter put a most excellent supper on the table. Mr. A. Palmer (conductor of the Society) occupied the chair, whilst the vice was taken by Mr. A. H. Woolley, Treasurer. After the cloth was removed the toasts of "Queen, Archbishop and the Clergy of the Diocese," "Churchwardens and Sidesmen," "Kent County Association," "The All Saints' Society," and "The Host and Hostess," were given. Songs were contributed by Messrs. Palmer, Barnes, Potter and Simmonds, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. An agreeable surprise awaited them when they arrived at the Inn, when it was found that the churchwardens and sidesmen had contributed most liberally towards the repast, for which they were most grateful.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

A large clock has just been erected in the tower of the parish church by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. It has been constructed generally to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe, and has all the latest improvements. It shews time on two dials each six feet across, chimes the Westminster quarters, and strikes the hours upon the large tenor bell. Apparatus is fitted to maintain the action of the clock during winding. The escapement is a double-three-legged gravity one, and the pendulum compensated for atmospheric variations. The same firm are also making two large clocks for West Bromwich, one for Tunstall, Staffordshire, repairing the large clock at St. George's church, Birmingham, and other works in the same neighbourhood.

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THE JOHNSON ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

Under the auspices of the Birmingham St. Martin's Guild, the above, which has come to be looked upon as one of the regularly recurring incidents in the life of the ringers in and around Birmingham, was held on Saturday, March 4th.

During the afternoon the noble ring of twelve at St. Martin's, which is always gaining new admirers for its beauty of tone, was heard to advantage in a varied selection of touches. William Snowdon, Esq., President of the Yorkshire Association, who had purposely journeyed from his home at Leeds in order to accept the invitation of the Guild to preside at this gathering, arrived in sufficient time not only to hear the bells from various coigns of vantage outside the tower, but also to pilot the 11th through a capital touch of Stedman Cinques, and in a splendid fall of the whole twelve bells in peal.

At the conclusion of the ringing an adjournment was made to the Guild's Meeting House—the Tamworth Arms—where the host and hostess ever cater in a truly hospitable manner to the requirements of the ringers. A capital dinner, admirably served, and to which about forty sat down, was soon disposed of, digestion being assisted by the rendering of a brilliant selection of music from "The Gondoliers," "The Mikado," and "Pirates of Penzance" (by special permission of Mr. D'Oyly Carte) given by Mrs. Painter, who—as usual at the Guild's meetings—presided at the piano during the evening.

The Chairman (Mr. Snowdon) then introduced himself in the more formal portion of the proceedings by proposing the usual loyal toast of "Queen, Church, and State." There was, he stated, no necessity for him to dwell upon the virtues of the noble old lady who had figured as our Sovereign for so many years, and who had so endeared herself to all classes of her subjects, but he wished for one moment to draw the serious attention of his hearers to the combination of "Queen, Church, and State," in which was bound up everything dear to an Englishman and a ringer. Now that such questions were agitating our minds as "Home Rule for Ireland," and the "Welsh Suspensory Bill," which appeared to him as the thin edge of the wedge for disintegration of our Empire and disestablishment of the National Church, he urged them to remember the titles of our Queen on the coins of the realm as "Queen," "Empress," "Defender of the Faith," and to give such deep consideration to the matter, that when the time came for recording their votes they might not be found working for the downfall of that glorious State built up at so much cost by their forefathers. He concluded the proposal of this toast by the recitation of some grand and appropriate lines from Tennyson's "In Memoriam."

This having been duly honoured, there followed what may be considered the event of the evening, the proposal by the Chairman of "The late Henry Johnson, may his memory be ever with us." Prefacing his remarks with the history of his being invited to preside at that gathering, when their Secretary had placed the matter to him in such an irresistible way that it was impossible to refuse the proffered honour, he went on to say how beautiful he considered the idea of these annual gatherings when they met to keep alive the memory of one who had done so much for their beloved science, and who had so endeared himself during his lifetime to his fellow-ringers. There could he thought be no sadness about such gatherings as these, when they were considering that he whom they were now honouring in their memories had been gathered to his fathers in the fulness of years, crowned with the accomplishment of a life's work of extraordinary merit. Having made up his mind to come there that evening, he had been somewhat in doubt over what he could say to his hearers, who were necessarily so much better acquainted with the virtues and abilities of the late Mr. Johnson than himself. Admitting that he himself shone rather with a light borrowed from the memory of his dear brother Jasper, with whom he had worked side by side from boyhood, he quite understood that in him they also intended to honour his brother's name. He wished them to consider what he had now

to tell them more in the light of a quiet chat, which he would endeavour to make interesting by quoting from a note-book of his brother's. This note-book contained a series of letters received by his brother from various ringers, and doubtless the few selections he would read them as bearing upon the author's opinion of Mr. Johnson, and the information he had at various times given him, would be quite as interesting as they must be entirely novel to his hearers. Mr. Snowdon then gave a selection of remarks from this note-book, interspersing them with the explanations and personal anecdote necessary to make them connective. Such anecdotes as explaining how the term "peal-snatching" arose, and remarks as to the ability of Mr. Johnson as a composer and prover, the more valuable since they might almost be considered the private communings of the author's mind, followed in quick succession, and the audience appreciating the treat offered them, listened in almost breathless silence. He wound up a very eloquent address by reciting some exquisite lines on Church Bells which the company never remembered to have previously heard, but which bear out the reciter's suggestion of being superior to others which have acquired an almost classic fame.

This toast was followed with that of "The Visitors," given by the Guild's Presiding Ringing Master—Mr. John Day, who coupled with it the name of an old friend (as president of the Walsall band), Mr. James Lawton. This having been duly honoured and replied to, Mr. Jones (churchwarden of St. Martin's) gave the toast of "Success to the St. Martin's Guild," causing some amusement in his remarks by a reference to the ringers' lack of success at St. Martin's in their attempts during the present year, and consoling them on the other hand by the remark that he himself had in his temporary possession two of their peal-books bearing witness to their meritorious work in the past.

This toast was followed by an excellent course of Grandsire Royal in hand by Messrs. Buffery, Bryant, Kent, Russam, and Bastable.

Mr. Day then proposed the toast of "The Chairman" in a few well-chosen words, welcoming him among them that evening, and referring to the kindly feeling which existed in Birmingham towards the members of the Yorkshire Association, and the great interest every one present had felt in the glance into the inner life of the late Jasper Snowdon, which their Chairman had given them by the extracts he had read. This toast was rapturously received, and carried with the usual musical honours.

The Chairman in replying, expressed the real pleasure it gave him to be amongst them that evening, and again afforded his hearers an intellectual treat by tracing the evolution of the change-ringer, following him through his various ages—some-what after the popular ideas of the theory of evolution of man from monkey—and quoting very largely from a very amusing article in an 1854 number of the *Quarterly Review*. Space does not permit us to add his many amusing extracts from this source, and his still more amusing commentary on them, which he concluded with an eloquent appeal to all the ringers present to use every endeavour that lay in them to elevate their fellow-ringers and the science so dear to them all.

Following this Mr. Small gave the toast of "The Rector and Churchwardens of St. Martin's," coupling with it the names of Mr. Jones, and causing great hilarity by which he tendered his usual advice to the Clergy and Wardens of making themselves better acquainted with the nature and requirements of their ringers, and giving point to his remarks by some of his own amusing experiences.

Mr. Jones having suitably responded by shewing that the last speaker's remarks could hardly apply to the authorities at St. Martin's, there followed the toast of "The Ringing Papers—'THE BELL NEWS' and *Church Bells*," given by Mr. Russam, who pointed to the circulation of these papers—especially the former—as an advantage that the ringers of a former age (especially some of those to whom the Chairman had alluded), did not possess. He mentioned the pleasure it had given him and doubtless most of his hearers, when they had first seen their names in print, and caused much amusement by mentioning as another advantage the facility their pages afforded for a ventilation of their grievances, sometimes—as in a recent instance—not quite to a happy appreciation of the Editors.

This being duly honoured, votes of thanks to the Secretary, Mr. Godden, for arranging the meeting, and to Mrs. Painter for presiding at the piano were duly honoured.

During the evening a telegram was received by the Secretary and read to the meeting, from Messrs. Newton and Winny of the College Youths, conveying their kind regards and good wishes for a successful gathering.

This was received with applause, and was considered by the ringers present as a most kindly expression of good feeling.

The proceedings throughout were enlivened by various selections of music on the piano, and good songs excellently rendered by Messrs. Shenton, Proctor, and Cadby, the latter of whom coming in rather late, made up for lost time by the sprightliness with which he fairly carried his audience with him through the rendering of his various songs.

A very general desire was expressed that this meeting might be kept up annually with an equal measure of success to the present.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT TANFIELD, DURHAM.

Arrangements for this meeting seemed to have been uppermost in the minds of the Tanfield ringers for months past, for most elaborate preparations had been made for the event. As a preliminary "canter" invitations for a week and visit were issued to Messrs. Clark (Ripon), R. C. Hudson (Sunderland), T. T. Goffton and R. S. Story (Whitley), W. Holmes and C. L. Routledge (Newcastle), and of course F. Harrison, of Jarrow, their own instructor, was not omitted. All except Mr. Clark arrived on Saturday, February 11th, and were billeted at the vicarage, Messrs. Brewis, sen. and jun., and F. Lowe's houses, and it goes without saying that every one had most comfortable and hospitable homes for the time being. Mine host of the Peacock, Mr. Ralph Johnson, played entertainer to Mr. Clark, of Ripon, when he arrived from the Yorkshire meeting at Wakefield, and—well—Mr. Johnson's good fellowship and hospitality, like Cæsar's wife, are above suspicion. Business was soon commenced in the shape of a 5040 in seven methods, tapped off in capital style between 4.45 and 8 p.m. (see "BELL NEWS" for February 18th), and then a snack of tea and other creature comforts served as a preliminary for a smoking concert in the large room at the Peacock, where songs, recitations, and handbell ringing (tunes and changes), were the order of the evening till 11 p.m.

Sunday broke fine and bright, and ringing for service was indeed a treat to those who had come from the towns. A 240 each of Duke of York, College Exercise, College Pleasure, and a course of Violet was rung before 10.30, after which all attended as bright and as musical a service as one could wish to find, especially in such a remote country parish as this.

The 5040 arranged for the afternoon was a failure. a break in the second method preventing another start in time to finish before service. The first was a 720 of Double Court by W. Brewis, 1; T. Goffton, 2; T. Brewis, 3; F. Harrison, 4; T. Clark, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6.

The next morning, Monday, February 13th, was sharp and frosty, and seemed to have been ordered for the event, but alas! the latter half of the day became dull and wet. This however did not seem to affect the spirits of the visitors, as the attractions were mainly of an indoor character. The 5040 of Treble Bob published in these columns on Saturday, February 18th, was over by 11.15 a.m., Mr. Lees, of Newcastle, having come over by the 6.10 train to take part. Then the following rang a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). G. Stark (Whickham), 1; W. Brewis, 2; R. Mordue (Whickham), 3; H. Tyson, 4; T. Brewis, 5; J. W. Nicholson (Whickham, conductor), 6. The committee meeting was then held at which several matters of vital importance were discussed. A company of twenty-five sat down to dinner in the large room at the Peacock, and a most sumptuous dinner served in splendid style was placed at the entire disposal of those present, and full justice done to it. Mr. R. S. Story (President) occupied the chair, and was supported by the Revs. T. H. Archdall (vicar of Tanfield), and C. Buston (Hon. Secretary), Mr. F. Lees occupying the vice-chair.

The President proposed the toast of "The Bishops and

Clergy of the Dioceses" after the usual loyal toast had been honoured, and coupled the name of the vicar of Tanfield with it. He also expressed a hope that the next visit of the Association would be at the dedication of two new bells to complete the octave to their beautiful ring of six.

The Rev. T. H. Archdall responded, and in so doing welcomed the visitors most heartily to his parish and church. He hoped the day would not be far distant when the complete octave of bells would be resounding their sweet tones over the district. He closed by proposing the toast of "The Visitors." Several members were proposed, amongst the number being Messrs. J. Brewis (Tanfield), and A. D. Carr (Whickham) as Honorary Members, and three from Newcastle Cathedral. The meeting closed with some change and tune-ringing on the handbells. The vicar afterwards entertained several of the company to tea, and thus ended one of the most pleasant if not the pleasantest meeting the Association has ever experienced.

The following ringing was done during the day:—A 720 Bob Minor. *Rev. C. Buston (Embleton), 1; T. Hudson (Sunderland), 2; J. R. Wheldon (South Shields), 3; T. Clark, 4; T. Brewis, 5; W. Story (conductor), 6. Another 720 Bob Minor. *W. R. Brewis (aged 14), 1; W. Brewis, 2; J. Lowery (Consett), 3; H. Tyson, 4; D. Wilkinson (Consett), 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. *First 720. A 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. F. Lowe, 1; T. Brewis, 2; *J. W. Nicholson, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; *R. Mordue, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Another 720 Bob Minor. G. Stark, 1; J. Lowery, 2; J. W. Nicholson, 3; R. Mordue, 4; D. Wilkinson, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Brewis, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; J. W. Nicholson, 3; T. Brewis, 4; R. Mordue, 5; W. Holmes, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT WANTAGE, BERKS.

On Thursday, December 29th, a most interesting service was held in the parish church, the occasion being the dedication of the new bells which have lately been added to the six already in the tower, to complete the octave, and the re-opening of the belfry. For a long time past the energetic vicar (the Rev. T. H. Archer Houblon) has been most anxious to see this work completed, and in answer to his earnest appeal to the parishioners and other friends, a sufficient sum was obtained to warrant the undertaking. The strengthening of the tower was entrusted to the firm of Messrs. Wheeler and Son, of Wantage, under the supervision of Mr. G. Scott, the architect. The framework (the plans of which were furnished by Mr. G. Scott), is of solid oak, and was fixed and the bells rehung by Messrs. Blackbourn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury. Now that the work is done, the tower appears as strong as ever. The main bearing beams and frames which carry the floors are all constructed of solid English oak, and the two new floors makes the whole in a perfect and solid condition. The six old bells have been rehung, two of them, the tenor and second, having been recast, and two new trebles added. The original inscription on the tenor has been retained, and reads as follows: "Lester and Pack, of London, fecit 1760. Wm. Laurence and Jno. Kirby, churchwardens." To this there has been added "H. D. de Vitre and W. Jackson, churchwardens: recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Foundry, London, 1892."

The dedication service was very largely attended.

Immediately after the service an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was made, but came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. W. Greenleaf, 1; C. Hounslow, 2; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 3; A. P. Goddard, 4; T. Payne, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 6; J. W. Washbrook, 7; T. Hibberd, 8.

The two new bells are the generous gift of the vicar.

The collection after the service amounted to £37 17s. 5d.

* * We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

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Notices.

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Midland Counties' Association — Nottingham District. — There will be a ringing meeting at Long Eaton, to-day, Saturday, March 11th. Bells open at 3.30 p.m. E. WHITE, 29, Heathcote Street. Local Sec.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts. — A Committee meeting of this Association will be held in St. Thomas's School-room, Stourbridge, to-day, Saturday, March 11th, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The bells, which have recently been rehung, will be open for ringing. JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

Midland Counties' Association. — Nuneaton District. — The next meeting of this district takes place at Barwell, to-day, Saturday, March 11th. Tower open 3.30.

HARRY ARGYLE, Hon. Sec.

27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

Essex Association. — A District meeting will be held at Saffron Walden, on Saturday, March 18th. Tea (price 6d. to members), at the King's Arms Inn, at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by the business meeting. The tower of St. Mary's, Saffron Walden, will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. onwards; that of St. Mary's, Radwinter, both in the morning and afternoon. A conveyance will leave the King's Arms, for Radwinter, in the morning, and also about 1 p.m. Return tickets at a single fare and a quarter will be granted to those members of E.A.C.R. who inform me before Wednesday, March 15th, from what station of the G.E.R. they propose to start. Receipts for the current year's subscription must be shown at the booking office. Any further information may be obtained from me, or from Mr. N. J. Pitstow, Saffron Walden.

T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec. E.A.C.R.
Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business meeting, 7.0 p.m. 54, Wenlock Street, WALTER BROWN, Hulme, Manchester. Branch Sec.

The Sussex County Association. — Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd, 1893. Full particulars later on. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec. Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

Middlesex Association. — A meeting of this Association will be held at Hendon, on Saturday, March 25th. Ringing at 5 o'clock.

PERCY HOWARD, Hon. Sec.
10, Grayling Road, Stoke Newington, N.

Durham and Newcastle Association. — The new certificates of membership are now ready. Price 1s. Application to be made to the Secretary, with postal order or stamps, giving names, addresses, and year of joining the Association. CHARLES BUSTON, Embleton, Christon Bank, Hon. Sec. Northumberland.

Mr. H. W. Wilde, of Eaton Bank, Duffield, writes: — "Please state in your next issue of 'THE BELL NEWS,' that the three-part date touch of Grandsire Triples, by Ernest E. Vinen, F.C.O., London, is the same composition as I published in 'THE BELL NEWS' for March 14th, 1891."

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal be desired One Shilling additional must accompany such a request.

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD ROYAL,

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, Norwich.

5040.

1 2 3 4 5 6 I B O

5 4 2 1 3 6 - - -

3 5 2 1 4 - - -

2 3 5 1 4 - - -

4 1 3 2 5 - - -

3 4 1 2 5 - - -

1 3 4 2 5 - - -

5 4 3 2 1 - - -

1 5 3 2 4 - - -

3 1 5 2 4 - - -

4 5 1 2 3 - - -

1 4 5 2 3 - - -

3 5 4 2 1 6 - - -

The last nine courses to be eight times repeated. Single to be called at O in the last course of the fifth and tenth parts.

This peal can be rung as a perfect ten-part 5400 changes. The first part will then be

1 2 3 4 5 6 I B O

5 4 2 1 3 - - -

2 5 4 1 3 - - -

4 2 5 1 3 - - -

3 5 2 1 4 - - -

4 3 2 1 5 - - -

2 4 3 1 5 - - -

5 3 4 1 2 - - -

4 5 3 1 2 - - -

2 3 5 1 4 6 - - -

If a bob be called before in the fifth course, the part-end will come up, and the four bracketed courses will be omitted. The peal will then be 5160. In these peals the sixth is always at home.

TWO $\frac{1}{2}$ PEALS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

By WILLIAM JAMES FISHER, Eastbourne.

1260.

2 3 4 5 6 7

6 7 2 4 5 3 2

3 4 6 5 7 2 1

6 7 3 4 2 5 3

5 4 6 2 7 3 1

S 7 6 5 4 3 2 3

S 2 3 7 5 4 6 2

4 6 2 7 5 3 2

3 7 4 5 6 2 1

Five times repeated.

Single instead of Bob at the third and sixth part-ends. This quarter-peal contains the twenty-four 4-6s.

1260.

2 3 4 5 6 7

7 5 2 6 3 4 1

4 6 7 3 5 2 1

7 5 4 6 2 3 3

3 6 7 2 5 4 1

S 5 7 3 6 4 2 3

S 2 4 5 3 6 7 2

6 7 2 5 3 4 1

4 5 6 3 7 2 1

4 3 5 2 P.L.

Five times repeated.

Single instead of Bob at the third and sixth part-ends. This quarter-peal contains the twenty-four 6-7s.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By YORK GREEN, London.

5152.

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H	continued—	W	H	M
6 4 5 2 3	-	-	-	3 4 6 2 5	-	-	-
2 5 4 6 3	-	-	-	2 6 4 3 5	-	-	-
4 3 2 6 5	-	-	-	3 5 4 2 6	-	-	-
2 4 3 6 5	-	-	-	4 3 5 2 6	-	-	-
3 2 4 6 5	-	-	-	2 5 3 4 6	-	-	-
4 5 3 6 2	-	-	-	3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-
3 4 5 6 2	-	-	-	4 5 2 3 6	-	-	-
5 2 3 6 4	-	-	-	2 4 5 3 6	-	-	-
3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-	5 2 4 3 6	-	-	-
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	-	4 3 2 5 6	s	-	-
6 5 3 2 4	-	-	-	2 4 3 5 6	-	-	-
				3 2 4 5 6	-	-	-

Repeated.

This peal has the 6th eighteen times wrong and twenty times right, and was first rang at Erith, Kent, October 25th, 1892; Conducted by Henry J. Tucker.

A 720 OF BOB MINOR.

(In Five Parts.)

By THE REV. F. L. NASH, Lane End, Bucks.

2 3 4 5 6

S 3 2 5 6 4

2 6 3 4 5

6 4 2 5 3

S 4 6 5 3 2

6 3 4 2 5

S 3 6 2 5 4

S 6 3 5 4 2

S 3 6 4 2 5

S 6 3 2 5 4

S 5 6 4 2

S 5 3 4 2 6

S 3 5 2 6 4

Four times repeated.

The part-ends are the lead-ends of the plain course in their right order. This and the fact that it is in five parts (of which I have seen no example in the books), may excuse the tenors being wrong way behind twice.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By FRANK BENNETT, Guildford.

5008.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

5 3 2 6 4 S I -

2 5 3 6 4 - -

3 6 5 2 4 - -

2 3 6 5 4 - -

6 2 3 5 4 - -

4 3 6 2 5 - -

6 2 4 3 5 - -

4 6 2 3 5 - -

2 4 6 3 5 - -

6 3 2 4 5 - -

2 6 3 4 5 - -

3 4 2 6 5 - -

2 3 4 6 5 - -

4 2 3 6 5 - -

6 4 3 2 5 - -

3 2 6 4 5 - -

The last seven courses to be four times repeated, adding a bob before in the first course of each part, calling a Single for Bob w in the first course of 2nd part (twenty-fourth course). This peal contains all the 4-5s, 5-4s, 6-5s, 5-6s, 4-6s and five of the 6-4s.

PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT
BOB MAJOR.By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, *Norwich.*

5056.

2 3 4 5 6	I	5	6	continued—	I	5	6
4 2 6 3 5	-	-	-	2 3 6 5 4	-	-	-
3 6 2 4 5	-	-	-	5 6 3 2 4	-	-	-
6 2 3 4 5	-	-	-	6 3 5 2 4	-	-	-
2 3 6 4 5	-	-	-	2 5 3 6 4	-	-	-
3 4 6 2 5	-	-	-	5 3 2 6 4	-	-	-
2 6 4 3 5	-	-	-				
6 3 4 2 5	-	-	-	2 5 4 3 6	-	-	-
3 2 4 6 5	-	-	-	3 4 5 2 6	-	-	-
2 4 6 3 5	S	-	-	4 5 3 2 6	-	-	-
4 6 2 3 5	-	-	-	5 2 3 4 6	-	-	-
6 2 4 3 5	-	-	-	4 3 2 5 6	-	-	-
3 4 2 6 5	-	-	-	3 2 4 5 6	-	-	-
4 2 3 6 5	-	-	-	5 4 2 3 6	-	-	-
2 3 4 6 5	-	-	-	4 2 5 3 6	-	-	-
6 4 3 2 5	-	-	-	3 5 2 4 6	-	-	-
4 3 6 2 5	-	-	-	5 2 4 3 6	S	-	-
2 6 3 4 5	-	-	-	2 4 5 3 6	-	-	-
6 3 2 4 5	-	-	-	4 5 2 3 6	-	-	-
				3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-
				2 5 3 4 6	-	-	-
2 6 5 3 4	-	-	-	4 3 5 2 6	-	-	-
3 5 6 2 4	-	-	-	3 5 4 2 6	-	-	-
5 2 6 3 4	-	-	-	5 4 3 2 6	-	-	-
3 6 2 5 4	-	-	-	2 3 4 5 6	-	-	-
6 2 3 5 4	-	-	-				

PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT
BOB MAJOR.By F. J. HARRISON, *Newcastle-on-Tyne.*

5376.

2 3 4 5 6	I	4	6	continued—	I	4	6
3 4 2 5 6	-	-	-	2 6 3 4 5	-	-	S
4 2 3 5 6	-	-	-	6 3 2 4 5	-	-	-
4 3 2 5 6	S	-	-	3 2 6 4 5	-	-	-
				3 6 2 4 5	-	-	S
5 2 3 4 6	-	-	-	4 2 5 3 6	-	S	-
2 3 5 4 6	-	-	-	2 5 4 3 6	-	-	-
2 5 3 4 6	S	-	-	2 4 5 3 6	-	-	S
5 3 2 4 6	-	-	-	4 5 2 3 6	-	-	-
3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-	5 2 4 3 6	-	-	-
3 5 2 4 6	S	-	-	5 4 2 3 6	-	-	S
				3 2 6 5 4	-	S	-
4 2 6 3 5	-	S	-	2 6 3 5 4	-	-	-
2 6 4 3 5	-	-	-	2 3 6 5 4	-	-	S
2 4 6 3 5	S	-	-	3 6 2 5 4	-	-	-
4 6 2 3 5	-	-	-	6 2 3 5 4	-	-	-
6 2 4 3 5	-	-	-	6 3 2 5 4	-	-	S
6 4 2 3 5	S	-	-				
				3 2 5 6 4	S	-	-
3 2 4 6 5	-	-	-	2 5 3 6 4	-	-	-
2 4 3 6 5	-	-	-	2 3 5 6 4	-	-	S
2 3 4 6 5	S	-	-	3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-
3 4 2 6 5	-	-	-	5 2 3 6 4	-	-	-
4 2 3 6 5	-	-	-	5 3 2 6 4	-	-	S
4 3 2 6 5	S	-	-				
				3 2 4 5 6	S	S	-
6 2 3 4 5	-	-	-	2 4 3 5 6	-	-	-
2 3 6 4 5	-	-	-	2 3 4 5 6	-	-	-

By calling the 3rd division thus, it reduces it to 5152;—

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

This latter number was first rung at St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, January 9th, 1893, conducted by C. L. Routledge.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE
TRIPLES.By J. B. FENTON, *Lincoln.*

1893.

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

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

Four times repeated; single for the last bob in the fifth part brings the change 1325467, the bells will come round at hand next change by letting 6-7 lie still.

A 720 OF COLLEGE SINGLE.

By T. MILLINGTON, *Clay Cross, Derbyshire.*

3 5 6 4 2
5 4 2 6 3
4 6 3 2 5
6 2 5 3 4
— 2 3 6 4 5
3 4 5 6 2
4 6 2 5 3
6 5 3 2 4
5 2 4 3 6
— 2 3 5 6 4
3 6 4 5 2
6 5 2 4 3
5 4 3 2 6
S 4 2 6 5 3
2 5 3 6 4
5 6 4 3 2
6 3 2 4 5
3 4 5 2 6
— 4 2 3 6 5
2 6 5 3 4
3 5 2 4 6
5 4 6 2 3
S 4 2 3 5 6
2 5 6 3 4
5 3 4 6 2
3 6 2 4 5
6 4 5 2 3
— 4 2 6 3 5
S 2 3 5 4 6

Repeated: with the calls strictly the reverse way in the second part.

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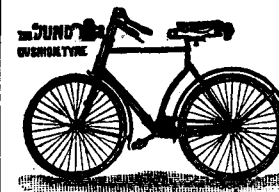
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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1893

THE St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham has again celebrated that annual festivity the object of which is to keep fresh the memory of the late Mr. HENRY JOHNSON. This festival has, we are glad to say, again been a success, thanks to the exertions and management of the Hon. Secretary of the Guild, Mr. W. H. GODDEN. A full account of the proceedings is recorded elsewhere; but we cannot refrain from alluding to some of the observations of the Chairman—Mr. WILLIAM SNOWDON—on the occasion. In proposing the usual loyal toast happily much in vogue with ringers, he referred to two prominent measures now before Parliament, which he defined as "the thin end of the wedge for the disintegration of the Empire, and the Disestablishment of the National Church." Many of our readers will no doubt remember that on more than one occasion we have referred to the efforts being made from time to time to prepare the way for Disestablishment. Now, we know, the attack is made. The Welsh Suspensory Bill may be regarded as the assault on the outworks, to be followed—if successful—by a more determined onslaught.

This question ought not to be looked upon by the ringers of England from a party standpoint. Every one who is anxious to preserve the bells of our Church to their present uses will not act consistently or conscientiously if they neglect to throw every obstacle in the way of those who would despoil the Church. Political principles should be set aside on such a question. The Exercise may be regarded as a factor of no mean weight when work at

the polling-booth has to be done; let us not be caught in the snare, and be persuaded by specious but flimsy arguments to record our suffrages on behalf of those who would overthrow without hesitation, the Church, the State, and in fact everything else which stands in the way of what is known as mob law.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Hon. Secretary begs thankfully to acknowledge the receipt of contributions, in accordance with rule v., from the following sixteen societies, up to the date of the present notice: Ancient Society of College Youths; Waterloo Society; North Lincolnshire, Essex, Norwich, Kent, Midland Counties, Durham and Newcastle, United Counties, Worcestershire, and Yorkshire Associations; Devonshire, Oxford, Salisbury, St. Martin's and Chester Guilds. The Hon. Secretaries of the remaining seventeen societies which elect representatives are earnestly entreated to forward their respective contributions without further delay; and are respectfully reminded that by rule v. their representatives are not entitled to vote at the meeting until the amount of their fees has been paid.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Council will be held at the Clarendon Hotel, Cornmarket Street, Oxford, at 1.0 p.m. punctually, on Easter Tuesday, April 4th. A dinner will be provided at 2s. 6d. a head immediately after the meeting. To facilitate the arrangements for the dinner, those who attend the meeting are requested to obtain dinner tickets from the Hon. Secretary at the time of assembling for the meeting.

The bells of Christ Church Cathedral, Merton and New Colleges, and of St. Peter's-in-the-East will, by kind permission of the authorities, be at the disposal of members of Council during the evening; those who visit the Cathedral or College towers will kindly provide themselves beforehand with the Hon. Secretary's card.

A meeting of the Standing Committee will be held at the same place, at 11.30 a.m. Gentlemen serving on this Committee are specially requested to attend.

The "Agenda" will be published next week.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, H. EARLE BULWER,
March 6th, 1893. Hon. Secretary.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Seven and $\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 512 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. Treble.	MATTHEW A. WOOD .. 5.
JAMES PETTIT 2.	WILLIAM COCKERILL .. 6.
HENRY SPRINGALL 3.	EDWIN HORREX 7.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 4.	WALTER PRIME Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, of Birmingham, and
Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

The Provinces.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES WILLIAMS Treble.	GEORGE FISHER 7.
WILLIAM JAMES* 2.	THOMAS HAMMOND 8.
HENY COLEY 3.	ROBERT WILLIAMS 9.
GEORGE HISLOP* 4.	*ALFRED G. NICHOLSON Tenor.
WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS* .. 5.	JOHN ASPINWALL Tenor.
ALBERT GRACE* 6.	

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS and Conducted by
THOMAS HAMMOND.

*First peal of Caters. This peal has the 6th behind the 9th throughout the peal G. Hislop hails from Woolton; A. Grace from Halewood. This peal was rang by representatives from six different towers.

AUGHTON.—THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 1, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

GEORGE PRESCOTT Treble.	ALFRED HALTON 5.
RICHARD COOMBES* 2.	JOHN WATTS 6.
JAMES SHOLICAR 3.	CHARLES SHARPLES 7.
JAMES PILKINGTON 4.	FRANK STONEBRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

*First peal.

SANDBACH.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES J. F. PENNING'S ONE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES ALLCOCK* Treble.	THOMAS JOHNSON 5.
GEORGE HARDING 2.	RICHARD LANGFORD 6.
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JOHN WRIGHT 4.	*DANIEL TAYLOR Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD THOMAS HOLDING.

*First peal. Messrs. Allcock, Johnson and Taylor belong to Sandbach, the rest hail from Crewe.

SITTINGBOURNE.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. Treble.	WILLIAM HAIGH 5.
EDGAR HOLLADAY 2.	EDWARD FOREMAN 6.
ERNEST W. ALLEN 3.	GEORGE RANSOM 7.
CHARLES L. GRAHAM .. 4.	*WILLIAM WALKER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

*First peal. Messrs. Holladay and Graham hail from Faversham; Haigh from Gillingham; Foreman and Ransom from Boughton-under-Blean, and the rest belong to the local company.

AXMINSTER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

BENJAMIN MUNDY Treble.	THOMAS MUDGE 5.
CHARLES CARTER 2.	EDWIN SHEPHERD 6.
FERRIS SHEPHERD 3.	JAMES MOSS 7.
FRANK DAVEY 4.	*EDMUND SARGENT Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

*First peal. First peal on the bells. This peal was rang as a birthday compliment to F. Davey, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in G.

GEORGE BAKER Treble.	*WILLIAM COLLISON 5.
KEITH HART 2.	*CHARLES SMART 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 3.	*GEORGE GATLAND 7.
HARRY WESTON 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich, and who hail from Steyning; the rest of the band from St. Peter's, Brighton. This is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. This peal has the 6th twelve times wrong and twenty-four times right, and and 3rd never in 6th place at course-ends.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Monday, March 6, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 5.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 2.	FREDERICK I. HOWCHIN .. 6.
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 3.	JOHN SMITH .. 7.
WILLIAM BALES .. 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield; and Conducted by FREDERICK KNIGHTS.

This peal is a one-part in fourteen courses, and has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5th place, and the 4th and 6th their extent in 6th place, and is now rung for the first time.

It was rung on the first anniversary of the marriage of Mr. F. H. Knights, and is the first peal on the bells since the rehanging eighteen months ago. It is sixty-three years since a peal in the Oxford variation was rung on these bells, and nine years since a peal in any method was rung.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

FRANK BOREHAM* .. Treble.	FREDERICK BIGGS .. 5.
JOHN EVANS .. 2.	RALPH BIGGS .. 6.
ERNEST GADSDEN .. 3.	WALTER ERNEST YATES .. 7.
FRANK BIGGS* .. 4.	JOSEPH EVANS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER ERNEST YATES.

*First peal in the method.

Date Touch.

BRAMLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, February 28th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins., being 93 New London Pleasure, and 600 each of Violet, Woodbine, and Oxford. J. W. T. Holgate, 1; H. Gaythorpe, 2; H. E. Craven, 3; J. W. Chadwick, 4; J. Brown (conductor), 5; E. Redshaw, 6.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.—On Friday, February 3rd, at St. Hilda's church, 720 Bob Major. M. Bradley, 1; W. Bell, 2; A. Mellanby, 3; R. Borrows, 4; J. H. Jones, 5; J. Passman, 6; A. McFarlane, 7; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 8. W. Bell hails from Darlington. On Sunday, February 5th, 1008 Grandsire Triples. M. Bradley, 1; J. Passman (conductor), 2; J. H. Jones, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; J. Nicholson, 5; J. H. Blakiston, 6; A. McFarlane, 7; S. Walker, 8. On Monday, February 20th, 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major was attempted, but unfortunately came to an end after ringing 4288 changes, owing to a change-course. R. Alcock, 1; J. Nicholson, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; R. Borrows, 5; A. McFarlane, 6; J. Passman, 7; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 8.

BISHOP AUCKLAND (Durham).—On Monday, December 26th, a 2208 of Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Green, 1; T. Buzzard, 2; J. W. Shipp, 3; S. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton, 6; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 1st, to welcome the New Year in, a 336 of Bob Major. H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; W. Pallister, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; T. Buzzard, 6; F. Charlton, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8. Also for morning service, a 240 of Kent Treble Bob Major, and for evening service, a 312 Grandsire Triples. G. Green, 1; T. Buzzard, 2; J. W. Shipp, 3; F. Charlton, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; D. Bolderson (late of Nottingham), 8. On Wednesday, January 15th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Titt (conductor), 1; G. Green, 2; H. C. Mayne, 3; W. Pallister, 4; J. Pallister, 5; T. Buzzard, 6. On Sunday, January 22nd, for evening service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Green, 1; T. Buzzard, 2; J. W. Shipp, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6; F. Charlton, 7; W. Preston (Accrington), 8. On Sunday, January 29th, for even-

ing service a 960 of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Pallister, 1; G. Green, 2; F. Charlton, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; J. W. Shipp, 6; T. Buzzard, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8. On Sunday, February 5th, a 720 Bob Minor. H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; H. C. Mayne, 3; E. Titt, 4; F. Charlton, 5; T. Buzzard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 19th, for Divine Service, a 640 Bob Major. H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; W. Pallister, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; E. Titt, 6; F. Charlton, 7; T. Buzzard (conductor), 8. On Sunday, February 19th, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but the conductor called stand through a change-course taking place after 5040 changes had been rung in 2 hrs. and 52 mins. W. Pallister, 1; G. Green, 2; J. W. Shipp, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton, 6; T. Buzzard, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday, February 19th, at St. John's church, for evensong, a 252 Stedman Triples. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; W. G. Routledge, 2; W. Holmes, 3; J. W. Roper, 4; F. Lees, 5; E. J. Lincoln, 6; R. Welsh, 7; H. Pearson, 8. And a course in the same the same method on the following evening on handbells. C. L. Routledge, 1-2; W. Holmes, 3-4; R. S. Story, 5-6; W. Story, 7-8. On Thursday, February 23rd, a 1260 of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. W. Holmes (conductor), 1; J. W. Roper (longest touch in the method), 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; J. H. Clapper-ton, 4; F. Lees, 5; A. Hillier, 6; R. Welsh (longest touch in the method), 7; E. J. Lincoln (longest touch in the method), 8. On Sunday, February 26th, at the same church, Morris' six-part peal of Bob Triples was tried in the afternoon, but a change-course caused it to come round at the fifth part-end, the 4200 changes being rung in 2 hrs. and 20 mins. *R. Simm, jun., 1; W. Holmes (conductor), 2; F. Lees, 3; J. W. Roper, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; E. W. J. Lincoln, 6; A. Hillier, 7; H. Pearson, 8. *Of the Cathedral Society, and was elected a member of the above Association before starting. On Tuesday, February 21st, at St. George's, Jesmond, for practice, a 252 of Bob Triples. Rev. W. D. Heelas, 1; E. Hesketh, 2; H. Weddell, 3; A. Hillier, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; W. S. Pennefather, jun., 6; E. A. Simpson, 7; H. Marshall, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. On Wednesday, February 22nd, at the Cathedral, 324 Grandsire Caters. R. Simm, jun., 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; E. Bewick, 3; A. Hillier, 4; S. Power, 5; J. Simm, 6; T. Denton, 7; E. Wallis, 8; F. Lees, 9; W. Holmes, 10. Also several courses of Stedman Caters, in which G. Dixon rang the tenor. Tenor 37½ cwt. On Saturday, February 25th, at All Saints' church, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted but a change-course brought it to a stand after 3360 had been rung in 2 hrs. and 12 mins. W. Holmes (conductor), 1; T. Denton, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; E. Wallis, 4; S. Power, 5; A. Hillier, 6; F. Harrison, 7; E. Bewick, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. On Monday, February 27th, at St. John's church, a plain course and two touches of 448 and 672 respectively of Superlative Surprise Major. E. Wallis, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; F. Lees, 3; W. Holmes, 4; R. S. Story, 5; A. Hillier, 6; W. Story, 7; F. Harrison, 8. First touch in the method by all. Also a touch of Duffield Major standing as above, and a course of Treble Bob Major. E. J. Lincoln, 1. Tenor 12½ cwt.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday, January 8th, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen singles and two bobs). E. Keen, 2; A. Sully, 2; J. Hern, 3; G. Holmes, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; J. Dix (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 29th, a 560 of Bob Major. E. Keen, 1; G. Holmes, 2; J. Hern, 3; H. Ross, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; G. Dix, 6; A. Sully, 7; H. Dall (conductor), 8. And a 504 of Bob Triples. A. Sully, 1; T. Teasdale, 2; E. Keen, 3; J. Hern, 4; G. Holmes, 5; H. Ross, 6; J. Dix, 7; W. Doubleday, 8. On Sunday, February 5th, a 164 of Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, February 12th, a 420 Bob Triples. H. Ross, 1; E. Keen, 2; G. Holmes, 3; A. Sully, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; J. Hern, 6; W. Dix, 7; W. Doubleday, 8. And a 504. J. Browell, 1; J. Holmes, 2; H. Ross, 3; E. Keen, 4; J. Hern, 5; T. Teasdale, 6; J. Dix, 7; W. Doubleday, 8. On Tuesday, February 14th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Teasdale (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Holmes (first in the method), 2; J. Hern, 3; H. Ross, 4; E. Keen, 5; H. Dall (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 19th, a 560 Bob Major. W. Frazer, 1; E. Keen, 2; G. Holmes, 3; J. Hern, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; J. Dix, 6; A. Sully, 7; H. Dall (conductor), 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CODDINGTON (Herefordshire).—On a recent Tuesday evening the Cradley ringers visited the above tower and rang 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. C. Edwards, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; R. Treherne, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; C. Greening (Coddington), 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 30 mins. C. Watkins, 1; R. Treherne, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; C. Edwards, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

WELSHPOOL (Montgomeryshire).—On Sunday, February 19th, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples. C. F. Tallis, 1; W. Maddox, 2; E. Thomas, 3; T. Barnes, 4; W. Jones, 5; M. J. Morris, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8. Also a plain course of Grandsire Major, being the first of Major by the treble and 6th men.

For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. P. Hughes, 1; the rest as above. J. Morris hails from Oswestry.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HOLTON HOLEGATE (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, February 17th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Chapman, 1; A. Sims, 1; T. Ladds, 3; T. Seagrave, 4; J. Seagrave, 5; J. Haw (conductor), 6. First 720 on the bells and first 720 in the method by all.

SPILSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, February 23rd, for practice, 720 Yorkshire Court Minor. G. Towle, 1; A. Sims, 2; T. Ladds, 3; T. Seagrave, 4; J. Seagrave, 5; J. Haw (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 26th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 College Single. G. Towle, 1; A. Sims, 2; T. Ladds, 3; T. Seagrave, 4; J. Seagrave, 5; J. Haw (conductor), 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WOLLASTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, February 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24½ mins. W. Stinton, 1; J. Parsons, 2; J. Pagett (first 720 in the method as conductor), 3; J. Lewis, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin, 6. On Sunday morning, February 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 23 mins. W. Stinton, 1; J. Parsons, 2; J. Pagett (conductor), 3; W. Fryer, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; H. Dakin, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. Composed by H. Harris, of Stourbridge. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Pagett, who attained his 21st birthday on the previous Friday. Messrs. Pagett and Wakeman hail from Kidderminster.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, February 19th, for Divine Service in the morning, 336 Plain Bob Major. T. J. Salter, 1; G. Davies, 2; G. Salter, 3; T. Bennett, 4; H. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Pagett, 6; W. Wakeman, 7; J. Crane, 8. G. Davies hails from Cookley. Also a plain course of Grandsire Triples, on handbells. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Wakeman, 3-4; T. J. Salter, 5-6; H. Smith, 7-8.

WORCESTER.—On Tuesday, February 14th, at the Cathedral, on the occasion of Mr. Justice Grantham opening the Assizes, ten members of the above Association rang three touches of Grandsire Caters each containing upwards of 500 changes before and after the afternoon service. W. Johnson, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Page, 3; O. James, 4; J. Mason, 5; L. Longney, 6; G. Hayward, 7; G. Bourne, 8; W. Rea, 9; T. Malin, 10. Conducted by L. Longney and G. Hayward. Messrs. Hayward, James, Bourne, Rea, and Mason hail from Bromsgrove; Longney from Croome d'Abitot; the rest are local men.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTEMHAM.—On Tuesday, February 28th, being the occasion of the birthday of the Master of the St. Mary's Society, Mr. W. T. Pates, an attempt was made to ring Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples, at the parish church. It however "went wrong" just ere reaching the half-way single. A. W. Humphris, W. T. Pates, F. W. Townsend, Geo. Acocks, F. Musty, H. Roberts, F. E. Ward (conductor), and R. Twigg. The remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial celebration of the day, amidst unanimous expressions of goodwill towards the "favourite" Master. All the above are also members of the Cheltenham and District Guild.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Wednesday, February 15th, at 45, Oxford Street, on handbells, a 1008 Bob Major, in 25 mins. J. Armiger Trollop, 1-2; J. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 7-8. Also two courses of Grandsire Triples. C. E. Borrett, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; J. Armiger Trollop, 7-8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, February 5th, at All Saints' church, Hamer, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles) in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; J. Crossley, 4; R. Whittles, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday morning, February 12th, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), the 5th the observation-bell. W. Airey, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. W. Crossley, 5; E. Schofield, 6. On Sunday afternoon, February 12th, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). R. Whittles, 1; E. Schofield, 2; W. Airey, 3; J. W. Crossley, 4; J. Crossley, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday evening, February 12th, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). E. Shepherd, 1; W. Airey, 2; J. W. Crossley, 3; J. Crossley, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; E. Schofield, 6. On Sunday morning, February 19th, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; E. Shepherd, 6. On Monday evening, February 20th, 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles). W. Airey, 1; E. Schofield, 2; J. W. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. Crossley, 5; E. Schofield, 6. On Sunday

evening, February 26th, a 720 of Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles). W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. All being conducted by J. Crossley.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Sunday morning, February 26th, for Divine Service at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), composed by E. Francis, of Norwich, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 25th. C. H. Sone, 1; H. Denne, 2; W. Ongley, 3; G. Denne, 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday morning, February 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; M. Digby (conductor), 3; F. King, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin, 6. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Digweed, 1; W. Clifford, 2; M. Digby (conductor), 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin, 6. First 720 in the method by W. Clifford. On Monday, February 6th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. L. Digweed, 1; J. Avis, 2; J. Broom, 3; F. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. J. Avis hails from Milton-next-Gravesend, and this is his first 720 in the method. On Monday, February 10th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Broom, 1; W. Clifford, 2; L. Digweed, 3; F. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 27th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Milloms, 1; H. Catton, 2; L. Digweed, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob bell.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday evening, February 19th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. *H. G. Owen, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; K. Hart, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; G. Baker, 5; *J. Frossell, 6; A. A. Fuller, 7; H. Tugwell, 8. *First quarter-peal of Stedman. On Tuesday, February 21st, for practice on handbells, 518 and 195 Grandsire Triples. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; K. Hart, 3-4; G. Williams, 5-6; H. Weston, 7-8.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Wednesday, January 11th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. R. Rump, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; C. Tribe, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Wednesday, January 18th, 120 Bob Doubles. *W. Daniels, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; C. Tribe, 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; J. Lee, 6. *First 120. And another 120 of Bob Doubles, with G. Boswell, 1; this being his first 120. On Wednesday, February 1st, 720 Bob Minor. *W. Daniels, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; C. Tribe, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Tuesday, February 28th, 360 Woodbine, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. R. Rump, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6.

WARNHAM (Sussex).—On Saturday, February 25th, eight members of this Association attempted the long peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major, but after ringing over 15,000 changes, in 8 hrs. and 15 mins., the conductor called stand, owing to a change-course. J. Cook, 1; W. Pelling, 2; T. Andrews, 3; T. H. Beams, 4; W. Charman, 5; A. D. Mills, 6; W. Short, 7; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 8. The above band hope to make another attempt shortly.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 5th, at Christ Church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Foden, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; W. Rigby, 3; W. Harrat, 4; E. Horne, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 19th, an attempt was made for 720 Oxford Bob, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing over 700 changes. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Ann Palin, of King Street. Rung by the same band as above, with the exception of J. Whitmore, who rang the treble.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Monday, February 20th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Webb, 1; E. Bennett, 2; *A. Arnold, 3; W. Sadler, 4; *W. States, 5; *C. Kitching, 6; H. Brooker (conductor), 7; F. Hermon, 8. *First 500 in the method. This is believed to be the first 500 of Stedman Triples rung by a band all being residents in Croydon. Also 252 in the same method. H. Brooker (conductor), 1; W. Sadler, 2; A. Arnold, 3; A. Collins, 4; G. Burt, 5; C. Kitching, 6; F. Hermon, 7; B. Blake, 8.

RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Sunday, February 26th, at the house of Mr. J. Stubbs, on handbells, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Stubbs (first 720 double-handed), 1-2; W. J. Gilbert, 3-4; H. Stubbs (conductor), 5-6. Also a plain course each of Court Single,

Oxford Bob, and Double Oxford. On Monday, February 27th, 364 Bob Triples. J. Stubbs, 1-2; W. J. Gilbert, 3-4; F. Gilbert (conductor), 5-6; H. Stubbs, 7-8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Gilbert, 1-2; C. Dunkley, 3-4; F. Gilbert, 5-6; H. Stubbs (conductor), 7-8. And a course of Bob Major.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, February 26th, at St. Michael's church, a 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; A. Huckson, 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Calthorpe, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 26th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Double Court Bob (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles). T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard (composer and conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. And for evening service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs, with all the 5-6s at back-stroke). T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Tenor 13cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Saturday, February 4th, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, 448 London Surprise Major. Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 1; F. Biggs, 2; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 3; S. Goodchild, 4; G. F. Biggs, 5; R. Biggs, 6; W. E. Yates, 7; J. Evans (conductor), 8. During the afternoon and evening several touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, and Bob Major were rung by mixed bands. For Divine Service on Sunday, February 19th, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. C. Truss, sen., 1; W. J. Taplin, 2; E. Jones, 3; L. E. Collins, 4; F. Jelf, 5; H. Collins, 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; J. R. Soley, 8. Tenor 15½ cwt. F. Jelf hails from Watham Abbey; the rest are local men.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, February 4th, for practice, 720 Oxford. F. Hancock, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Turton, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. Also a 6-score each of Violet and Duke of York, with J. Watson, 3; J. Turton, 4; the rest as before. Also a 6-score each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, and College Pleasure, with J. Watson, 3; G. Burnham, 4; the rest as before. J. Watson and J. Turton belong to the Old Killamarsh company, and it is J. Watson's first attempt at the above methods for fifteen years. On Sunday, February 5th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 6-score each of Killamarsh Treble Bob, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, and Violet, with H. Taylor, 1; C. Fowler, 2; T. Bettison, 3; the rest as before. Also 360 Killamarsh Treble Bob, with F. Hancock, 2; T. Bettison (conductor), 3; the rest as before. And 240 City Delight. T. Bettison, 1; J. Emsen, 3; the rest as before. Hancock hails from Eckington; Fowler from Anston; the rest belong to the local company. On Sunday, February 12th, for Divine Service, 240 each of Primrose and Tulip, with J. Severn, 1; the rest as before. On Monday, February 13th, for practice, 240 of Oxford, with J. W. Mellowship, 1; the rest as before. Also 720 Superlative Surprise and a 6-score of College Exercise, with H. Taylor, 1; the rest as before. On Sunday, February 19th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Cambridge Surprise. For evening service, 720 of Tulip. On Monday, February 20th, for practice, 720 College Exercise, being the first 720 in the method by all, standing as before. On Sunday, February 26th, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure, being the first 720 in the method by all and rung at the first attempt. Also 360 Cambridge Surprise, standing as before.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, January 22nd, at St. Paul's church, 503 Grandsire Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Cullip (first 500 with a bob bell), 3; H. Sharp, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; W. Hall, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 216 Stedman Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; S. Constant, 3; J. N. Frossell, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; W. Hall, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, January 29th, 504 Stedman Triples. P. Howard, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Sharp, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; S. Constant, 7; J. Parrott, 8. On Sunday, February 12th, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Chasty (first 500), 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; H. Cullip, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; P. Howard (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 336 Stedman Triples. P. Howard, 1; C. West, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, February 19th, 265 Grandsire Triples. C. Chasty, 1; W. Hall, 2; H. Cullip, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, February 26th,

503 Grandsire Triples. C. Chasty, 1; W. Hall, 2; H. Cullip, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8.

BIDDEHAM (Beds).—On Sunday, January 22nd, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. West, 1; A. Ingram, 2; C. West, 3; F. Frossell, 4; W. Davidson, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NAILSEA (Somerset).—Recently, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. J. Yond, 1; A. Waters, 2; J. Harvey, 3; J. Bishop, 4; W. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. Windsor, 6. First 720 of Minor by all the band except the conductor, and also the first as conductor. This is the first 720 ever known to have been rung on the bells.

BARROW GURNEY.—On Thursday, January 19th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. H. Crane, 1; A. Waters, 2; J. Harvey, 3; J. Bishop, 4; C. E. D. Boutflower, 5; W. Lewis (conductor), 6; J. Windsor, 7; G. Clements (first quarter-peal), 8. W. Lewis hails from Twerton, Bath; Boutflower from Bristol; Crane, Bishop, Harvey and Windsor from Wraxall; the rest belong to the local company.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Saturday, February 11th, at St. Mary's without-the-walls, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. J. Wright, 1; A. Wilson, 2; R. Langford, 3; A. Jarvis, 4; A. Griffiths (Chester), 5; J. Dillon (Bromborough), 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Dudley, 8.

CREWE (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, February 14th, for practice at Christ Church, 1074 Grandsire Triples. A. Dudley, 1; A. Harding, 2; R. Langford, 3; J. Wright, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; G. Harding, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; J. Davis, 8. Longest length on the treble by A. Dudley, and likewise by J. Davis on the tenor. On Sunday evening, February 14th, for Divine Service, 910 Grandsire Triples. W. Evetts, 1; R. Langford, 2; A. Harding, 3; J. Wright, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; G. Harding, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Dudley, 8. On Tuesday, February 28th, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. A. Dudley, 1; A. Harding, 2; W. Evetts, 3; J. Wright, 4; R. Langford, 5; G. Harding, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; J. Davis, 8. First attempt with a bob bell by W. Evetts.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, January 25th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). *J. Povall, 1; *C. Rimmer, 2; *J. Walter, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; G. Royden, 5; J. Griffiths, 6. *First in the method. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. J. Povall (first of Treble Bob), 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. Griffiths, 6. On Tuesday, February 7th, 720 Canterbury (twenty-two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Kendrick, 5; T. Povall, 6. And 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles), and 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Walter, 1; G. Rogers, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. R. Pritchard, 6. On Sunday evening, February 12th, 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs and two singles). T. Povall, 1; G. R. Rogers, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. R. Pritchard, 6. On Wednesday, February 15th, for practice, 720 each of College Single, Oxford Single, and Oxford Treble Bob. J. Walter, 1; G. R. Rogers, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. R. Pritchard, 6. All the above were conducted by W. Wilcox.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Saturday, February 11th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Treagus, 1; D. Baker, 2; F. B. Tompkins, Esq., 3; C. Blackman, 4; F. Luxford, 5; G. Balchin, 6; E. Ede, 7; J. Netley, 8. F. B. Tompkins, Esq. hails from Chichester.

BRISTOL.—On Monday evening, February 27th, at the church of St. Matthew, Kingsdown, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. R. Chamings, 1; J. York, 2; C. Gordon, 3; R. J. Wilkins (conductor), 4; W. J. Hinton, 5; G. Stowell, 6; C. Tomkins, 7; J. Hesse, 8.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 14th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs, tenors right throughout). H. Butcher, 1; C. Howard (conductor), 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman, 6. On Friday, February 17th, a 720 Double Court Bob. H. Butcher, 1; W. Moore, 2; S. Sargent, 3; F. Warren, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; C. Bearman, 6. On Tuesday, February 21st, a 720 Bob Minor. F. Warren, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; H. Butcher, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 26th, a 720 Double Court Bob. H. Butcher, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6.

CHICHESTER.—On Saturday, February 18th, at the Cathedral, 560 Grandsire Triples. R. Cheeseman, 1; F. Luxford, 2; F. B. Tomp-

kins, Esq., 3; W. Smithers, 4; E. Ede, 5; G. Balchin, 6; R. Walters, 7; W. Spurlock, 8. Messrs Loxford, Balchin and Ede hail from Arundel.

CARDIFF (Glamorganshire).—On Saturday, February 25th, at St. John's church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. T. Bennett, 1; J. Austin (conductor), 2; A. C. Brunson, 3; F. E. Hart, 4; H. Roberts, 5; F. E. Ward, 6; E. B. James, 7; J. Richards, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. F. E. Ward, 1; J. Richards, 2; E. Cook, 3; F. E. Hart, 4; J. Austin, 5; H. Roberts, 6; W. T. Bennett, 7; E. B. James (conductor), 8. Messrs. Cook and Richards belong to the local company; the rest to the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester.

DUMBLETON (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, February 9th, at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Sallis, 1; E. Slatter, 2; T. Sallis (conductor), 3; F. Sallis, 4; G. Ashley, 5; S. Slatter, 6. On Thursday, February 25th, four 6-scores in the same method, standing as above.

GOOLE (Yorks).—On Thursday evening, February 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung for practice. J. T. Walsh, 1; F. Sanderson, 2; H. Featherstone, 3; T. Whitfield, 4; A. Haines, 5; F. Tate, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8. Longest length in the method by all the company, who only commenced to ring Grandsire three weeks previously. On Sunday evening, February 26th, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. West, 1; J. T. Walsh, 2; the rest as before.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, February 13th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. H. Spink, 1; T. H. Clark, 2; J. Hilton, 3; S. C. Shinner (conductor), 4; W. Dickinson, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; K. Houlden, 7; W. Priestley, 8. Longest length ever rung by the local band.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Thursday, February 23rd, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-two bobs and six singles) in 28 mins. J. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Butchers, 3; J. Beech, 4; W. Lambert, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. On Saturday, February 25th, 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. J. Lambert, 1; E. Mankelov, 2; T. Groombridge, 3; F. Lambert (conductor), 4; W. Lambert, 5; J. Beech, 6. First 720 of Grandsire Minor by Messrs. Mankelov and Groombridge. And a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. T. Lambert, 1; W. Lambert, 2; E. Mankelov, 3; F. Butchers, 4; T. Groombridge, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. First 720 of Bob Minor by Messrs. Mankelov and Groombridge. Also 120 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Mankelov, 1; W. Lambert, 2; F. Butchers, 3; T. Groombridge, 4; J. Beech, 5; F. Lambert, 6.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, February 26th, 1176 Grandsire Triples, being 84 leads taken from Holt's Original.

W. S. Pritchett, 1; G. Hands, 2; W. H. Sumner, 3; W. Devey, 4; T. Pritchett, 5; J. S. Pritchett (conductor), 6; W. Palmer, 7; J. Williams, 8.

Low Moor (Yorkshire).—On Monday, February 20th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. H. Simpson (first 720), 1; H. Jones, 2; T. Simpson, 3; A. Wilkinson, 4; J. W. Emmett, 5; C. Dracup (conductor), 6. Rung to celebrate the fifteenth birthday of H. Simpson. Tenor 15 cwt.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Sunday evening, February 26th, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, 1260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans'). W. W. Gifford, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; T. F. Stevens, 3; S. Lawrence, 4; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 5; C. H. Watts, 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; W. C. Dawe, 8.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, February 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. T. C. Grove, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; J. Waghorn, sen, 3; H. Barnett, 4; W. P. English, 5; C. Button, 6; T. Titchener, 7; W. Martin, 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."

THE WESTMINSTER PEAL.

SIR,—Mr. Bull seems to be somewhat surprised at my asking such questions as I have done. I did not know whether he heard the peal or not, thinking at the time I was writing he was not capable of taking down the course-ends or knowing whether they were out or in course, even if he saw the figures that some one else took down. As to the trueness of the peal it is to my satisfaction and the majority of the band if not all, that rang it, and it will puzzle his colleagues to prove it false. Before he writes again it would be as well for him to write on his own authority and to understand what he is writing about, and not to be put up to do so on the authority of others, but let them do their own work, and not to be so simple as to do it for them.

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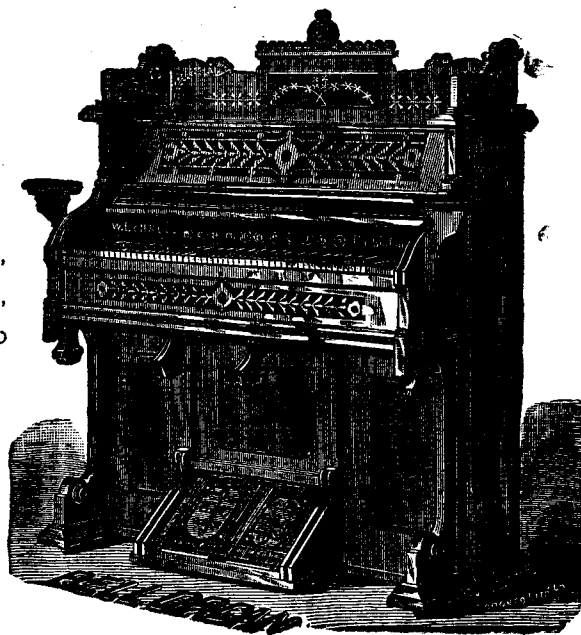
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Summary of the Report presented at the Forty-fourth Annual Meeting held on 2nd March, 1893.

THE DIRECTORS have much pleasure in presenting their Report and Accounts for the year 1892.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 56,912, assuring the sum of £5,886,889, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £319,948.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,665,611, being an increase of £222,865 over the year 1891.

The Claims of the year amounted to £418,667. The number of Deaths was 2,932, and 117 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force was 301,643.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £3,849,157, being an increase of £160,819.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,602,816. The number of Deaths was 178,231 and 1,230 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policyholders of five years' standing, who have desired to discontinue their payments, was 47,395, the number in force being 288,493.

The total number of Policies in force was 10,105,877: the average duration of them is seven years.

The total Assets of the Company, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £16,309,652, being an increase of £1,686,025 over those of 1891.

The Directors have since 1886 been considering a plan whereby the great labour and expense attendant upon the Quinquennial Valuation might be lessened, and have now matured a system of recording and classifying the risks in both Branches from day to day in such a manner as to make the work of actual valuation possible at any moment at a comparatively small cost.

The Directors therefore determined to exercise the power recently conferred upon them by the Shareholders, and a complete valuation for the past year has been made with the following results:—

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The valuation of this 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 surplus of Assets over Liabilities amounts to £369,500.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The valuation of this 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.

The surplus of Assets over Liabilities amounts to 294,609.

The total surplus of the two Branches is £664,109, out of which it is proposed to carry forward £270,000 (£70,000 from the Ordinary Branch and £200,000 from the Industrial), leaving £394,109 for distribution among the participating Policyholders and Shareholders, in accordance with the Regulations of the Company under its special Act of Parliament.

It may be thought that in carrying over so large a sum as £270,000 the Directors have acted with unnecessary caution; but although ample provision has been made for every known contingency, it must not be forgotten that in so extensive a business the working of a single year cannot be taken as the measure of the average profits over a series of years.

The processes and results of the valuation, which has been carried out by the Actuary, Mr. F. Schooling, have been approved by Mr. A. H. Bailey.

By the adoption of an annual declaration of bonus Policyholders will obtain each year a vested increase to the sum assured and will not have to wait until the end of a Quinquennial period. This advantage is emphasized by the fact that reversionary bonuses can be surrendered for cash.

The Directors desire to record their high appreciation of the efforts of the staff of the Company in carrying out the work of the valuation, which, under the improved methods, was accomplished in less than one month from the close of the year.

The Balance Sheet has been submitted to Messrs. Deloitte, Dever, Griffiths and Co., whose certificate is appended to the accounts.

Extract from the Report of Mr. F. SCHOOLING, the Actuary to the Company.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Life Policies in force at 31st December, 1892, was 301,643, assuring, with bonus, £33,971,264, and producing a premium income of £1,707,488 per annum.

After providing for all liabilities, there remains a surplus of £369,500, which includes the sum of £50,000 brought forward from last year.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The number of Policies in existence at 31st December last was 10,105,877, including 288,493 Free or Paid-up Policies, and the amount assured £98,214,167. The weekly premiums receivable in respect of these Policies amounted to £78,050 per week, or £4,058,600 per annum.

After providing for all liabilities there remains a surplus of £294,609, which includes the sum of £150,000 brought forward from last year.

During the year £77,000 has been added to the sum assured by Policies completing their fifth year of existence, and £65,000 to the sum assured by Policies completing their tenth year. The present cash value of these increases, and of the sums assured under Free Policies granted during the year is £140,000.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1892.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Shareholders' Capital	.. ..	500,000	0 0	British Government Securities (Consols)	..	1,599,941	1 3
Ordinary Branch Funds	.. ..	6,701,537	3 9	Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stock	.. ..	2,066,691	17 7
Industrial Branch Fund	.. ..	9,073,414	14 9	Loans, County Council, Municipal and other Rates	.. ..	4,119,423	9 7
Claims under Life Policies admitted	.. ..	34,700	5 0	Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	.. ..	2,275,668	18 4
				Mortgages	.. ..	2,233,042	13 5
				Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London Bonds	.. ..	362,145	13 0
				Bank of England Stock	.. ..	167,337	0 1
				Freehold and Leasehold Property	.. ..	937,766	5 2
				Indian and Colonial Government Securities	.. ..	855,387	18 7
				Reversions	.. ..	122,359	19 2
				Railway and other shares	.. ..	600,310	0 9
				Loans on the company's Policies	.. ..	161,075	14 6
				Rent Charges	.. ..	22,090	16 8
				Loan upon Personal Security	.. ..	710	0 0
				Outstanding Premiums	.. ..	269,388	14 0
				Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' Balances	.. ..	49,880	1 0
				Outstanding Interest, and Rents	.. ..	149,402	18 6
				Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	.. ..	317,029	1 11
		£16,309,652	3 6			£16,309,652	3 6

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts and Payments, affecting the Accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1892, 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, 1892.

15th February, 1893.

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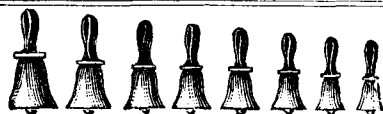
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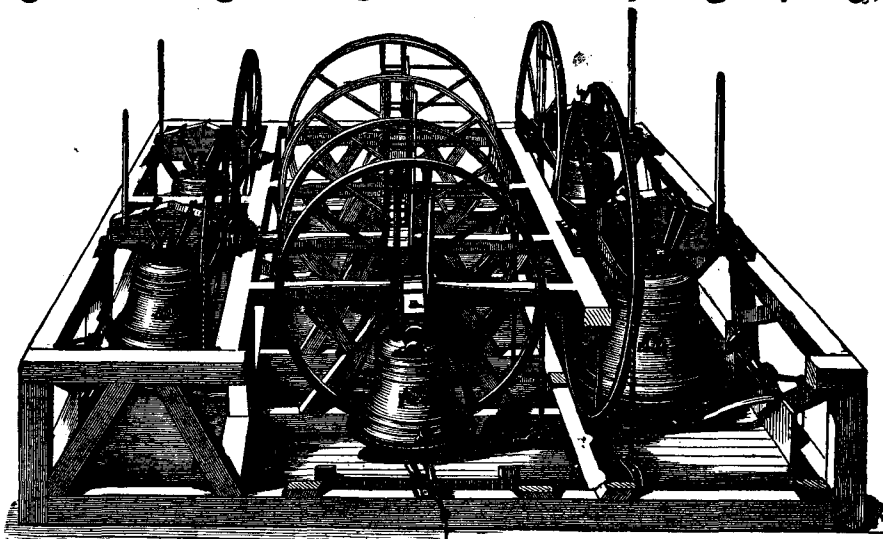
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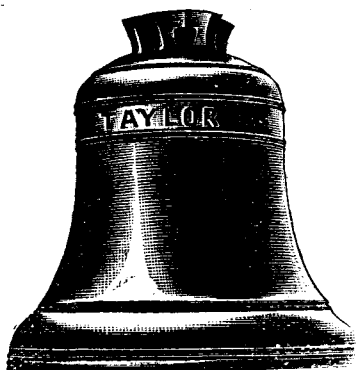
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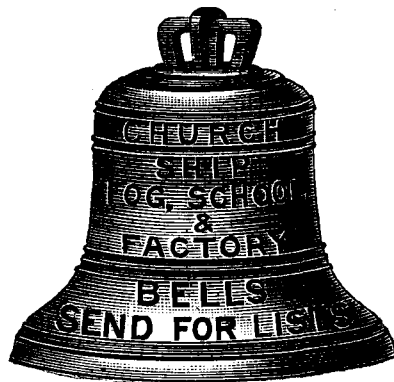
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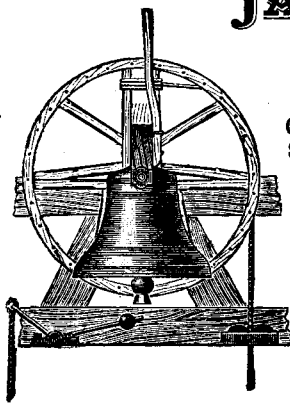
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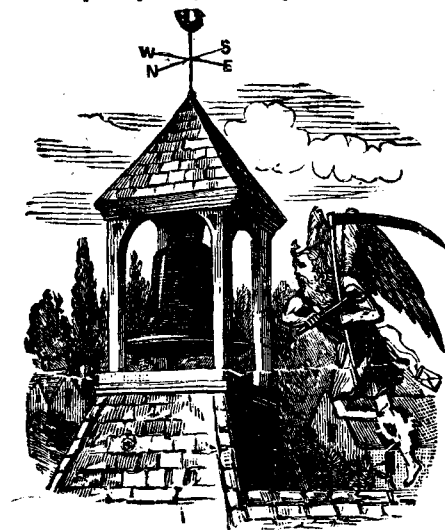
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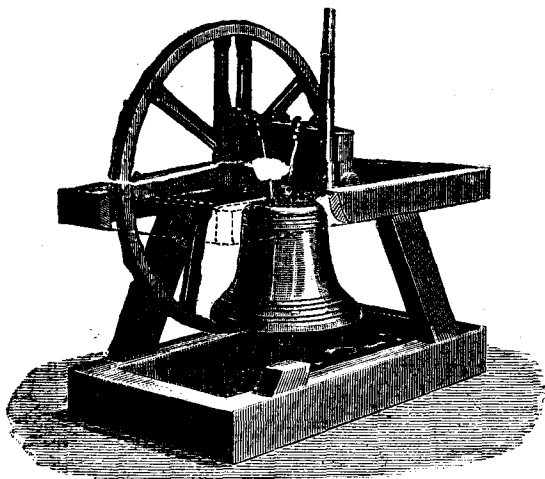
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Saturday, March 4th, will be a day long remembered by the members of the above society, whose pleasure it was to partake in a most enjoyable and successful outing to Axminster. Leaving Queen Street station, Axminster was reached after a very pleasant run of an hour. Here Mr. W. Chapple (who had previously invited them) met them at the station, and welcomed them to Axminster. Leading the way to Morgan's Western Hotel (who by the way is the respected sexton), the inner man was refreshed, and then the tower and the bells of St. Mary's church close by claimed attention, for it was here at this very church King Charles claimed the present fifth bell in consequence of a ringer having accidentally hung himself. He however lost his case in the lawsuit that followed, and so the bell has remained there to this day. The "go" of the bells was next tried by ringing a plain course of Grandsire Triples, after which a start was made for Hollis' five-part peal in that method, and in 3 hrs. 8 mins. it was successfully brought round, and an account of the performance appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 4th. After the peal was over, the complimentary congratulations were bestowed upon the visitors from the rector, Mr. W. Chapple, and the local ringers who now crowded in the belfry. "Go" was again called, this time at Morgan's Western Hotel, where Mr. Chapple had very kindly prepared a dinner for his visitors, who, needless to say, done ample and full justice to the good things provided. In due course Mr. B. Mundy, on behalf of his brother-ringers, thanked Mr. Chapple for his kind and generous hospitality, and also the rector (who occupied the chair) for his kindness in placing the bells at their disposal.

Mr. Chapple very suitably acknowledged the thanks for his hospitality, and said that no one was more pleased than himself at their having rung the peal. A peal-board should be fixed in the belfry as soon as possible to record the achievement. A plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung by W. Drake, 1-2; F. Davey, 3-4; F. Shepherd, 5-6; E. Shepherd, 7-8; J. Moss, 9-10. A few tunes on the handbells brought a very pleasant and successful outing to a close, for by the time the station was reached the homeward train had arrived, which swiftly and safely brought them home to the city of Exeter at about 10.30 p.m.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(DISTRICT MEETING AT GREAT GLEMHAM.)

The twelfth quarterly meeting of the Saxmundham District of this Association was held at Great Glemham, on Saturday, March 4th, when twenty members assembled at Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham, Benhall, Sweffling, Rendham, Kelsale, and Great Glemham. The bells of the parish church were kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the kindness of the rector, the Rev. William Hooper, M.A., and were kept going during the afternoon and evening in the Plain Bob and Grandsire methods. The business meeting was held at six o'clock, presided over by Mr. Fenton Thompson, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Two performing members joined the association. Letters from various members, regretting their inability to attend, were laid before the meeting. On the proposition of Mr. F. Cooper, seconded by Mr. James Edmonds, it was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Kelsale, on Saturday, June 10th. A cordial vote of thanks passed to the Rector of Great Glemham for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and the chairman for presiding, and to the secretary for past services, concluded the business of the meeting. During the evening a member of the local company, Mr. F. W. Heffer, kindly placed his handbells at the disposal of the members, and which were made good use of in various methods. They are a new set by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and were much admired for their perfect harmony and sweetness of tone.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

The Lower Beeding ringers held their annual meeting on Wednesday, March 1st, at Beedinglee. The report for the year was forty-five 720's in five methods, the first 720 being rung on October 2nd, which was the first ever rang by a local band.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,

On March 4th, a representative body of Worcestershire ringers visited Worcester at the invitation of the Rev. H. Clifford, to inspect the Cathedral bells. They were met at the Cathedral by Mr. G. H. Phillott, architect, of Cheltenham, and Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., of Loughborough. Three touches of Grandsire Cinques were then rung. J. Carter, 1; R. E. Grove, 2; J. Pritchett, 3; T. Salter, 4; S. Spittle, 5; J. Smith, 6; G. Hayward, 7; L. Longney, 8; O. James, 9; W. Page, 10; J. Crane, 11; T. Malin, 12. This was succeeded by an unsuccessful attempt at Stedman Cinques, after which a touch of Treble Bob Royal was successfully brought round. Meanwhile Messrs. Taylor and Phillott made a careful examination of the tower and bells. The general opinion was that the bells were not in good going order and needed thorough overhauling, but no serious alteration in the hanging or frame was suggested. It is to be hoped that the Dean and Chapter will authorise a critical examination of the bells, wheels, gudgeons, pulleys and ropes, with a view to minimising the difficulty of ringing bells, of such weight; possibly if this is done and the bells for the future carefully attended to and occasionally rang, the go may be considerably improved.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL AND DISTRICT BRANCH. — The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Welshpool, on Saturday, February 25th, and was attended by over twenty members from the following towers: Welshpool, Leighton, Berriew, and Chirbury. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. when touches of Grandsire Major, Triples, Doubles and Bob Doubles were rung, in which the members of the various towers took part. At 5.30 the members adjourned to the Star Coffee House, and partook of a capital meat tea. Immediately after the tea the business meeting was held, at which the Rev. T. Hughes presided, supported by the Rev. J. P. Lewis and Mr. T. J. Bratton (the instructor of the branch). The minutes of the previous meeting (held at Newtown, when Bishop Smithies attended), were read and confirmed. The secretary then presented the statement of accounts for the past year, which showed a balance in hand of £1 13s. 6d. It was proposed by the Rev. T. Hughes, seconded by Mr. T. J. Bratton, and carried that the next meeting be held at Chirbury on the first Saturday in June. The Secretary announced that the Guild had decided to hold the Autumn Festival at Welshpool, and he hoped that the members would do their utmost to make it a success, as he thought that the committee had shown a favour to the branch by selecting Welshpool for the festival. Several new members were elected, including Messrs. G. Whitfield, T. Rogers and Mr. J. Morris, of Oswestry. Votes of thanks to the secretary and instructor terminated the meeting.

NUNEATON.—MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Nuneaton society held their annual supper at the Heart and Hand, on Friday, February 17th, when a capital spread was placed before them by host Ratcliffe. Mr. H. Argyle presided, who was faced at the other end of the table by Mr. T. W. Chapman, and between them managed to steer the courses clear and true. This part of the programme finished, an adjournment was made to the parlour, where the evening was spent in pleasant conviviality. A new set of handbells recently purchased from Messrs. Shaw and Co., of Bradford, were formally opened, when the tunes and changes rung upon them caused the tone of them to be much admired. The songs rendered during the evening by Messrs. T. W. Chapman and E. Rowley were much appreciated, as was also the selection given on the piano by Mr. R. Measures. When the time for going home arrived, each one expressed himself pleased at the way in which the evening had been spent, and hoped such little gatherings might induce them to stick well together and make further progress in the ringing exercise.

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BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

On Wednesday evening, March 8th, by the kind invitation of Mr. J. Jay, sen., (the worthy steeplekeeper of St. Peter's), a very pleasant evening was spent at his residence, the occasion being the welcome home of his only son after nearly seven years service with the Royal Sussex regiment in India. At 9.0 p.m. the party sat down to an excellent supper provided by Mrs. Jay in capital style. The chair was taken by Mr. Jay, sen., the vice-chair being occupied by Mr. Awcock, and among those present were Messrs. Williams, Weston, Merritt, King, Frywell and Fuller, of St. Peter's, Mr. Palmer of St. Nicolas, and other friends. Supper over, the chairman spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to meet together in this way and on such an occasion. The health of Mr. and Mrs. Jay, and Mr. J. Jay, jun., having been drank, the remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner, some excellent songs being rendered by Messrs. Palmer, Awcock, Jewers, Merritt, and others. Also courses of Grandsire Triples on the handbells. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem, the company one and all thanking Mr. and Mrs. Jay for their kindness.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—A meeting of this branch was held at Long Eaton on Saturday, March 11th. Ringers were present from Nottingham, Lenton, Wollaton, and Sandiacre. Some excellent touches of Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung amongst which was a 420 of Stedman Triples. S. Burton, 1; T. Cope, 2; J. Woolley, 3; H. W. Wilde, 4; E. W. Holroyd, 5; E. Robinson, 6; J. Barrow (conductor), 7; W. Flinders, 8. The next meeting will be held at Beeston on Saturday, April 15th.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.—The annual meeting of this district was held at Aylesford by kind permission of the vicar, on Saturday, February 25th. Members did not turn up in the numbers that might have been expected, but some very creditable touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. Ringers were present from Aylesford, Birling, Canterbury, Harrietsham, Maidstone, Town Malling, and Walthamstow (Essex). The East Peckham ringers were re-elected members of the Association, while the East Birling men sent in their resignation, which it is hoped they may reconsider. Six new full members and eight probationers were elected in addition to the Peckham ringers.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CHURCH TOWER AND BELLS.—Building operations were commenced on at Irthlingborough church on a recent Monday. Therefore, thanks to the generosity of the late Miss Lucas, the tower, with its unique lantern, will most probably be finished during this year. Then will come the question of rehanging the bells, and it is very gratifying to be able to announce that in order to ensure the peal being in future a full ring of eight instead of six only, as in the past, Mr. Wm. Woolston, of Westlands, Wellingborough, has most kindly offered to provide the two additional treble bells with their fittings, to complete the octave, at a cost of about £100. Mr. Woolston is a member of the Society of Friends. It was he who gave the new chimes to Wellingborough church in the year 1887. Irthlingborough bells are at present a ring of six, cast by Mears and Co. 1829, tenor 11 cwt. in G. William Chattell, the noted Birmingham ringer, was born at Irthlingborough.

DRAUGHTON CHURCH, NORTHAMPTON.

A new turret clock, striking the hours on the tenor bell, and showing the time upon a 4-feet copper dial, well painted and gilt, has just been placed in the above church. The time is also shown inside the clock-chamber by an index dial. The works are neat, strong, and well-finished throughout, and every one is pleased with their appearance. The new dial belonging to the new clock is fixed on the south side of the tower, Messrs. St. Aubyn and Wadling, the architects, Temple, London, recommending this side as being more useful to the public, and looking far better than on the west side, where the dial belonging to the old clock was fixed. The generous donor of the clock is Reginald B. Loder, Esq., Maidwell Hall, Northampton. The makers, who also fixed the clock, were Messrs. W. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, of Leeds, Yorks, who are erecting new clocks at the Catholic Cathedral, Cambridge; the Institute, Grassington, for His Grace the Duke of Devonshire; Copt Hewick, near Ripon; illuminated clock for York, etc.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, March 4th, at Tunstall. There was a very good attendance of members, over thirty being present from the following towers: Hanley, Wolstanton, Leek, Longton, Bucknall, Kidsgrove, and Tunstall. Ringing commenced shortly after four o'clock, and consisted of short touches of Bob and Grandsire Minor. At six o'clock tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, presided over by the vicar, the Rev. A. Penny, who along with the churchwardens had kindly defrayed the expense of the tea, to which the members did full justice. A hearty vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for their kindness was then proposed and carried unanimously by the members present. An adjournment was then made to the tower, and the evening was spent in ringing.

A curious and highly interesting relic has been discovered at Portsmouth. During some recent dredging operations, an old ship's bell, minus both ear and tongue, was dragged up out of the mud at the bottom of the harbour, and a careful examination revealed the inscription, "Richard Carew, 1622," upon it. The bell was handed over to Admiral the Earl of Clanwilliam, commander-in-chief at Portsmouth, in whose possession it remains for the present, but it will shortly be forwarded to an old west country family, to one of whose ancestors it is believed to have originally belonged. Inquiries instituted by the naval authorities leave little if any doubt that it was cast for use on board a privateer vessel at Plymouth nearly three centuries ago by one Richard Carew. How the bell came to be at the bottom of Portsmouth Harbour it is impossible to determine, nor is there any evidence to show how long it had been embedded in the mud. Appearances, however, indicate that it had been submerged for a great number of years, but it is in a good state of preservation, the inscription upon it being remarkably distinct.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Council will be held at the Clarendon Hotel, Cornmarket Street, Oxford, at 1.0 p.m. punctually, on Easter Tuesday, April 4th. A dinner will be provided at 2s. 6d. a head immediately after the meeting. To facilitate arrangements for the dinner, members attending the Council are requested to obtain tickets from the Hon. Secretary at the time of assembling for the meeting.

Permission to ring during the evening at Christ Church Cathedral, Merton and New Colleges, and at the church of St. Peter-in-the-East, has been most kindly granted by the respective authorities. Members visiting the Cathedral or College towers should provide themselves beforehand with the Hon. Secretary's card. A meeting of the Standing Committee will be held previous to the meeting of the Council, at the same place, at 11.30 a.m. Gentlemen serving on this Committee are specially requested to attend.

Hon. Secretaries of societies who have not yet remitted the subscription of 2s. 6d. for each elected Representative, are reminded that, by Rule v. their Representatives are not entitled to vote at the Meeting until the amount has been paid. The necessary sum should, therefore, be at once forwarded to the Hon. Secretary of the Council—Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

AGENDA.

- 1.—Statement of accounts.
- 2.—To receive and consider a further Report from the Committee appointed to obtain adequate recognition of the Exercise at the hands of the Church Congress.
- 3.—To receive and consider the Report of the Standing Committee on the preparation and publication of a Bibliography or Catalogue of works relating to Bells and Ringing.
- 4.—To receive and consider the Report of the Committee appointed: (a) to draw up a scheme for the classification of compositions of 5000 changes and upwards, and (b) to pronounce as to the call or calls to be deemed proper to each method.

On the presentation of this Report, attention will be called to the omission from many Association Reports of any clue to the compositions performed by such Associations.

To be moved and discussed:—

- 5.—That the following addition be made to the definition of a valid peal on seven bells:—"Nevertheless, a performance on seven bells, without the addition of a covering bell, is to be discountenanced, and is unworthy of record."

- 6.—That an addition be made to the definition of a peal on six bells, allowing the admissibility of fourteen 360s, or any greater number of true portions of different Minor methods, no two being the same.

- 7.—That it is desirable, when a band of ringers belonging to more than one Association meet to ring a peal, that they should decide beforehand to which Association such peal should be credited; and that for the future no peal shall be published under the name of more than one Association.

- 8.—Attention will be called to the prevalent system of electing Association Members in the tower, and to the desirability of limiting elections to occasions on which a Business Meeting of the Association is held.

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THE FATE OF THE BAND.

There once was a band of accomplished ringers,
Whose fame was the talk of the town;
They'd the method, 'twas said, at the tips of their fingers,
And "THE BELL NEWS" had heard their renown.

How they got this renown 'twould be hard to say—
But they boasted so much of their power,
That everyone listened—and day by day
They thought themselves greater each hour.

When each to his shop or his work went by day,
He'd astonish his friends and his master
By the language he'd use, and the things he would say,
When asked to get on rather faster.

"Now please Sir," said one, "I'll purchase a gown,
And what is the price of that hood?"
"The price?" said the ringer: "Why, 4-5 down,"
And the striking is sure to be good."

Another was "cheeked" by a very small child—
Said the ringer: "I'll catch you! Just wait!
You'll have 'handstrokes' and 'backstrokes' both not too mild,
And 'into the hunt' you'll go straight!"

Now one of these men was a doctor, you know;
And a patient of his one day
Had a fall from his horse, and a violent blow
On his head, while his steed ran away.

"Ah!" said the doctor, when called in to help—
"You must 'come out of the hunt,' Sir, indeed;
I'll soon put you 'right' for I myself
Have 'taken' the head doctor 'from lead.'"

"Your horse, Sir, has 'changed his course,' too," he said,
"And I think he must have gone 'home';"
But he's 'made,' I see, his 'two blows' on your head,
And he's 'dodging,' I think, with your groom!"

The parson, too, was an elegant ringer—
Said he from the pulpit one day,
While with serious mien he held up his finger—
"My friends, it grieves me to say—

That lately I've noticed you're not going 'right'—
I'm 'dodging up,' and you 'down'—
If you'd keep, as it were, my 'rope in sight,'
And 'course' me all over the town—

You can't go far 'wrong'—the word 'home' I shall sound,
And then 'up behind' me you'll go;
With a very 'short touch' I shall bring you all 'round,'
And you'll all make your first good 'blow!'"

At first the people admired this talk,
But after a time they waxed cross—
"We'll stand it no longer," they said, "but will walk
These great men right away—and no loss!"

So up to the belfry a party went straight—
"We'll have this no more," they said—
"If you can't talk sense, you'll just have to wait,
Till the brains have grown in your head."

But out of this town you'll quickly go—
"Stand!" cried the captain loud—
"Not stand! but march!" said the deputy—"So,
Goodbye to you, gentlemen proud!"

Without a word they turned and ran,
And never were seen there again;
And where they are now, 'tis not known to man,
It is said they are all turned insane.

MORAL.

However fond of a thing you may be,
You never should overdo it—
For if you do, you soon will see,
That you may have cause to rue it.

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RULES OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

The Standing Committee of the Central Council ask us to reprint, as a convenience to those interested, the rules of that body, a request we gladly comply with.

1.—That the Council be known as the "Central Council of Church Bell Ringers."

2.—That the Council consist:—(1) of Representative Members from all recognised Societies, Associations, and Guilds of Church Bell Ringers (hereinafter referred to under the general term "Societies") numbering not less than seventy-five members. The representation to be in the following proportion:—

For a Society the number of whose members

exceeds 75, but does not exceed 150, one Representative.

" 150 " " " " 300, two Representatives.

" 300 " " " " 450, three Representatives.

" 450 " " " " four Representatives.

Four Representatives to be the limit of representation allowed to any one Society. (2) of Honorary Members, not exceeding twelve in number, elected by the Council. No Representative Member to be eligible as an Honorary Member. The voting powers of Honorary Members to be equal with those of Representative Members.

3.—That, except in the event of a vacancy, in which case the new member shall be elected only for the unexpired period of the three years, the election of Representative members shall take place triennially, before the end of the year.

4.—That the Honorary Members shall as far as convenient be chosen by the Council at their first Annual Meeting after the Triennial Election: but that, in the event of vacancies, others may be chosen at either of the following Annual Meetings. Also that each Honorary Member shall retire after the third Annual Meeting from, and exclusive of, the Meeting at which he was elected, but be eligible for re-election; but that any Honorary Member who, during his term of office, may be elected a Representative Member shall, *ipso facto*, vacate his Honorary Membership.

5.—That all Societies returning Representative Members to the Council be required to contribute annually in January, 2s. 6d. on behalf of each Representative Member returned, to meet the expenses of conducting the business of the Council, and that no Representative Member shall be entitled to vote at an Annual Meeting of the Council until the subscription of the Society he represents be paid.

6.—That the Council meet once annually, about Easter, in some convenient centre, as agreed upon at the previous meeting; but that the meeting following the Triennial Election be always in London. Also that any meeting may be extended to additional sittings on the same or the following day on a motion for adjournment being put and carried. That the President have power, in case of emergency, to call special meetings of the Council, and that he shall at any time summon such a special meeting on receipt of a requisition signed by twelve Representative Members.

7.—That at the Annual Meeting next after each Triennial Election, a President and Hon. Secretary be chosen to serve for three years, the Hon. Secretary to act also as Treasurer. Either Representative or Honorary Members to be eligible for these offices; also that in the event of the President or Hon. Secretary vacating office before the expiration of the three years, the ensuing meeting shall elect a member to fill the vacancy during the remainder of the period. The retiring President and Hon. Secretary to be eligible for re-election at the expiration of their term of office. The President to retire from the chair immediately his successor is elected; the Hon. Secretary to continue in office till the business of the meeting is concluded. All nominations for these offices to be sent to the Hon. Secretary signed by two members of the Council, not less than one month previous to the meeting, so that the names may appear on the agenda paper. The next business after the election of a President and Hon. Secretary to be the election of Honorary Members.

8.—That the Council have power to appoint Committees for

any purpose for which it may appear desirable; and also, if the state of the funds permits, to allow the necessary expenses of holding the Committee Meetings.

9.—That any subject proposed for discussion shall be notified to the Hon. Secretary in writing, signed by two members of the Council, not less than one month previous to the Meeting, for insertion among the agenda. But that it shall be competent, on a vote of the majority of the meeting, for the Council to discuss a subject not upon the agenda paper; providing such subject does not affect the Rules or Constitution of the Council.

10.—That at Meetings of the Council the President shall take the chair, and that in the event of his absence the members present shall elect a Chairman for that meeting. The Chairman to have a casting vote. Twenty members to form a quorum.

11.—That all resolutions having reference to matters outside the private business of the Council shall be carried by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the meeting, and that, in such cases, the names of the voters shall be entered in the minute-book under the respective headings of "Ayes" and "Noes." Each member, whether Representative or Honorary, to have one vote.

12.—That full notice of the date, arrangements, and agenda for each meeting shall be advertised in the ringing papers fourteen days approximately previous to such meeting; but that it be not incumbent on the Hon. Secretary to send private notice to each Member. Also that the names of the members present, and the business transacted at each meeting, be entered in the minute-book and reported to the ringing papers.

13.—That at each Annual Meeting the Hon. Secretary shall present a statement of accounts of the previous year, which shall be examined and passed by the meeting.

14.—That alterations in the Rules of the Council shall be made only at the Annual Meetings, and that every notice of a proposed alteration shall be sent to the Hon. Secretary, signed by two members of the Council, not less than one month before the meeting. The Secretary to take care that such notices be duly advertised among the other agenda.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting was recently held at Helmshore, and was well attended by members from Bacup, Helmshore, Rawtenstall, Ramsbottom and Waterfoot. The chair was taken by Mr. H. H. Nutter, in the absence of the vicar. Three new members were elected, and votes of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and belfry, and to the chairman was passed. Touches of Grandsire Triples, College Single, and a 720 of Bob Minor were rung. J. Sutcliffe, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; Z. Lord, 4; H. H. Nutter, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above was held at St. Thomas's, Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, March 4th, when a good number of members and ringing friends were present. Mr. S. Stott was voted to the chair. One new member was elected, and the place of next meeting was fixed for April 8th, at St. Mary's, Balderstone. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the chairman. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, Treble Bob Minor, and 1248 of Kent Treble Bob Major, brought a very successful evening to a close.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday evening, February 14th, the annual dinner of the local society took place at the Queen's Head hotel. Mr. G. H. Barnett (captain) occupied the chair, and several friends were present. The dinner, which was an excellent one in all respects, was served in Mrs. Floater's well-known style. After the repast, toasts, songs, recitations, and several touches on the handbells were given. The following contributed to the harmony of the evening: Messrs. A. Le Clercq, A. Headey, J. Harding, Tovey, G. R. Waterson, H. L. Garfath, A. White, and C. Fry.

Notices.

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Essex Association.—A District meeting will be held at Saffron Walden, to-day, Saturday, March 18th. Tea (price 6d. to members), at the King's Arms Inn, at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by the business meeting. The tower of St. Mary's, Saffron Walden, will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. onwards; that of St. Mary's, Radwinter, both in the morning and afternoon. A conveyance will leave the King's Arms, for Radwinter, in the morning, and also about 1 p.m. Receipts for the current year's subscription must be shown at the book-keeping office. Any further information may be obtained from me, or from Mr. N. J. Pitstow, Saffron Walden.

T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec. E.A.C.R.*
Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe, to-day, Saturday, March 18th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business meeting, 7.0 p.m.
54, Wenlock Street, WALTER BROWN,
Hulme, Manchester. Branch Sec.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The yearly meeting of this Society will be held at headquarters, St. Peter's parish church, Leeds, on Saturday, March 25th. Ringing to commence at 3 prompt for service touch to 4 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. at the Old Royal Oak, Kirkgate. Election of officers, adoption of balance-sheet, etc.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

The Sussex County Association.—Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd, 1893. Full particulars later on. GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*
Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

Middlesex Association.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Hendon, on Saturday, March 25th. Ringing at 5 o'clock.
PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Grayling Road, Stoke Newington, N.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The new certificates of membership are now ready. Price 1s. Application to be made to the Secretary, with postal order or stamps, giving names, addresses, and year of joining the Association.
CHARLES BUSTON, *Hon. Sec.*
Embleton, Christon Bank, Northumberland.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, April 3rd, 1893. Local Secretaries are requested to communicate with the Hon. Sec. in accordance with rules 6 and 10. Full particulars will be announced next week.

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

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Epsom on Easter Monday. Details later. E. G. BURR.
Croydon.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Annual Meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday. Special service, St. Paul's church at 3 p.m.

Preacher, Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Tea 4.30, All Hallows' Mission Room. Business meeting after tea. Local Secretaries are requested to send in probable numbers attending as early as possible to W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*
Milton Bryant Rectory.

Midland Counties' Association.—The eleventh Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Leicester, on Easter Monday, April 3rd, 1893, when the following towers will be open for ringing from 10.0 a.m., viz.—St. Margaret's and St. Martin's (ten bells); St. Mark's, St. Mary's and St. Saviour's (eight bells); St. George's (six bells). Members on arrival are requested to proceed to Mr. Stephen Cooper's, 67, High Street, where bands will be formed for ringing at different towers. Committee Meeting at 5.0 p.m. Tea at 6.0 p.m., followed immediately by General Meeting at St. Margaret's Coffee House, Lower Church Gate. Through the kindness and liberality of the Leicester Branch, a free tea will be given to all visiting members who have paid their subscription for the current year, and forward their names to Mr. John O. Lancashire, 90, High Street, Leicester, not later than Thursday, March 30th. Local District Secretaries are particularly requested not to forward any member's name whose subscription is in arrear, and members attending who do not send in their names by the date mentioned will be charged 1s. each. Bands of eight and upwards by giving three days' notice can obtain fare-and-quarter tickets at any station.

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

Hertfordshire Association.—Annual Meeting at St. Albans on Easter Monday.
E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A RINGER.—We don't complain at the tone of your letter, however, there would be no good purpose answered by its insertion; we fear also the correspondence it would bring about.

W. H. GEORGE.—Next week; you must have patience.

SAML. COOKE.—Which 720 are you dealing with? Write again, enclosing a stamped envelope and we will show you the way.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1893

THE Agenda, or summary of business to which the Central Council will devote its attention at the next meeting, is now in print. The subjects to be introduced are matters of sufficient interest to occupy the period of time devoted to the sitting; but it would have been more satisfactory if the agenda had been of greater length and its subjects more absorbing. Those who have been anxiously awaiting the appearance of this business paper will be somewhat disappointed that none of the un-official members of the Council have initiated a topic for debate. To all appearance the officers of the Council can only be credited with the formulation of the subjects that are "to be moved and discussed." If this be so—which we hope otherwise—it would appear that the proverbial apathy which has been considered as nearly the exclusive attribute of ringers has descended upon the individual members of the Council.

We have intimated that the Agenda provides a sufficiency of business for the Council to discuss in the

time at its disposal. It may therefore with some reason be asked why more should be desired. That the discussion upon what is set forth will be plentiful there is no doubt. What is desired is that individual members should grasp the idea that it is part of their duty to initiate subjects for debate themselves, and not leave such matters entirely to the executive, who we imagine naturally expect that members of the Council will be interested in bringing forward subjects for debate, by placing their resolutions on the paper.

The argument that it would be futile to attempt the discussion of more business than could be got through is entirely beside the question. A full agenda would show earnestness and activity in the movement. There are many questions which could be brought forward, or perhaps it would be more correct to say that there are many subjects which, if not adjudicated upon, may be debated, with great benefit to the Exercise at large. For instance, though the adoption by the Council of a resolution upon belfry management may not lead to the results looked for, yet a debate upon such a subject as the duties and powers of steeple-keepers would be likely to attract attention in several quarters where the attitude of such people is becoming almost a scandal. Other subjects are also ripe for discussion, more in fact than we can particularize here. If the list of topics cannot be all touched on in the few hours the Council are sitting, no matter. They can be dealt with at the first opportunity. Their entry upon the agenda will show that the Council is waxing greater and greater in favour with the Exercise.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble.	WILLIAM BURKIN 6.
JAMES PETTIT 2.	YORK GREEN 7.
EDWIN HORREX 3.	EMANUEL HALL 8.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 4.	JOHN M. HAYES 9.
SAMUEL HAYES 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by Messrs. YORK GREEN and NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

This peal has the 6th her extent at home in nine courses, and is the only original peal that has ever been published containing these qualities. The figures appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 25th, 1891.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

JOHN ROGEE Treble.	FREDERICK J. PITTS 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 2.	WALTER C. HASTED 7.
EDWARD HARRISON 3.	*HARRY STUBBS 8.
WILLIAM WHIFFIN* 4.	ERNEST T. EDRIIDGE 9.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. 5.	WILLIAM F. MEADS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN ROGERS.

*First peal on ten bells. This peal was rang with the bells half-muffled by desire of the Vicar and wardens as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the Rev. T. Pugh, who died at the age of 84, after thirty years' connection with the above church as vestry clerk and curate. Also to the wife of Mr. W. Baron, treasurer of the above society. W. Whiffin hails from High Wycombe, Bucks. The composition will appear in due course.

The Provinces.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, March 7, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HENRY FORD* Treble.	WALTER T. BENNETT 5.
JOHN AUSTIN* 2.	WILLIAM C. JONES 6.
EDWARD B. JAMES 3.	*FRANK KNIGHT 7.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON 4.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*First peal in the method.

GUISELEY, YOKKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6624 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

LEONARD STOKOE Treble.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 5.
JOHN SUNDERLAND 2.	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6.
JOHN WHITAKER 3.	ALFRED NAYLOR 7.
CHARLES PRATT 4.	FRANK BIRKS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by ALFRED NAYLOR.

This peal contains the sixty course-ends, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Stokoe, Whitaker, Craven and Naylor hail from Headingley; Pratt from Calverley; Birks from Pudsey; Sunderland and Dixon belong to the local band.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 23½ cwt.

JAMES JONES Treble.	ALBERT E. PARSONS 5.
JOHN CARTER 2.	WILLIAM WAKEMAN 6.
THOMAS J. SALTER 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 4th or 6th in 6th place at each course-end, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Jones and Carter hail from Birmingham, and this is their first peal in the method; the others are members of the St. Mary's Society, Kidderminster.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, March 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMUEL SLATER Treble.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5.
CHARLES HONEYBELL 2.	FREDERICK WELLS 6.
HARRY SMITH 3.	*JOHN BRADMAN 7.
THOMAS KING 4.	OLIVER GARWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. GARRARD, of Ipswich, and Conducted by SAMUEL SLATER.

*First peal in any method. Messrs. Smith, King, and Symonds hail from Lavenham; the rest from Glemsford. The company wish to thank the rector, the Rev. G. St. John Topham, for the use of the bells on this and previous occasions.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, NO. 1. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT DAWES Treble.	GEORGE ADES 5.
HERBERT RANN 2.	ALBERT REED 6.
TOM ADES* 3.	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7.
JOHN BURGESS 4.	EDWARD UNSTED .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

*First peal. This peal was rung on the third anniversary of the first peal rung by the present Waldron Society, it being the same band except the ringer of the 3rd.

HEADINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, March 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALFRED NAYLOR Treble.	JOHN J. LOGAN 5.
WALTER WOOD 2.	JOHN WHITAKER 6.
THOMAS FLINT 3.	HARRY WILLIAMS 7.
ARTHUR CRAVEN 4.	ALBERT HASTE Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal in the method by all except H. Williams, who is lately from Kidderminster, but now belongs to the local company; all the others also belong to the local company. This is also the first peal in the method on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt.

Date Touch.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, March 12th, after Confirmation, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Henson, 1; A. Underwood, 2; E. Everson, 3; F. J. French, 4; J. Blackman, 5; E. Everson, sen., 6; H. J. Castle, 7; T. Daynes, 8. Conducted by H. J. Castle.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

RAWTENSTALL (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, March 7th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1893 changes), in 1 hr. and 4 mins. G. H. Ashworth, 1; G. E. Rollerson, 2; E. Nuttall, 3; J. Rollerson (first date touch as conductor), 4; S. Holgate (first date touch), 5; J. H. Nuttall (first date touch), 6; J. Ramsbottom, 7; J. W. Cnnliffe (first date touch), 8. E. Nuttall hails from Middleton; the rest belong to the local company.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Monday, March 6th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; G. Hughes (late of Tipton), 4; J. Gough (composer and conductor), 5; E. Unite, 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Foster, 8.

LIGHTCLIFFE (Yorks).—On Tuesday, March 7th, for practice at St. Matthew's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Reeds, 1; J. Rushworth, 2; J. Lawson (conductor), 3; H. Kershaw, 4; J. Reeds, 5; F. Broomhead, 6; W. Sherwood, 7; E. Williamson, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

BILSTON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, March 4th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. G. Goodchild, 1; G. Aston, 2; S. Dace, 3; J. Harper, 4; W. Johnson (conductor), 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Adams, 7; W. Eyre, 8. Messrs. Harper and Eyre are local men. The ringers wish to thank the vicar, the Rev. C. Lee, for kindly granting them permission, and also for his kindness in giving them a tablet recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rang on March 26th, 1892.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Monday, March 6th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1893 changes), in 1 hr. and 10 mins. W. Gooderham, 1; W. Bumpstead, 2; A. Oakes, 3; E. Broome, 4; F. Day (conductor), 5; S. Rose, 6; J. Bumpstead, 7; C. Palmer, 8.

BRIGHTHOUSE (Yorks).—On Tuesday, February 28th, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. H. Wilson, 1; J. Whiteley, 2; F. Crossley, 3; J. Cockroft, 4; W. Wood, 5; C. Nield, 6; W. F. Prince (conductor), 7; H. Marshall, 8. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, March 5th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). G. Roughton, 1; *E. Pye, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; B. Keeble, 4; *G. Pye, 5; *W. Pye, 6. *First 720 in the method.

SPRINGFIELD (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 28th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Gooch, 1; D. Dawson, 2; W. Hawkes, 3; W.

Sharpington, 4; A. Speller (conductor), 5; H. Sharpington, 6. Messrs. Gooch and Speller hail from Chelmsford; the rest belong to the local company.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Sunday, February 26th, at St. Mary's, for morning service, a 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). F. Perrin, 1; H. Perrin, jun., 2; R. Tabor, 3; C. French, 4; T. Ellis, 5; H. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 in the same method (forty-two singles) taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of February 25th, composed by E. Francis, Norwich, members standing in same order. On Tuesday, March 7th, for practice, 464 of Bob Major and 560 in same method. E. Parish, 1; H. Perrin, jun., 2; F. Perrin, 3; H. Germey, 4; C. French, 5; R. Tabor, 6; T. Ellis, 7; H. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Thursday, February 2nd, for practice at St. Peter's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Porter, 1; S. Perkins, 2; A. Welsh, 3; P. Brooker, 4; G. Kember, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6; T. Groombridge, 7; J. Latter, 8. Also 336 Plain Bob Major. A. Welsh, 1; P. Brooker, 2; S. Perkins, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; G. H. Stonestreet, 5; G. Smithers, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; W. Latter (first in the method as conductor), 8. A plain course of Stedman Triples. S. Perkins, 1; P. Brooker, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; W. Steed (first in the method), 4; W. Latter, 5; T. Groombridge, 6; G. H. Stonestreet, 7; J. Latter, 8. Also 350 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Porter, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Steed, 6; G. H. Stonestreet, 7; C. Goble, 8. On Sunday, February 5th, for morning service, two 168s of Grandsire Triples. H. Porter, 1; A. Welsh, 2; W. Latter, 3; J. Muggridge, 4; P. Brooker, 5; T. Groombridge (conductor), 6; E. Mankelow, 7; C. Goble, 8. For evening service a 490 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Porter, 1; A. Welsh, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; P. Brooker, 5; W. Latter, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; C. Goble, 8. On Thursday, February 9th, for practice, 224 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Porter, 1; A. Welsh, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; W. Latter, 5; J. Muggridge, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; J. Latter, 8. On Thursday, February 16th, for practice, 280 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Porter, 1; G. Smithers, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; E. Mankelow, 5; W. Latter, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; G. Kember, 8. On Sunday, February 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 42 mins. H. Porter, 1; A. Welsh, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; S. Perkins (composer and conductor), 4; E. Mankelow, 5; W. Porter, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; P. Brooker, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all. On Thursday, February 23rd, for practice, a 223 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Latter, 1; A. Welsh, 2; W. Steed, 3; P. Brooker, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; T. Groombridge, 7; G. Kember, 8. On Sunday, February 26th, for morning service, a 588 Grandsire Triples. A. Welsh, 1; W. Porter, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; J. Muggridge, 4; G. Smithers, 5; T. Groombridge, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; S. Perkins, 8.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, March 5th, for Divine Service, 1056 Bob Major, in 40 mins. A. C. Bedwell, 1; W. Bedwell (conductor), 2; T. G. Deal, 3; H. Warnett, 4; T. Chandler, 5; J. Aviss (Great Glemham, Suffolk), 6; H. Barrett, 7; A. Aviss, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WRAYSbury (Bucks).—On Tuesday, February 21st, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Day, 1; G. Stanbrook, 2; G. Kirby, 3; R. Flaxman (conductor), 4; G. Guttridge, 5; G. Whatmore, 6. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. Rev. J. H. Hindson, 1; G. Stanbrook, 2; R. Flaxman, 3; G. Whatmore, 4; J. Guttridge, 5; W. Yeoman, 6.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, February 1st, for practice at St. Giles's parish church, 420 Plain Bob Triples. H. Coffee, 1; A. H. Evans, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; J. F. Tarrant, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; J. H. Maskell, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Also 742 Grandsire Triples. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; J. F. Tarrant, 4; A. H. Evans, 5; J. H. Maskell, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. On Sunday, February 5th, 910 Grandsire Triples. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; A. H. Evans, 5; J. H. Maskell, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Thursday, February 23rd, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. A. Hoskins, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. W. Garraway, 3; F. Bissley, 4; G. Wilkins, 5; W. Ayres, 6; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 7; H. Neighbour, 8. This is the first quarter-peal by a local band, and was rung at the fourth practice. *First quarter-peal as conductor. On Thursday, March 2nd, 216 in the same method, conducted by A. Hoskins; G. Stanbrook ringing in place of W. Ayres.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, January 8th, at the parish church, 560 Bob Major. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. J. Woolley (first 500 in the method

with a bob bell), 2; E. Menday, 3; H. Smith, 4; H. Simmonds, 5; G. Essex, 6; E. Pottinger, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. J. Woodley, 1; T. Newman (conductor), 2; E. Menday, 3; H. Smith, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Simmonds, 7; E. Pottinger, 8. And a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major. On Sunday, January 28th, the last 700 of Holt's Original. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Menday (conductor), 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman, 7; H. Simmonds, 8. And a 560 Double Norwich, conducted by T. Newman. On Tuesday, January 31st, for practice, a 560 Bob Major. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. J. Woodley, 2; H. Smith, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Simmonds, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. And a course of Superlative Surprise Major. On Sunday, February 5th, 1232 of Double Norwich. H. Simmond, 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. And a course of Superlative Surprise Major. E. Pottinger, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; G. Essex, 5; J. Hands, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman, 8. On Tuesday, February 14th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. J. Woodley, 1; J. Hands, 2; E. Menday, 3; E. W. Menday (conductor), 4; H. Smith, 5; E. Pottinger, 6; T. Newman, 7; H. Bridgeman, 8. On Sunday, February 19th, two 670s Superlative Surprise Major and a 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by T. Newman.

BURNHAM (Bucks).—On Thursday, March 2nd, at the church of St. Peter's, a 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27½ mins. R. Bovington, 1; J. Parker, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; G. Basden, 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clarke, 6. Also several 120's Grandsire Doubles, G. Alder, E. Carter and T. Day of Burnham taking part.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Wednesday, February 8th, at the church of St. Mary, a 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. J. Elderfield, 1; J. Parker, 2; G. Basden, 3; J. J. Parker (composer and conductor), 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clarke, 6. On Wednesday, February 22nd, another 720 in 25 mins. And on Wednesday, March 1st, a 360 Oxford Bob.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Sunday, February 12th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. R. W. Langton, W. T. Robson, H. G. Dawson, T. Hudson, sen., T. Hudson, junr. (conductor). One of the gudgeons of 2nd bell being broken, this was rung on 1, 3, 4, 5, 6. And for evening service on Sunday, February 26th, a 720 Bob Minor (ten bobs and fourteen singles) in 25 mins. R. W. Langton, 1; H. G. Dawson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; W. T. Robson, 4; T. Hudson, sen., 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. Also for Divine Service on Wednesday, March 1st, a 720 Bob Minor (forty singles). R. W. Langton, 1; H. G. Dawson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, March 5th, for morning service, a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). R. W. Langton, 1; H. G. Dawson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. C. Hudson, 4; W. T. Robson, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. W. T. Robson, 1; T. Hudson, jun., 2; H. G. Dawson, 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 5; R. W. Lovie (first 720), 6. And for service in the evening of same day, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. G. Dawson, 1; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 2; G. Lowden, 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; W. T. Robson, 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. Rung in 24½ mins.

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

LONDON.—On a recent Sunday, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major, in 50 mins. S. Andrews, 1; A. G. Ellis, 2; J. N. Oxborrow, 3; W. J. Sorrell, 4; T. R. Bell, 5; H. R. Newton, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; J. Willshire (conductor), 8. First quarter-peal of Bob Major by all except the ringers of the 3rd and 4th, and first by the ringer of the 4th away from the treble. Also first quarter-peal of Major by the local band.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 5th, for evening service at St. Laurence's church, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Burton (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles (first 720 in the method), 3; J. T. Butler (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, February 28th, for confirmation service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Stuart, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A.

E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, March 5th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Plain Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles), in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; J. Spencer, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Watson, 4; A. E. Sheppard (conductor), 5; T. Stuart, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Wednesday, March 1st, at 45, Oxford Street, on handbells, 1680 Bob Major (forty-two bobs), in 44 mins. J. A. Trollop, 2-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 7-8. This is the first part of a three-part peal. On Thursday, February 23rd, at 45, Oxford Street, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs), Holt's composition, without singles, in 15 mins. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton (conductor), 5-6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, February 28th, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. T. Page, 1; W. Webb, 2; A. Arnold, 3; T. Verrall, 4; J. Talbot, 5; W. States (conductor), 6; W. Hill, 7; W. Groves, 8. Rung to commemorate the 53rd birthday of Mr. T. Verrall, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Sunday, March 5th, at St. Saviour's church, Shipway's quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 50 mins. W. Simmonds, 1; G. Temple, 2; A. Willcox, 3; J. Fussell, 4; T. Grey, 5; H. E. Mills, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; G. Grist, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Goodenough, mother of our brother-ringer, Mr. C. Goodenough.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday, March 6th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure, in 25 mins. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggie, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. First 720 in the method by all.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Tuesday, January 31st, at Christ church, a 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles) in 27 mins. John H. Smith, 1; James Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, February 10th, a 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; James Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 14th, a 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; Wm. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; Z. Lord, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, February 17th, a 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles) in 27½ mins. L. Holt, 1; John H. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 19th, a 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles) in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; James Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 21st, a 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles). L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; John H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 26th, a 720 Plain Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; James Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; John H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 26th, a 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). L. Holt, 1; James Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; John H. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 5th, a 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles). L. Holt, 1; James Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; John H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 5th, for Divine Service at St. Barnabas, Pimlico, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 49 mins. *A. R. Davis, 1; F. J. Pitts, 2; J. E. Davis, 3; H. Warnett, 4; R. Bevan, 5; G. Smith, 6; H. N. Davis (composer and conductor), 7; D. Griggs, 8; J. C. Truss, jun., 9; *A. Dean, 10. *First quarter-peal of Caters. On Sunday morning, March 5th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Sepulchre, Holborn, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 59 mins. J. Barry, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; R. Bevan, 3; W. Whiffin (first quarter-peal of Caters), 4; H. N. Davis, 5; D. W. Griggs, 6; W. C. Hasted (first quarter-peal of Caters as conductor), 7; H. Stubbs (first quarter-peal of Caters), 8; J. C. Truss (composer), 9; W. F. Meads, 10. W. Whiffin hails from High Wycombe, Bucks.

OLD BATTERSEA (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 5th, at St. Mary's

church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original, in 40 mins. T. Comley, 1; H. Swain, 2; A. Davis, 3; S. Baker, 4; A. Dean, 5; H. Hopkins, 6; J. E. Davis (conductor), 7; F. Davis, 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Wednesday, March 8th, at Mr. J. S. Pritchett's chambers, Colmore Row, 1187 Grandsire Caters, on handbells, retained in hand, in 41 mins. G. Hands, 1-2; W. S. Pritchett, 3-4; J. S. Pritchett, 5-6; J. Carter (conductor), 7-8; J. Jones, 9-10. The Messrs. Pritchett hail from King's Norton; J. Carter and J. Jones from Aston.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, February 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Bob. T. Bailey (first 720 in the method), 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheildon, 3; R. W. Twigg, 4; W. Twigg, 5; J. E. Wheildon (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 26th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). T. Bailey, 1; C. Preston, 2; J. E. Wheildon, 3; W. Wheildon, 4; R. W. Twigg, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. The above were rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Hobbs, wife of Mr. G. Hobbs, one of the ringers at this church, who was interred at Bucknall, on Wednesday, February 22nd.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Bow (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, March 5th, for Divine Service, at the church of St. Mary's, a 1264 Bob Major, in 47 mins.* T. Baker, 1; A. Deards, 2; E. Lucas, 3; S. Hayes, 4; E. Hall, 5; W. Dallimore, 6; Y. Green (composer and conductor), 7; H. Springall, 8. *Longest touch in the method.

CARSHALTON (Surrey).—On Sunday afternoon, March 5th, at All Saints' church, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by members of the All Saints' Junior Society. W. Bromley, 1; H. G. Malpass, 2; W. Farrands, 3; A. Bundle, 4; J. F. Wignell (conductor), 5; F. Holder (senior society), 6. First 6-scores by the above Society.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Monday, February 20th, for practice, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. P. Tyler, 1; J. Parker (conductor), 2; J. Rice, 3; W. Ward, 4; E. Moses, 5; R. Jordan, 6; G. Paice, 7; F. W. Rice, 8. On Thursday, February 23rd, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which was lost after ringing 4500 changes. G. Williams, 1; J. Newnham, 2; E. Moses, 3; W. Ward, 4; F. W. Rice, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; P. Tyler, 8.

COSELEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, March 5th, for evening service at the parish church, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples, with the twenty-four 6-7s, in 35 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; J. Fellows, 2; J. Roberts, 3; A. Jones, 4; F. Horton, 5; S. Atkins (composer and conductor), 6; B. Gough, 7; H. Milner, 8. S. Atkins hails from Willenhall; the rest are local men.

EYNESBURY (Hunts).—On Tuesday, February 14th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). J. Jones, 1; E. Clarke, 2; G. Irons, 3; S. Hawksford, 4; H. Sutton (conductor), 5; G. Coleman, 6.

MATHON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, March 12th, 120 Bob Bob Minor in 25 mins. A. Layton, 1; D. Greening, 2; C. Edwards, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; R. G. Knowles, 5; H. T. Knowles (first 720 as conductor), 6.

PENARTH (Glamorganshire).—On Sunday, February 19th, a 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Vinnicombe (conductor), 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas, 6. On Tuesday, February 29th, for practice, a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; D. Thomas, 5; C. Lloyd (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Also several long courses of Bob Minor. H. White, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; J. Jones, 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; W. Biss, 5; D. Thomas, 6. First in the method by H. White and J. Vinnicombe from the treble. On Sunday, March 5th, a 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Lloyd (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Bob Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; J. Jones, 3; W. Biss, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; D. Thomas, (conductor), 6.

QUEDGLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, February 21st, for practice at the parish church, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Cox, 1; W. Brown, 2; F. Knight, 3; H. Ford (conductor), 4; A. Harris, 5; S. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; J. Barnett, 8. On Sunday evening, February 26th, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. C. Cox, 1; W. Brown (conductor), 2; A. Harris, 3; H. Ford, 4; F. Knight, 5; S. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; J. Barnett, 8. *First touches as conductors.

ST. NEOTS (Hunts).—On Sunday, February 5th, at the parish

church, 168 Bob Triples. J. Jones, 1; E. Clarke, 2; H. Smart, 3; H. Sutton (conductor), 4; S. Hawksford, 5; G. Coleman, 6; G. Irons, 7; J. Irons, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

TANFIELD (Durham).—On Monday, February 13th, at the meeting of the above place, a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and singles). G. E. Stark, 1; *W. Brewis, 2; R. Mordue, 3; *H. Tyson, 4; *T. Brewis, 5; J. W. Nicholson (conductor), 6. And a 720 Bob Minor. G. E. Stark, 1; †D. Wilkinson, 2; J. W. Nicholson, 3; R. Mordue, 4; †J. Lowery, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. And a 720 Woodbine. *F. Lowe, 1; *T. Brewis, 2; †J. W. Nicholson, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; †R. Mordue, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6. And a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. *W. Brewis, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; J. W. Nicholson, 3; *J. Brewis, 4; R. Mordue, 5; W. Holmes, 6. *Tanfield men. †Consett men. On Saturday, February 18th, 18th, a 720 Bob Minor. F. Willis, 1; W. Custance, 2; H. Willis (first with a bob bell), 3; R. Mordue, 4; W. Holmes, 5; J. W. Nicholson (conductor), 6. And a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Custance, 1; C. R. Routledge, 2; P. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6. And a 720 Woodbine. P. Harbottle (first in the method), 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; W. Holmes (conductor), 3; J. Harbottle (first in the method), 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson, 6. On Saturday, February 25th, a 720 Bob Minor. F. Willis, 1; T. Liddell, 2; P. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 27th, a 720 Oxford Plain Bob. G. E. Stark, 1; W. Custance, 2; P. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson (conductor), 6.

THORNE (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, March 5th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 672 Bob Major. T. Chester, 1; A. Wood, 2; T. Jackson, 3; W. H. Sanderson, 4; W. Sanderson, 5; F. Clarke, 6; F. Sanderson, 7; A. Hemingway (conductor), 8. Longest touch in the method by all.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, October 19th, at St. Paul's church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in honour of John Worthington's marriage. A. Potter, 1; John Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Brooks (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 13th, for Divine Service, a 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins. J. Brooks (conductor), 1; J. Potter, 2; S. Oakes, 3; A. Potter, 4; J. Aldred (Tyldesley), 5; W. Denner, 6. On January 1st, for Divine Service, a 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. Worthington, 1; F. Morris (Farnworth), 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Brooks (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 15th, a 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. Brooks, 1; John Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; R. Aldred, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 23rd, for Confirmation Service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Brooks, 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, February 28th, for practice, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. S. Oakes (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; J. Potter (conductor), 5; A. Potter (first 720 in the method), 6. On Saturday, March 4th, to celebrate the birthday of the youngest son of Dr. Wm. Y. Martin, M.D., J.P., a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. J. Worthington, 1; A. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; J. Potter (conductor), 5; J. Brooks, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WHICKHAM (Durham).—On Saturday, February 4th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 College Single. F. Willis (first 720), 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; W. Custance, 3; H. Lindsey, 4; R. Mordue, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6. And a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. P. Harbottle, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; H. Lindsey, 3; W. Holmes, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson, 6. And a 720 Oxford Bob. G. E. Stark, 1; W. Custance, 2; J. W. Nicholson, 3; W. Holmes, 4; R. Mordue, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 12th, for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). G. E. Stark, 1; W. Custance, 2; P. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson (conductor), 6.

WINLATON (Durham).—Recently, on a Saturday night, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob were rung, the following members took part. G. Atkinson, T. Atkinson, Z. Scott, J. Pattison (Winlaton), C. L. Routledge and W. Holmes (St. John's, Newcastle), and G. E. Stark, R. Mordue, H. Wills, J. Harbottle, F. Willis and J. W. Nicholson (Whickham). Afterwards they were hospitably entertained to supper by W. G. Atkinson, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Wednesday, March 1st, for practice at the parish church, a 360 Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. T. Lincoln (first attempt at Bob Minor), 1; R. Wood, 2; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 3; G. W. Sorrell, 4; F. Radley, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6; F. Edwards, 7; F. Everard, 8. On Sunday, March 5th, for morning service, a 560 Grandsire Triples. T. Lincoln (first attempt at Triples), 1; W. Emery, 2; G. W. Sorrell, 3; R. Wood, 4; W. Lincoln (conductor), 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; F. Radley, 7; F. Edwards, 8.

WOKING (Surrey).—At the parish church of St. Peter, the following touches were rung on Thursday, March 2nd, in order to bid farewell to Mr. L. F. Pope, who is leaving the neighbourhood. A 120 Stedman Doubles. W. C. Ryde (conductor), 1; C. B. Ryde, 2; G. Ellis, 3; L. F. Pope, 4; F. C. Ryde, 5; A. Saunders, 6 (this was the second 120 in the method by all, the first having been rung on the previous Sunday). Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. C. B. Ryde, 1; S. Stevens, 2; A. Ede, 3; G. Ellis, 4; L. F. Pope (conductor), 5; A. Saunders, 6. And 180 Plain Bob Minor. S. Stevens, 1; C. B. Ryde, 2; G. Ellis, 3; L. F. Pope, 4; W. C. Ryde (conductor), 5; F. C. Ryde, 6. And 120 Bob Doubles. G. Ellis, 1; L. F. Pope, 2; C. B. Ryde, 3; W. C. Ryde (conductor), 4; F. C. Ryde, 5; A. Saunders, 6. And 120 Grandsire Minor. A. Ede, 1; C. B. Ryde, 2; G. Ellis, 3; L. F. Pope (conductor), 4; W. C. Ryde, 5; F. C. Ryde, 6.

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, for Divine Service at St. Paul's church, six 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles, called from different observation bells, in 28 mins. J. J. Marriott, 1; F. W. Stout, 2; A. Oxley, 3; G. Bebbington (conductor), 4; W. Brammar, 5; J. R. Hill, 6. This is the first 720 by the local band. Tenor 16 cwt.

* * We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

The Carlisle Diocesan Conference will be held at Barrow-in-Furness on September 20th and 21st.

The Rev. Dr. Luke not long since, owing to ill-health, resigned the vicarage of St. Matthias', Earl's-court, which he had held for fourteen years. Some silver bowls were recently presented to him, his present condition necessitating a private presentation.

In Convocation at Oxford on Tuesday, March 14th, it was resolved *nem. con.*, to contribute £200 towards the restoration of Archbishop Sheldon tomb in Croydon church, when the total amount subscribed from all sources is sufficient for the purpose, and a sum of £25 towards the repairs at St. Mary's. The delegates of the Museum were voted £1,000 for the maintenance and improvement of the collection, and it was decided to grant books to the value of £25 to the Universities' Mission station on Lake Nyasa, the library of which was recently destroyed by fire. In Convocation on Thursday, March 23rd, it will be proposed to confer the degree of D.D. *honoris causa* on the Right Rev. Churchill Julius, Worcester, Bishop of Christchurch, and the degree of D.C.L. *honoris causa* on Dr. Virchow. The Arnold Prize for an English historical Essay has been awarded to J. F. Williams, B.A., Fellow of New College. The subject for next year is "The Expulsion of the Jews out of England by Edward I."

Obituary.

THOMAS EALEY.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which occurred at his residence in Melville Street, Northampton, on Monday, February 20th, after a painful illness of about six months, during which time he had to keep to his bed. He having commenced his ringing career some years ago in a country village, where they rang in the old style, but after having taken up ringing by method about nine years ago, he became a good striker and safe ringer; always very willing to come and assist in imparting the knowledge to young members, or ringing at any other time that he might be called upon, and his ever welcome face will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was fifty-four years of age, and a member of the Midland Counties' Association, having rang three peals under that Association and one with an independent band. His remains were interred on Saturday, February 25th, at the Northampton General Cemetery, being carried to his last resting place by six of his brother-ringers, Messrs. Mackay, White, Seaby, Hall, Haxley and Digby. On the same evening half-muffled touches were rang. On Thursday, March 2nd, an attempt was made for a half-muffled peal, which came to grief after ringing 45 mins. at St. Edmund's church, as a last tribute of respect by the Northampton people to their late brother ringer.

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."

COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL TO CONSIDER A SCHEME FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF PEALS.

SIR,--Since the appearance of the notice published in your columns in the issues of the 25th ult. and 4th inst., it has been represented to the Committee that were they to proceed to an actual collection of peals, such a course might possibly be held to be in excess of the meaning of the letter of the resolution of Council by which the Committee was called into existence. They have therefore deemed it better to abandon the collection. In announcing this decision, they wish to tender their thanks to all those who in response to the notice have forwarded them references to, or figures of peals, and to assure them that all the material in their hands is being carefully preserved to be handed over to the Council at the meeting. They wish also to express the hope that this letter may be accepted as an acknowledgment of the many kind communications that have reached them, and that, as these have been so numerous, they may be pardoned for not having replied to them severally.

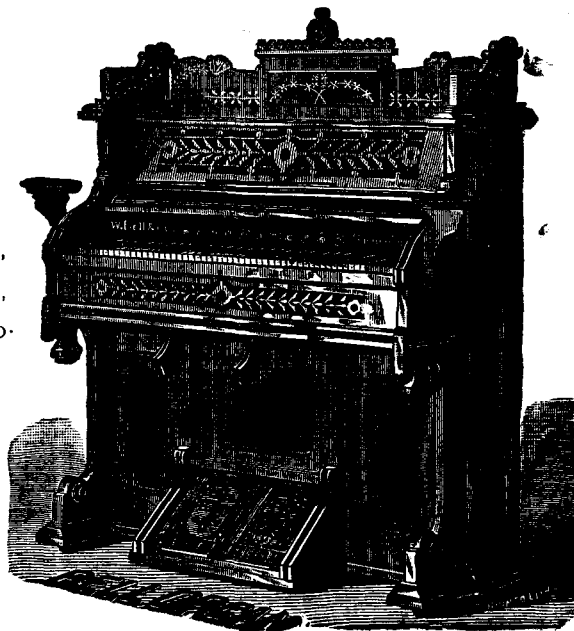
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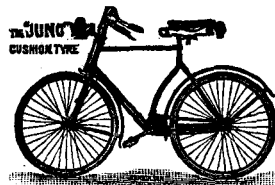
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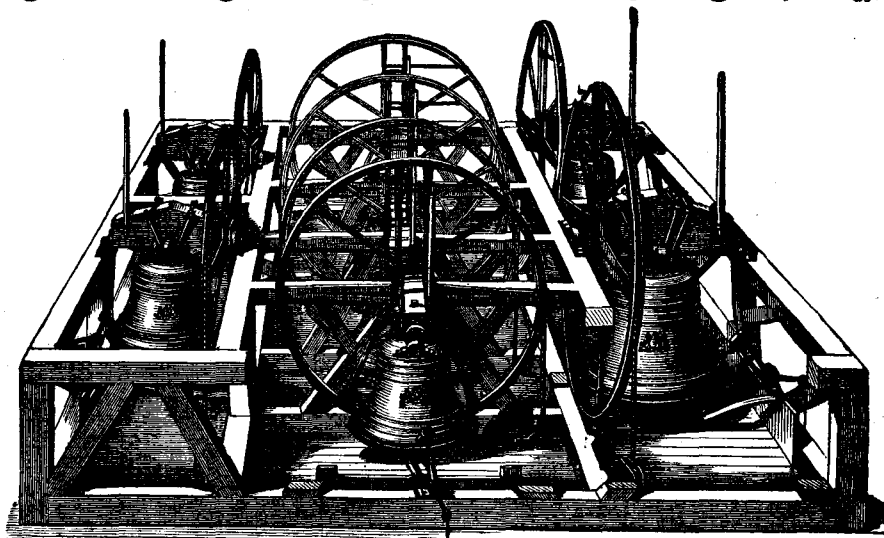
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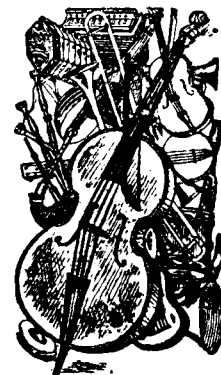
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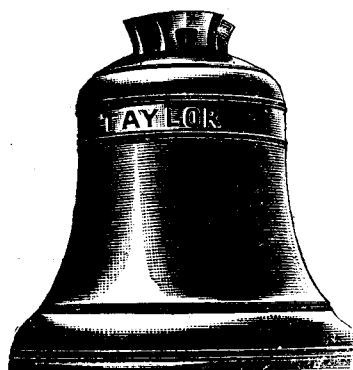
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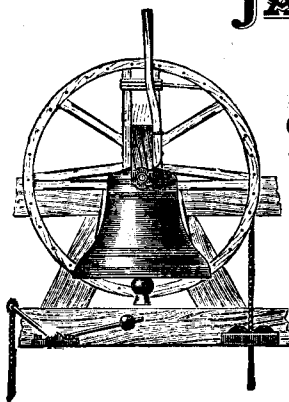
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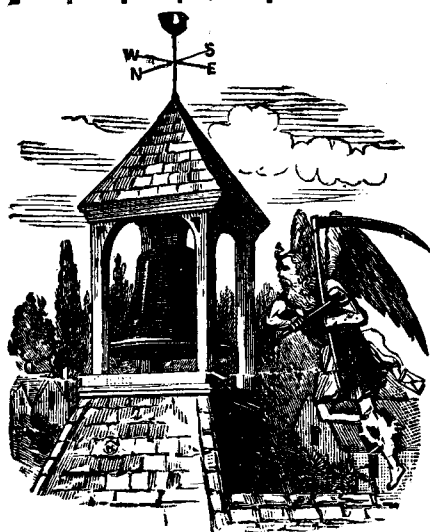
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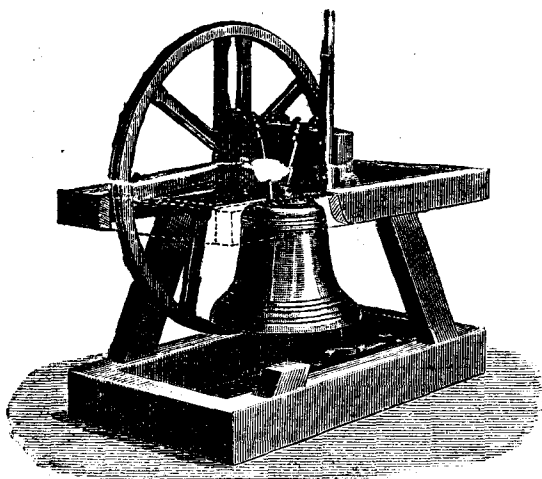


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DEDICATION OF BELLS AT HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

On Tuesday afternoon, March 14th, the Bishop of Peterborough performed the service of the dedication of the bells at Higham Ferrers parish church, the large and handsome edifice being filled in every part. The peal of bells has been increased to eight, two new bells having been added, two re-cast, and all rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The movement to defray a total cost of £450 received ready support from the parishioners generally, and at the time of the dedication service a sum of £150 remained to be realised. Two services were fixed for Tuesday—at half-past three in the afternoon, with a sermon by the Bishop, and evensong at half-past seven, with a sermon by the Rev. A. E. Oldroyd, Vicar of Raunds, the collections being devoted to the bell fund. The clergy present in the afternoon were the Vicar of Higham Ferrers (the Rev. J. Dun), Rev. A. E. Oldroyd (Raunds), Rev. C. J. Gordon (Rushden), Rev. W. H. B. Bunting (late of Rushden), Rev. R. Doke (Great Addington), Rev. A. Boodle (Little Addington), Rev. Hugh Bryan (formerly Vicar of Raunds), Rev. W. O. Leadbitter (Ringstead), Rev. W. M. Croome (Islip), Rev. J. T. Watson (Woodford), Rev. H. Edwards (Melchbourne), and Rev. W. E. Colchester (curate, Higham Ferrers). The Bishop was preceded by the churchwardens, Dr. Crew and Alderman E. E. B. Randall, J.P., and the Rev. W. J. Sargeant Bozeat, who carried the pastoral staff. The service opened with the Psalms 121 and 122, and the Bishop of Peterborough then performed the service of dedication, a course of Grandsire Triples being most effectively rung as his Lordship proceeded to his seat in the chancel, and while the "Te Deum" was being sung. The hymn before the sermon was "Angel voices, ever singing," and his Lordship selected for his text Isaiah xxx. 21—"And thine ears shall hear a voice behind thee, saying: This is the way, walk ye in it." In the course of an eloquent sermon, the Bishop said the work of the Church in the world was not antagonistic to the world, the message of God was not adverse to man's ordinary occupations, but it was still a message of warning and guidance. It was the business of the Church in every age so to speak for God as to find amongst the intricacies, perplexities, and occupations of their passing life the eternal highway of righteousness in which the feet of all men could walk. What the Church at large was doing in the world so the actual material fabric of the place in which they were worshipping bore the same message and symbolised the same truth. What the invisible Church of Christ was to do was represented to them in the stone building in which they had assembled. Every parish church was a symbol in its own sphere and neighbourhood of the eternal meaning of the Church of Christ. The bells of the church were the voice of that fabric, the means by which it was vocal, and spoke that message to the ear. The bells that summoned them to church told them that there was a way of God in which they could walk in the world, through its cares, troubles, occupation, toils, and temptations onward to their rest. That voice to them was persistent but not insistent, and no one could say they had not heard it. Amidst the anxieties of life and the innumerable voices with which their ears were filled was there not room to listen to the bells that summoned them to church? The world had voices enough, and they were not likely to forget it with its allurements, attractions, aspirations, designs and schemes; and that voice in its coarsest as well as in its finest forms, in its noblest activities as well as in its baser temptations, was sure not long to be absent from their ears. The world was a speaker that addressed them with earnestness, passion, and sometimes with frenzy, but the voice of the Church came to them quietly and gently, and spoke in gentle, pleading terms, "This is the way, walk ye in it." It could give them no fair promises of immediate result, and no flattering message of happiness and comfort to be immediately secured, but that inward peace, joy, happiness, and blessedness that came from the sense that they were at one with God. His Lordship concluded by exhorting the congregation to constantly hear in their bells the message of the Church, to walk in that splendid highway which the providence of God in every age had given them. The hymn after the sermon was "Holy offerings, rich and rare," and after the Blessing was pronounced by the Bishop, "Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing."

Between the afternoon and evening services, Mr. E. B.

Randall, churchwarden, invited the members of the choir to partake of tea in the Town Hall, and the ringers were entertained to a substantial repast, provided at the Coffee Tavern.

During the afternoon and evening, the ringers from Higham Ferrers, Rushden, and Raunds, were engaged rendering merry touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Triples, and Bob Major. A powerful sermon was preached in the evening by the Rev. A. E. Oldroyd, vicar of Raunds. The collections taken during the day realised over £14.

The parishioners of Higham Ferrers may now justly consider that they have a peal of bells which in dignity of tone and general musical qualities do credit to their ancient borough, and add another noteworthy feature to the beautiful old Northamptonshire church in which they are placed. The ringers were loud in their praises of the excellent manner in which Messrs. Taylor and Co. had done their work. Mr. Taylor, sen. was present and took part in the ringing. In addition to the rehanging of the bells, the bell-chamber windows have been bricked up nearly to the top, so as to lessen the noise in the vicinity of the church, and the spire lights wired to keep out birds. Various improvements too have been effected in the belfry below. The old clock having become useless, it is intended to procure a new one as soon as possible, some funds having already been raised towards that object. A good company of ringers and chimers has been formed, and suitable rules drawn up. Mr. W. Parker has been chosen foreman, Mr. J. B. Martin, secretary, Mr. A. Martin, steeple-keeper, and Mr. W. Pettit, treasurer.

The Rev. J. Dun, vicar of Higham Ferrers, is treasurer to the Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association, and the Rev. W. E. Colchester, curate, is a practical ringer, and takes great personal interest in all appertaining to be belfry.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The above society held their monthly meeting at Thornhill, when about seventy members in all from Low Moor, Horbury, Sandal, Batley, Earlsheaton, Liversedge, Dewsbury, Mirfield, Tong, Birstal, Batley Carr, and Ossett, sat down to a good substantial tea, kindly provided by the rector, churchwardens, and ringers of the parish church, to whom great credit is due for the manner the ringers were so entertained. After the courses were finished, the cloth was drawn, and the business meeting held, Mr. W. Stainthorpe, President, presiding. After the business connected with the Association was gone through, Mr. A. Goodall (Earlsheaton), proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the Association for the generous way in which the Thornhill ringers had entertained the members. The rector (Rev. F. R. Grenside), replying, said he did not know much about the objects of the Association, but hoped that its members would always bear in mind the sacred office which they held in the church. The meeting terminated, and the remainder of the evening was spent with the tower and handbells by various companies.

RICHMOND, SURREY.

A fine new turret quarter-chime clock has been presented to the new Town Hall, and a set of bells, by Mr. Charles Burt (Mayor), Hill-side House, Richmond, Surrey. The dials are lighted by electricity, and the clock has got all the latest improvements inserted from Lord Grimthorpe's plans. The work has been executed by Messrs. William Potts and Sons, Guildford Street and Cookridge Street, Leeds, Yorks, from instructions received by them from Mr. Ancell, architect, London. Messrs. Potts also recently fixed a new clock at St. Luke's church, Kingston, Surrey.

The maiden peal of bells which have been such a draw at the Avenue Opera House, Sunderland, have been hired again from Messrs. Carr, of the Woodlands Bell and Brass Foundry, Smethwick, Birmingham, for the same pantomime, Dick Whittington, which is going to be reproduced at the Princess Theatre, Bradford.

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ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1892, AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

Position in 1892		Jan. to Nov.	December.	Total.	Treble Bob Methods.			Grandsire.	On 6 bells.	Double Methods.		Plain Methods.		Surprise Methods.		Stedman.		Value in points see*	Position in 1886.	Position in 1887.	Position in 1888.	Position in 1889.	Position in 1890.	Position in 1891.		
					Maximus.	Royal.	Major.			In 7 Treble Bob Minor methods.	Cinquies.	Caters.	Major-1.	Triples.	Doubles.	In 1, 2, or 3 Minor methods.	In 4, 5, 6 or 7 Minor methods.								Duffield Major.	Dble. Norwich C.B.M.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.	Dn 5 bells.	London Sur-prise.	Cambridge S. Major.	Superlative Surprise.	New Cumber-land Surprise.	Cinquies.	Caters.	Triples.
1	Kent County Association	71	10	81	—	1	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1352	10	13	15	13	2	2	
2	Midland Counties' Assn.	57	15	72	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1184	1	5	3	4	5	6	
3	Yorkshire Association ..	56	10	66	—	2	36	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1090	5	3	8	7	9	5	
4	Sussex County Association.....	55	10	65	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1144	9	1	2	1	3	1	
5	Norwich Diocesan Assn.	38	10	48	1	1	23	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	699	6	8	7	6	8	9	
6	Oxford Diocesan Guild...	37	9	46	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	882	2	4	4	3	4	4	
7	Anc. Soc. of College Youths....	34	10	44	1	4	6	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	824	3	2	1	2	1	3	
8	Durham & New'cle Dio. Asn.....	37	4	41	—	1	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	688	—	—	—	—	—	19	
9	Royal Cumberland Youths.....	33	5	38	—	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	798	11	9	12	15	12	7	
10	Worcester and Districts Assn.....	28	6	34	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	733	28	17	14	8	19	20	
11	Essex Association ..	27	3	30	—	—	6	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	470	19	10	5	5	6	8	
12	Lancashire Association	24	2	26	2	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	322	4	6	6	9	7	10	
13	Winchester Diocesan Guild	20	6	26	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	420	14	16	20	18	11	12	
14	United Counties' Association.....	20	3	23	1	—	9	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	286	8	12	11	17	16	22	
15	Society for Archdcny. Staffd.....	19	3	22	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	242	18	14	13	12	18	13	
16	Gloucester and Bristol Asscn.....	20	1	21	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	359	21	11	10	11	10	11	
17	Hertford Association ..	15	2	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	154	13	21	16	10	15	15	
18	St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham.....	13	1	14	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	382	—	18	24	20	21	21	
19	Surrey Association ..	8	5	13	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	224	15	15	9	16	17	16	
20	Middlesex Association ..	11	1	12	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	130	—	—	—	30	20	17	
21	Bath and Wells Association.....	10	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	88	—	—	33	33	26	23	
22	Trinity Youths ..	7	—	7	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	92	—	—	23	21	14	18	
23	Devonshire Guild	7	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	200	—	—	—	—	—	28	
24	Old East Derbyshire Assocn.....	6	1	7	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	114	—	—	—	—	39	32	
25	Birmingham Amal. Society	5	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	46	—	—	—	—	—	39	
26	Chester Diocesan Guild	3	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	—	—	34	26	35	37	
27	Liverpool Diocesan Guild	3	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	—	—	—	—	23	27	
28	S. James' Society, London	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	88	7	7	18	19	25	28	
29	Hereford Diocesan Guild	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	—	32	36	29	
30	Bedfordshire Association	2	1	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	27	19	29	28	29	25	
31	North Lincolnshire Asso.	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	29	35	27	30	26	
32	East Lincolnshire Assn.	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	32	33	
33	Salisbury Diocesan Guild	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	22	20	17	14	13	14	
34	Northern Counties' Asso.....	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	
35	Waterloo Society, London	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	23	28	25	24	30	
	Independent Societies	46	10	56	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	626	—	—	—	—	—	—	
		722	134	856	5	14	155	15	6	41	1	247	—	15	25	2	66	—	66	53	6	3	2	10	1	4
	Less peals entd. under two Assns. ..	49	5	54	2	1	17	3	2	2	—	9	—	—	—	—	6	—	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	673	129	802	3	13	138	12	4	39	1	238	—	15	25	2	60	—	62	50	6	3	2	9	1	3
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The peals in Plain Methods of Triples, Major and Royal comprised: Canterbury Pleasure Major 9; Canterbury Pleasure Triples 2; Bob Royal 1, Bob Major 51; Bob Triples 29; Darlaston Bob Triples 4; Oxford Bob Triples 8; Court Bob Triples 4; College Single Major, 1; and Union Triples, 3. The 56 peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following Counties:—Wiltshire, 11; Staffordshire 8; Middlesex, 8; Gloucestershire, 4; Lancashire, 4; Hertfordshire, 3; Cheshire, 2; Yorkshire, 2; Berkshire, 2; Somersetshire, 2; Warwickshire, 2; Worcestershire, 2; Derbyshire 1; Essex, 1; Hampshire 1; Northamptonshire, 1; Lincolnshire, 1; and Surrey, 1.

The greatest number of changes in one peal 16608. Number of peals containing over 10,000 changes 2 (including the record peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 12096 changes.) Over 6000 changes 10, (including the record peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 7072 changes.) Under 6000 changes 789.

The 238 peals of Grandsire Triples are made up as follows, Holt's Original 61; Holt's Ten-part and variations 77; Holt's Six-part 2; Taylor's Bob and Single 25; Hollis's Five-part 8; Davies' Five-part 3; Davies' Ten-part 3; Penning's Five-part 3; other peals 56.

The 102 peals of Stedman Triples are made up as follows, Thurstans' Original 48; Thurstans' One-part 6; Brook's Variation 21; Haley's Variation 6; Heywood's Variation 2; Lates' One-part 1; Thurstans' Two-part 1; other peals 17.

The 166 Treble Bob peals:—In the Kent Variation 134; in the Oxford Variation 19; Violet Treble Bob Major 1; in seven Treble Bob Minor Methods 12.

The time occupied in ringing the 802 peals was 2451 hrs. 24 mins., or 102 days and nights, the average time for each peal being 3 hrs 3 $\frac{154}{401}$ mins.

Conductors of four peals and upwards, J. W. Washbrook 30, G. Williams 27, G. Newson 23, R. E. Grove 16; W. H. L. Buckingham and D. G. Wightman 14, E. Barnett, J. Carter, H. H. Chandler, F. G. Newman and C. L. Rontledge 13, W. Jakeman 12, W. Holmes 11, J. Austin and T. W. Chapman 10, T. Card 9, J. W. Taylor and W. Wakley 8, A. R. Aldham, C. W. Bell, J. E. Groves, F. J. Harrison, J. Motts, J. Parker, C. Sillitoe and S. Wood 7, H. Bastable, G. Cleal, A. Jacob, G. Lindoff and A. Palmer 6, A. Brearley, J. H. Cheesman, S. Cotton, J. W. Driver, C. Jackson, F. Knights, C. H. Martin, G. A. Ransom, Rev. F. E. Robinson and H. Springall, 5; G. F. Attree, W. Bedwell, F. Bennett, J. F. Clark, J. Evans, J. Eachus, W. E. Garrard, A. P. Heywood, W. Johnson, G. Preston, G. Smart and C. F. Winny, 4. In addition to these there were 27 who conducted 3 peals; 63 who conducted 2 peals, and 148 who conducted 1 peal. Also 4 peals published without a conductor's name, making a total of 295 persons who acted as conductors during the year. Two silent peals have also been rung. Peals rung on Church bells 785; peals on Handbells 17. They were rung as follows:—January, 79; February, 63; March, 72; April, 62; May, 54; June, 39; July, 34; August, 48; September, 49; October, 75; November, 98; December, 129.

Decrease during the twelve months on 1891:—76.

The following table shews the number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS":

1881. From January to December	156	1885. From January to December	500	1889. From January to December	797
1882. " " "	244	1886. " " "	556	1890. " " "	699
1883. " " "	330	1887. " " "	646	1891. " " "	878
1884. " " "	419	1888. " " "	759	1892. " " "	802

*Schedule of points per ringer for ascertaining the respective value of peals in various methods as given in the next to the last column of the above analysis: Triples in all plain methods, 1 point; Major in all plain methods, 1½ points; Treble Bob Major (Oxford, Kent) and Forward Major, 2, points. Double methods twice the number of points as single in same methods, and Duffield Major, 3 points; Stedman Triples, 4 points Superlative or New Cumberland Surprise Major, 5 points; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6 points; London Surprise Major 8 points; On six bells: in one, two or three plain methods, 1 point, in four, five or six plain methods, 1½ points; in seven plain methods, 2 points; in seven Treble Bob or seven Double Minor methods, 4 points; in seven Surprise methods, 6 points.

*A False peal of Grandsire Cinques rung by the Norwich Diocesan Association is included in the above, the correction was received too late to strike it out.

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GEORGE F. ATTREE

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A TRIP TO WEDMORE, SOMERSET.—A recent visit to Thornbury of the Wedmore ringers, who by the way are unacquainted with the science of change-ringing, but are accustomed to ring call-changes, was the commencement of the intimacy which will henceforth continue to exist between the Thornbury society of change-ringers and their brother-ringers of Wedmore. On Thursday, February 16th, the members of the Thornbury company (Gloucester and Bristol Association) accepted the kind invitation of their vice-president (Mr. H. P. Thurston), to visit the quaint Somerset town of Wedmore, and in the early hours of the morning of that day the party set out and drove a distance of seven miles to Patchway station, and proceeded from thence by train to their destination, *via* Bristol, stopping here for about an hour and a quarter. Wedmore was reached at eleven o'clock, and the party were hospitably entertained at the residence of Mr. J. Smith; being refreshed, the church was visited, and after viewing the interior, the tower was ascended, and the bells were soon set in motion, and some unsuccessful attempt at touches of Grandsire Triples were made. At one o'clock the party adjourned to The George hotel, where many of the guests had already assembled, and the combined companies with their friends, in all thirty-two, set down to a capital dinner. Mr. J. Smith presided, and was supported by the vicar (Rev. S. Hervey), Mr. H. P. Thurston and others. After the repast the usual complimentary addresses followed, and an interesting presentation also took place. Mr. H. P. Thurston, in rising to make the presentation, expressed the regret of the company at losing the valuable services of their present Secretary, who was about to leave the neighbourhood, and in recognition of his past services as Secretary they wished to show their esteem by making him a small present. He had therefore very great pleasure in presenting to Mr. Edward Hale, on behalf of the Thornbury ringers, a handsome gold bell-shaped monogram pin. The gift was suitably acknowledged by the Secretary, who expressed his regret at leaving Thornbury. Some manipulations were then given on the handbells by the Thornbury ringers, and afterwards the church was again

visited, and the remainder of the afternoon was spent in ringing. It should here be mentioned that the bells are a fine heavy peal of eight with tenor 45 cwt., and are all in good going order, and the attempts at half-pull ringing by the Thornbury visitors were the first made. The church of Wedmore is one well worthy of a visit from the Bath and Wells Association, there being ample scope for change-ringing. Several attempts were made at Grandsire Triples, but through an overcrowded ringing-chamber no successful touch can be recorded; an attempt at 560 was made, but was lost after ringing some 520 changes through an intrusion into the ringing-chamber, the following taking part. E. Hale, 1; H. J. Thurston, 2; H. Howell, 3; F. K. Howell, 4; C. Eddington, 5; T. Alsop, 6; A. P. Goddard, 7; W. Davis, 8. Conducted by Mr. A. P. Goddard, who hails from Salisbury, and is at present engaged in rehanging the bells of the parish church, Thornbury, the work being in hands of Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf, Salisbury. At 5 o'clock the party reassembled and other performances were given on the handbells. Farewell greetings were then exchanged and loud cheers were given for the visitors and also for the friends at Wedmore, and at 5.30 the party started homewards, Thornbury being reached at 10 p.m. Unfortunately the weather was very unfavourable and heavy storms came at intervals throughout the day, nevertheless the day was a most enjoyable one to all, and hearty thanks are due to Mr. J. Smith for the cordial reception given to the Thornbury ringers, and also to Mr. H. P. Thurston who so generously assisted in arranging the trip and bore the travelling expenses connected with it. The day will be long remembered by all who assembled there, and will be looked back upon with very pleasant recollections.

CATTERICK CHURCH, NORTH YORKS.

NEW MEMORIAL CLOCK AND CAMBRIDGE CHIMES.—A new turret clock, showing the time upon one external copper dial 5 feet in diameter, well painted and gilt, strong copper hands painted and gilt, and balanced and counterpoised within, has been erected at the above church.

There is also a small index dial inside the clock-chamber for to set the outside hands by, strong motion wheels of gun metal cut and polished on the engine from the solid, with double and single universal joints of hard brass, bevel wheels and connections. The clock is constructed on the solid horizontal cast iron bed frame, planed, and rests upon strong cast iron brackets, bolted to the wall of the tower. All the bearings are of gun metal screwed separately into the frame. The escapement is Lord Grimthorpe's double three legged gravity with a 1½ seconds compensation pendulum attached. The cords are of the best steel wire, with iron block pulleys bushed with brass and pivoted in. There is also maintaining power attached for the purpose of keeping the clock going during the time of winding up. The striking part for the hours main wheel is of large size with cams attached for lifting the hammer for striking the hours upon the large or tenor bell of the peal. The striking part main wheel for the Great St. Mary of Cambridge Chimes has got cams attached or fixed on it for striking the full musical four quarters upon four smaller bells of the peal. There is also an apparatus for pulling off all the hammers during the time the bells are rung for service or practice, to prevent any damage or breakage, and everything requisite and necessary in a first rate clock. Messrs. Potts and Sons are also making a new clock with ding-dong quarter chimes for Mr. Yeomans, in memory of his father, for Osmotherley church, North Yorkshire, and clocks for the parish church, Hartlepool, and West Rainton church, and North Stockton Railway Station Company, Durham, Richmond, Surrey New Town Hall and Colne Town Hall, Lancashire, Cambridge, Northampton, Oldham, Bradford and other important places.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. WILLIAM STORY is now "Causeway Hill Cottage, Hexham, Northumberland."

A CORRECTION.—The peal of Double Norwich rung on March 11th, at Old Hill, and reported in last issue of "THE BELL NEWS" as 5088 should have been 5008.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—DISTRICT MEETING.

A District meeting of the Essex Association was held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, March 18. Tea was served at the "King's Arms" Inn at 5.30 p.m., after which the usual business meeting was held. Thirty-one members of the Association were present, the chair being taken by the Hon. Secretary (Rev. T. L. Papillon), the companies represented being Saffron Walden, Radwinter, Bishop Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Stansted, Glensford, Belchamper, West Ham, Writtle, &c. During the day two parties were conveyed to Radwinter, about 4 miles distant, where there is a nice ring of eight bells, though the circle of ropes is much interfered with by a clock case, and the ringers of 6, 7, 8 have to stand too close against the wall. The fine peal in the tower of Saffron Walden was kept well employed during the afternoon and evening with touches of Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich. It is a pity that the authorities do not take some measures to lessen the volume of sound that, with the present arrangement of the belfry windows, seems to pour down upon the houses near the Church, giving rise to complaints which, it must be admitted, are not wholly unfounded. Half-an-hour's study of the Report of the Central Council, published last year, and the expenditure of a few pounds in carrying out the suggestions there given (pp. 13-15) would enable the authorities to largely abate any annoyance caused by the bells, and to encourage their excellent band of ringers by giving more opportunity to practice. Since the Association last met at Saffron Walden, the principal market has been shifted from Saturday to Tuesday, and a visit of ringers on Saturday is consequently more cordially received now than it was. No member present could complain much of their reception, the quality of the ringing, or the pleasantness of the gathering.

The Annual Meeting will be held as usual at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

Not having handled a rope in Kettering belfry since the recent restoration of the Church and re-hanging of the famous old peal of eight bells (dating back to 1714), one or two of the Wellingborough ringers visited that growing town last Saturday evening, March 18, and spent an enjoyable time with the Kettering company. Touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung, the Rev. Wilfred H. Abbot taking part. The ringing-room (now one floor higher than formerly) is certainly the best in the district. It is cosy and comfortable. There is cocoa-matting under foot, and suitable crimson cushions in the wide window ledges, the walls being wainscotted with wood work from the old pews. The Clock (made by *Thos. Eayre*, 1756) is mounted on massive oaken pillars that formerly supported the west gallery, and "Wenham" gas light fixed the centre of the circle of ropes, makes an excellent illuminator.

Much to the credit of the Church authorities the old peal tablets, instead of being lost sight of or destroyed during the restorations were preserved and have been properly fixed up in the new ringing-room. Kettering bells go well, and sound well. The trebles are particularly sweet in tone, and the re-cast "third" is a great improvement on its predecessor. "THE BELL NEWS" seems to be well patronised in this belfry, as we noticed several copies of the current issue being distributed by Mr. Underwood. The visitors wish to thank him and also Mr. Lewis and the ringers generally for making them so welcome.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 11th, after a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal had been rung at the church of St. Dunstan, Stepney, by ten members of the above Society, an account of which appeared in our last issue, a very nice peal-board was opened, containing three peals—Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal. This was kindly given by Mr. H. Springall, conductor of the said peals.

A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d.
Contains the full extent of changes on nine bells. Forwarded Post Free, on receipt of 7d. By James Hewett 16, Chape Row, Gosport

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Council will be held at the Clarendon Hotel, Cornmarket Street, Oxford, at 1.0 p.m. punctually, on Easter Tuesday, April 4th. A dinner will be provided at 2s. 6d. a head immediately after the meeting. To facilitate arrangements for the dinner, members attending the Council are requested to obtain tickets from the Hon. Secretary at the time of assembling for the meeting.

Permission to ring during the evening at Christ Church Cathedral, Merton and New Colleges, and at the church of St. Peter-in-the-East, has been most kindly granted by the respective authorities. Members visiting the Cathedral or College towers should provide themselves beforehand with the Hon. Secretary's card. A meeting of the Standing Committee will be held previous to the meeting of the Council, at the same place, at 11.30 a.m. Gentlemen serving on this Committee are specially requested to attend.

Hon. Secretaries of societies who have not yet remitted the subscription of 2s. 6d. for each elected Representative, are reminded that, by Rule v. their Representatives are not entitled to vote at the Meeting until the amount has been paid. The necessary sum should, therefore, be at once forwarded to the Hon. Secretary of the Council—Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

AGENDA.

- 1.—Statement of accounts.
 - 2.—To receive and consider a further Report from the Committee appointed to obtain adequate recognition of the Exercise at the hands of the Church Congress.
 - 3.—To receive and consider the Report of the Standing Committee on the preparation and publication of a Bibliography or Catalogue of works relating to Bells and Ringing.
 - 4.—To receive and consider the Report of the Committee appointed: (a) to draw up a scheme for the classification of compositions of 5000 changes and upwards, and (b) to pronounce as to the call or calls to be deemed proper to each method.
- On the presentation of this Report, attention will be called to the omission from many Association Reports of any clue to the compositions performed by such Associations.
- To be moved and discussed:—
- 5.—That the following addition be made to the definition of a valid peal on seven bells:—"Nevertheless, a performance on seven bells, without the addition of a covering bell, is to be discountenanced, and is unworthy of record."
 - 6.—That an addition be made to the definition of a peal on six bells, allowing the admissibility of fourteen 360s, or any greater number of true portions of different Minor methods, no two being the same.
 - 7.—That it is desirable, when a band of ringers belonging to more than one Association meet to ring a peal, that they should decide beforehand to which Association such peal should be credited; and that for the future no peal shall be published under the name of more than one Association.
 - 8.—Attention will be called to the prevalent system of electing Association Members in the tower, and to the desirability of limiting elections to occasions on which a Business Meeting of the Association is held.

THE RINGERS' GUIDE TO THE CHURCH BELLS OF DEVON. By C. PEARSON, M.A. Price One Shilling, or bound cloth, 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.

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.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The yearly meeting of this Society will be held at headquarters, St. Peter's parish church, Leeds, to-day, Saturday, March 25th. Ringing to commence at 3 prompt for service touch to 4 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. at the Old Royal Oak, Kirkgate. Election of officers, adoption of balance-sheet, etc.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

Middlesex Association.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Hendon, to-day, Saturday, March 25th. Ringing at 5 o'clock.

PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Grayling Road, Stoke Newington, N.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Members are earnestly requested to attend the meeting at head-quarters, on Tuesday, the 28th inst. at 8 p.m. The Central Council Agenda among other important matters will then be discussed.

W. T. COCKERILL,

37, Tradescant Road,
South Lambeth, S.W.

The Surrey Association.—Easter Monday, at Epsom. Ringing at the Parish church from 2.0 p.m.; at Christ church, 2—5, and 7—9 p.m. Tea at Coffee Rooms, High Street, at 5 p.m. Will representatives send number intending to come, to T. Miles, jun., High Street, Epsom, by March 31st.

E. G. BURR, *Asst Hon. Sec.*

15, St. John's Grove, Croydon.

Hertfordshire Association.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the Cathedral and St. Peter's towers will be open for ringing in the morning from 10 to 12.15, and in the afternoon from 3.30. Special service at St. Peter's at 12.30, preacher the Rev. Canon Wigram. Dinner at the Town Hall, at 1.30, cost to members 1s. 9d. each, followed by a business meeting for the election of officers, &c. Notices of motions have been given for altering Rule 9 with respect to entering peals of Minor in the peal-book, and also for arranging an additional meeting at Hatfield, on August Bank Holiday. Members and visitors intending to be at the Dinner, are requested to send me word not later than Wednesday, March 29th. The meeting being an important one, members are invited to come as early in the day as possible, and it is hoped that they will make a special effort to be in time for the service.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Albans.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Annual Meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday. Special service, St. Paul's church at 3 p.m. Preacher, Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Tea 4.30, All Hallows' Mission Room. Business meeting after tea. Local Secretaries are requested to send in probable numbers attending as early as possible to W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Milton Bryant Rectory.

Midland Counties' Association.—The eleventh Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Leicester, on Easter Monday, April 3rd, 1893, when the following towers will be open for ringing from 10.0 a.m., viz.—St. Margaret's and St. Martin's (ten bells); St. Mark's, St. Mary's and St. Saviour's (eight bells); St.

George's (six bells). Members on arrival are requested to proceed to Mr. Stephen Cooper's, 67, High Street, where bands will be formed for ringing at different towers. Committee Meeting at 5.0 p.m. Tea at 6.0 p.m., followed immediately by General Meeting at St. Margaret's Coffee House, Lower Church Gate. Through the kindness and liberality of the Leicester Branch, a free tea will be given to all visiting members who have paid their subscription for the current year, and forward their names to Mr. John O. Lancashire, 90, High Street, Leicester, not later than Thursday, March 30th. Local District Secretaries are particularly requested not to forward any member's name whose subscription is in arrear, and members attending who do not send in their names by the date mentioned will be charged 1s. each. Bands of eight and upwards by giving three days' notice can obtain fare-and-quarter tickets at any station.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

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

Notice.—On Easter Monday, April 3rd, all being well, ten members of the society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford will attempt a 17,045 of Grandsire Caters, at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton. Start at 8.0 a.m. A new set of ropes will be supplied by Messrs. Ironmonger, Limited, Wolverhampton, for the occasion.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.

—The annual meeting will be held at Norton, near Sheffield, on Easter Monday, April 3rd. Dinner will be provided at the Bagshaw Arms, at 2 o'clock, at 2s. per head. Members are requested to send word to the Secretary if they intend to be present, not later than Tuesday, March 28th. The tower will be open for ringing during the day. Any band wishing to attempt a peal of 5040 must communicate with the Secretary, the same to be completed not later than 12 o'clock. Each band must give their names to the Secretary so that all ringing can be taken in proper order during the afternoon. No band to ring more than 30 minutes at one time. Business meeting at 3.15. Election of officers, adoption of balance sheet, etc.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

18, The Dale, Woodseats, Sheffield.

Royal Cumberland Society.—On Easter Monday, April 3rd, eight members of the above society, will attempt a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, containing 13,440 changes, at the church of St. Thomas the Martyr, Brentwood, Essex. 9 a.m. is the time appointed for meeting.

East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held in the Church Schoolroom, on Easter Monday, April 3rd. Tea on table at 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Bells open for ringing from 9 a.m.

108, High Street,
Clay Cross. JNO. JAS. COOK,
Hon. Sec.

Ely District Association.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Wilburton, on Monday, April 3rd. Tea at 4 o'clock.

St. Ives, Hunts. EDWARD J. TRESDALE,
Secretary.

Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts.—The Annual meeting of this association will be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, April 3rd, 1893. Local Secretaries are requested to communicate with the hon. sec., in accordance with rules 6 and 10. The meeting will take place in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2 o'clock prompt. The Rev. Canon Claughton will preside. Tea will follow business meeting, 9d. per head being allowed to all members sending in their names for same, not

latter than Monday, March 27th. The cathedral bells will be at the disposal of the members from five till seven p.m. Business, election of officers, adoption of annual report, balance sheet, etc. All subscriptions due should be paid at this meeting. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Worksop Priory Church (by permission of the Vicar) on Saturday, April 8th. All towers intending to be present, should communicate with G. Barrowcliffe, Worksop, stating their respective numbers, not later than Monday, April 3rd.

HENRY T. SLODDEN,
Hon. Sec.

Vicarage, Worksop.

Stoke Archidiaconal Society.—The usual monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Longton, on Saturday next, April 8th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. G. Woods, 44, Uttometer Road, Longton. REV. J. W. ALSTON, *Hon. Sec.*

W. TWIGG,

The Sussex County Association.—Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd, 1893. Full particulars later on. GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*

Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The new certificates of membership are now ready. Price 1s. Application to be made to the Secretary, with postal order or stamps, giving names, addresses, and year of joining the Association.

CHARLES BUSTON,
Hon. Sec.

Embleton, Christon Bank,
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By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, *Duffield.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 1 3 8

5 4 2 3 6 - 8

6 2 4 3 5 - -

5 2 6 3 4 - -

4 2 5 3 6 - -

2 5 4 3 6 - -

4 3 2 5 6 - -

3 2 4 5 6 - -

4 5 3 2 6 - -

5 3 4 2 6 - -

3 4 5 2 6 - -

5 2 3 4 6 - -

2 3 5 4 6 - -

3 5 2 4 6 - -

2 4 3 5 6 - -

Repeated.

This composition was rung by the Duffield Society, on March 20th, 1893. The record will be found in its proper place.

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THE REV. DR. RAVEN'S WORK.

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

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1893

In the report of a District Meeting of the Essex Association recently held at the town of Saffron Walden, we are told that the circle of ropes in the ringing-chamber is much interfered with by a clock-case, and that in consequence the ringers of the three heavy bells have to occupy a position too close to the wall. Unfortunately this is not a solitary instance of such an annoyance.

The presence of the clock, with or without a covering, in the apartment above-mentioned, is quite in keeping with the idea that the tower from top to bottom is an excellent place for the storage of no matter what. It may be that our forefathers in their innocence would have been amazed at the assertion that it was not necessary to place clock machinery in the tower at all, though the dials could be in their accustomed place upon the outside walls. But in these days we don't expect to see such examples of innocence. We should think that there were now very

few people competent to fill the office of Churchwarden who were not cognisant of such a simple fact that it is unnecessary to encumber the ringing-chamber with the works of a clock. Yet it would appear that the matter is thought very little of, because there are so many flagrant instances of the kind.

Sometimes it is the clock-case, at other times the clock-weights, and in one particular instance known to London ringers, it is the pendulum which is the bugbear. All these obstacles may be removed without impairing the efficiency of the parochial time indicator.

It would be well when the erection of a Church Clock is determined on where a ring of bells is already existent, if the ringers were on the alert, and represented to the authorities the enormity of the proposal to block up the ringing-chamber. The way out of the difficulty is generally so easy. So many places can in fact be found for the clock to occupy a favourable position, subject to ready inspection and superintendence, its connection with the dials being no difficulty at all, that it seems the height of folly almost to carry it half-way up the tower for the mere purpose of fixing. This is a matter about which all ringers will do well to have their eyes open.

Good Friday occurring next week, everything intended for publication must reach us one day earlier, *i.e.* Wednesday morning. On another page will be found Mr. ATTREE's yearly Analysis. This would have appeared before if we could have found space.

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—Next week will appear the portrait, with memoir, of Mr. JAMES HEWETT, of Gosport, a very old and popular member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 18, 1893, no time mentioned.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, TOTTENHAM,

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

WILLIAM F. MEADS Treble.	*GEORGE B. LUCAS 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL 2.	ALBERT PITAM 6.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

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

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 18, 1893, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	*FRANK W. BUTLER 5.
WILLIAM COOTER 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
MATTHEW A. WOOD 3.	EDWIN HORREX 7.
HENRY SPRINGALL 4.	WALTER PRIME Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

*First peal in the method.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 18, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR R. DAVIS Treble.	WALTER C. HASTED 5.
FREDERICK G. 'ERRIN 2.	*JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS 3.	†EDWARD P. O'MEARA 7.
JAMES E. DAVIS 4.	TOM COXHEAD Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.

†First peal with a bob bell. *First peal of Triples as conductor, and this was his second attempt at calling this composition. This is the first peal rung on these bells for several years.

The Provinces.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 11, 1893, 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 TEN-PART.

C. GROVES Treble.	J. SYMONS 5.
W. CORNISH* 2.	J. WHITING 6.
F. HILL 3.	†REV. R. C. M. HARVEY 7.
J. HARPER 4.	J. T. MATTHEWS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. R. C. M. HARVEY.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

JAMES PARKER Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN 5.
GEORGE GATLAND 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
KEITH HART 3.	WILLIAM COLLISON 7.
WILLIAM WARD* 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal in the method. This peal has the 6th twelve times wrong and twenty-four times right, without the 4th or 3rd being in 6th place at a course-end. Messrs. Williams and Hart hail from Brighton; Gatland and Collison from Steyning; the rest belong to Crawley.

BRISTOL.

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

On Saturday, March 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES Treble.	FRANCIS E. HART 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	RAYMOND J. WILKINS 6.
EDWARD B. JAMES 3.	WALTER T. BENNETT 7.
FRANCIS E. WARD 4.	HENRY ROBERTS Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th, the extent in 5-6, and is the first peal of Major on the bells.

BRISTOL.

On Monday, March 13, 1893, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

J. HINTON Treble.	G. T. DALTRY 6.
C. GORDON 2.	E. DUCKHAM 7.
R. J. WILKINS 3.	J. GOULD 8.
H. PORCH 4.	F. PRICE 9.
W. PADDOCK 5.	W. PARSONS Tenor.

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON and Conducted by H. PORCH.

ARMLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 18, 1893, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York,
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JOS. THACKRAY Treble.	JNO. THACKRAY 4.
B. COWLING 2.	M. BROADBENT 5.
JNO. COOPER* 3.	JAS. GUY Tenor.

Conducted by JNO. COOPER.

*First 5040 as conductor.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 18, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

LEONARD STOKOE Treble.	ALFRED NAYLOR 5.
JOHN WHITAKER 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 6.
THOMAS FLINT 3.	DAVID YORKE 7.
CHARLES PRATT 4.	FRANK BIRKS Tenor.

Composed by the late T. DAY and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

This peal contains the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right. Messrs. Stokoe, Whitaker, Flint, Naylor and Craven hail from Headingley; Yorke from Holbeck; Birks from Pudsey; Pratt belongs to the local band.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

On Saturday, March 18, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWARD H. ADAMS Treble.	EDWARD HARRIS 5.
E. JAMES WALSON 2.	GEORGE WOODISS 6.
WILLIAM ETHERINGTON* .. 3.	JOHN BASDEN 7.
WILLIAM S. SMITH 4.	THOMAS BEADLE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

*First peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

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

Conducted by S. GOODCHILD.

This is the first time S. Goodchild has ever attempted to call a peal in any method.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1893, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK W. RICE Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN 5.
KEITH HART 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	EDWIN JORDAN 7.
JAMES PARKER 4.	*HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich; it is also the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 6th seventeen times wrong, and home at the last twenty-four course-ends, without the 2nd being in 6th place at a course-end. Williams and Hart hail from Brighton; Bennett from Guildford; Chandler from Warnham; Jordan from Capel; the rest from Crawley.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1893, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM BALDRY Treble.	WILLIAM GRIMES 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	DAVID COLLINS 6.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
ERNEST CLAYTON 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. LATES and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

R. H. Brundle and J. and W. Motts belong to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich; D. Collins and E. Clayton hail from Worlingworth; W. G. Crickmer from Earl Soham; W. Baldry from Brandeston; and W. Grimes belongs to the local Society. The above was rung on the 126th anniversary of the peal of 10,080 changes of Plain Bob Major being rung at Debenham.

AUGHTON, NEAR ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs.

THOMAS JENKINSON, JUN.* Treble.	WILLIAM BENTHAM 5.
EDWARD BENTHAM 2.	EDMUND PRESCOTT 6.
WILLIAM MAJOR 3.	GEORGE PRESCOTT 7.
JOHN GARDNER* 4.	NOAH GREGORY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BENTHAM.

Messrs. E. Bentham and Major hail from Wigan; E. Prescott and N. Gregory from Hindley; G. Prescott from Ormskirk; the rest belong to Aughton. *First peal and first attempt. The ringer of the treble is sixteen years of age.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 18, 1893, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

WALTER WORTHINGTON .. Treble.	WILLIAM BIGGINS 5.
WILLIAM PRICE 2.	HENRY MOTTERSHALL .. 6.
SAMUEL SMEDLEY 3.	JOHN HARRIS 7.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 4.	HERBERT MADIN Tenor.

Composed by the late H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by HERBERT MADIN.

W. Price hails from Eckington; W. Biggins from Norton.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 20, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MARWOOD BRADLEY* Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
JOHN J. NICHOLSON† 2.	JOHN W. PASSMAN 6.
JOHN H. JONES 3.	†ALEX. M. MACFARLANE .. 7.
ROBERT ALCOCK 4.	JOHN HENRY BLAKISTON .. Tenor.

Composed by W. ROYLE and Conducted by JOHN H. BLAKISTON.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major with a bob bell. This is the first peal of Major on the bells. Mr. Routledge belongs to Newcastle-on-Tyne; the rest are local men.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble.	GEORGE TURNER 5.
JOE TURNER 2.	FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
THOMAS G. DOWNS 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD 7.
WALTER BROWN 4.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Thomas Downs, it being his thirty-fourth birthday, and his brother-ringers wish him many happy returns.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

(THE HIGHAM FERRERS SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

WILLIAM PETTET* Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
CHARLES WEST* 2.	*WILLIAM E. PARKER† .. 6.
ALFRED H. MARTIN 3.	*JOHN B. MARTIN 7.
FRED. GILBERT 4.	*HENRY SHARP Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

*First peal in the method. †First peal. The above peal contains the 6th twenty-four times right and twenty-times wrong and is now rung for the first time. C. W. Clarke hails from Bedford; C. West from Biddenham; H. Sharp from Clapham; F. Gilbert from Raunds; the others belongs to the local band. This peal of bells with two additional trebles have lately been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, Loughborough, and an account of the opening will be found in another column.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 20, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE WINTER Trebles.	HENRY W. WILDE 6.
JOHN HOWE 2.	ALFRED ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM CLARKE 3.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 8.
GEORGE DAWSON 4.	JOHN FLOWER 9.
WILLIAM HICKLING 5.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 6th the extent of twenty-four courses at home. The figures of this peal will be found on another page.

RETTFORD, NOTTS.—THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

GEORGE E. SHARPE* .. Treble.	*WILLIAM SKELTON 5.
HERBERT HAIGH† 2.	*HARRY WARBURTON 6.
THOMAS SPURR* 3.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES 7.
JOHN SWANNACK 4.	*RICHARD POTTER Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT HAIGH.

This is the first peal ever rung by a Retford company; the first peal by the Association, and the first by all except Messrs. Haigh, Joynes, and Swannack. †First peal as conductor. *First peal. The ages of the treble and third ringers are 18 respectively; that of the fourth ringer 17.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, March 4th, at All Saints' church, a date touch of 1893 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 17 mins. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; M. Silvester, 4; H. Brackett (longest touch of Bob Major), 5; W. Bacon, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8.

BATH (Somerset).—On Sunday, March 12th, at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of Bob Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Smith-Flower, 1; R. J. Wilkins, 2; T. Gray, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; A. Willcox, 5; H. W. Brown (composer), 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; W. J. Hinton, 8. Wilkins hails from Gloucester; Hinton from Bristol.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, February 15th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 5th the observation. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 2; J.

Lucky, 3; I. Hammond, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Lucky (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, February 19th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs), 5th the observation. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; J. Lucky, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (composer and conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, February 22nd, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; W. Watts, 3; I. Hammond, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Lucky (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; J. Lucky, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Delight. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; J. Lucky, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, February 26th, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Lucky (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday, March 1st, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 5th the observation, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; J. Lucky, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Friday, March 10th, in honour of the 30th anniversary of the marriage of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles, composed by Mr. E. Francis of Norwich). J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Lucky, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Delight. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Lucky (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, March 5th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, March 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (twelve bobs). F. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; C. H. Howard (composer and conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 5th, at the house of Mr. W. Howell, on handbells, retained in hand, 720 Bob Minor. W. Howell, jun., 1-2; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 3-4; W. Howell, sen., 5-6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EWELL (Surrey).—On Tuesday, February 28th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 280 Grandsire Triples. J. Beams, 1; A. E. Bassett, 2; C. E. Read, 3; H. G. Beams, 4; W. Chantler, 5; W. Worsfold, 6; F. Grove (conductor), 7; J. Reid, 8. And 1008 Grandsire Triples. J. Beams, 1; H. G. Beams, 2; A. E. Bassett, 3; C. E. Read, 4; W. Chantler, 5; T. Miles (conductor), 7; J. Reid, 8. On Sunday morning, March 5th, for Divine Service, 504 in the same method. J. Beams, 1; John Beams (conductor), 2; C. E. Read, 2; G. Chantler, 4; H. G. Beams, 5; W. Worsfold, 6; W. Chantler, 7; J. Reid, 8. *Longest touch. On Sunday morning, March 12th, for Divine Service, 546 Grandsire Triples. Jesse Beams, 1; C. E. Read, 2; John Beams, 3; F. Grove (conductor), 4; W. Chantler, 5; W. Worsfold, 6; H. G. Beams, 7; J. Reid, 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CODDINGTON.—On Tuesday, March 7th, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. C. Watkin, 1; C. Greening, 2; R. Treherne, 3; C. Layton, 4; F. Voyce, 5; C. Edwards (conductor), 6.

OSWESTRY (Salop).—On Thursday, March 9th, an attempt was made for Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but was lost after ringing about 3800 changes in 2 hrs. and 16 mins. owing to a change-course. E. Jones, 1; W. Maddox, 2; G. Wright, 3; M. J. Morris, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; T. Rogers, 8. G. Wright belongs to Whitchurch, E. Jones, M. J. Morris and T. Rogers to Oswestry, the remainder to Welshpool. The band through this medium beg to thank Mr. Whitfield, the master of the Oswestry ringers for entertaining them to a substantial tea at the Coach and Dogs Temperance hotel. The bells were muffled as a mark of respect to the late Alfred Knight, bandmaster of the Volunteer band, whose remains were interred with military honours on that day.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRETHAM.—On Saturday, March 11th, five of the Kilburton ringers paid a visit to the above place and rang a 720 on five bells in three different methods, being two 6-scores each of St. Simon's, Grandsire, and Plain Bob, in 22 mins. F. Giffard, 1; A. Hazel, 2; A. Markwell (conductor), 3; H. Sharp, 4; H. Markwell, 5. This is the longest touch ever rang on the bells. Tenor 12 cwt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Monday evening, March 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Rodway, 1; T. Ricketts, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; G. Iles, 4; G. S. Brown, 5; T. Robin-

son, 6; O. W. Layng (conductor), 7; G. Grist, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. This is T. Rodway's longest length on the treble; also A. Lawrence and F. Robinson's longest length with a bob bell.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, March 6th, at St. John's, 720 Double Stedman Slow Course Minor was rung in 27 mins. (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Hillier, 1; W. Story, 2; R. S. Story, 3; F. Harrison, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; F. Lees, 6. Conducted by W. Holmes. First 720 in the method on these bells and by all the above except R. S. Story. On Monday following, a touch of 1792 (eight courses) Superlative Surprise was rung in 1 hr. J. Pattison, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; F. Lees, 3; W. Holmes, 4; R. S. Story, 5; A. H. Hillier, 6; W. Story, 7; F. Harrison, 8. Also 336 Double Norwich, and 288 Duffield Major. E. Wallis, 1; J. Pattison, 2. On Thursday, March 16th, Messrs. T. Hudson, sen. and jun., of Bishopwearmouth, assisted in ringing short touches of Stedman Triples (first in the method by the latter, A 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) was also rung on handbells. T. Hudson, jun. 1-2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3-4; W. Holmes, 5-6. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. C. L. Routledge, 1-2; W. Holmes, 3-4; E. W. J. Lincoln (first 120 in hand), 5-6. At St. George's, Jesmond, 840 of Bob Triples in 30 mins., on Tuesday, March 7th. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; E. Hesketh, 2; H. Weddell, 3; E. Lincoln, 4; A. Hillier, 5; W. S. Pennefather, 6. E. A. Simpson, 7; W. Chapman, 8. Longest touch by Messrs. Weddell, Pennefather and Chapman. Tenor 19 cwt.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLDSWINFORD (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, March 7th, six members of the above Association visited this place, and rang at St. Mary's church two 720s of Bob Minor. The first as follows (fourteen bobs and two singles). W. W. Dyke, 1; W. A. Pugh, 2; W. Fryer, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; A. Orford, 5; H. Harris (conductor), 6. The second (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. W. Dyke, 1; W. A. Pugh, 2; A. Orford, 3; H. Harris, 4; W. Fryer, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. Time 25 mins.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, March 11th, at St. Thomas's church, on the occasion of a committee meeting of the above Association being held, the following was rang previous to the meeting. A 228 Kent Treble Bob Major. A Spittle (first touch in the method), 1; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 2; W. R. Small, 3; T. Smith, 4; S. Spittle, 5; J. Crane, 6; W. Page, 7; H. Martin, 8. And 420 of Stedman Triples. W. R. Small (conductor), 1; W. H. Barber, 2; G. Hinton, 3; B. Gough, 4; S. Spittle, 5; W. Page, 6; J. Crane, 7; H. Martin, 8. After the meeting the tower was again visited by a good number of ringers, and touches of Bob Major Canterbury Pleasure Major, Treble Bob Major and Grandsire were rang.

STONE (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, March 8th, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Elcox, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; W. Wakeman, 3; G. Salter, 4; T. Griffiths (first 720 in the method), 5; T. Salter (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Bob. W. H. Barber, 1; T. Elcox, 2; W. Wakeman, 3; T. Griffiths, 4; N. Davis (first in the method), 5; T. Salter (conductor), 6. N. Davis hails from Cookley, T. Elcox and T. Griffiths from Areley King's, the rest from Kidderminster.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Monday, March 20th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Doubles, each called differently, in 25 mins. H. Shipp (first 720), 1; H. Witherden (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Seamer (first 720 as conductor), 4; W. Laker, 5; G. Dennis, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs. in G.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Monday, March 6th, on the occasion of Mr. Thomas Hattersley, of Sheffield, visiting Ipswich, the following methods were rung on the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower church, A course of Superlative Surprise Major. A. Bowell, 1; R. Hawes, 2; W. Motts, 3; W. L. Catchpole, 4; H. Bowell, 5; J. Motts, 6; T. Hattersley, 7; R. H. Brundle, 8. And 560 Stedman Cinques. J. Motts (conductor), 1; E. Pemberton, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; R. H. Brundle, 4; A. E. Durrant, 5; W. Motts, 6; C. Saul, 7; H. Bowell, 8; R. Hawes, 9; F. J. Tillett, 10; T. Hattersley, 11; W. L. Catchpole, 12. And a course of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. J. Motts, 1; W. L. Catchpole, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; A. Bowell, 5; W. Motts, 6; R. H. Brundle, 7; H. Bowell, 8; R. Hawes, 9; W. Gobbett (Wingfield), 10; E. Pemberton, 11; T. Hattersley, 12. And one course of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus. T. Hattersley, 1; E. Pemberton, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; R. Hawes, 5; W. Motts, 6; W. L. Catchpole, 7; H. Bowell, 8; J. Motts, 9; A. E. Durrant, 10; R. H. Brundle, 11; F. J. Tillett, 12.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, March 7th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, a quarter-peat of Bob Major, 1402 changes, in 52 mins. *A. R. Davis, 1; J. Barry, 2; H. N. Davis (conductor), 3; J. C. Truss, jun., 4; W. C. Hasted, 5; D. Griggs, 6; *W. Whiffin, 7; F. J. Pitts, 8. *Longest touch of Major. W. Whiffin hails from High Wycombe, Bucks.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, March 11th, at the parish church, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 3584 changes, in 2 hrs. 12 mins. J. Hunt, 1; D. Farthing, 2; H. V. Wilkins, 3; S. Price, 4; G. Mee, 5; G. Davies, 6; A. Knights (conductor), 7; J. Goodwin, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COMPTON (Berks).—On Tuesday, February 28th, the East Ilsley ringers visited this tower and rang 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. Also some 6-scores of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. J. Pearce, 1; T. Hibbert, 2; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 3; J. Butler, 4; H. Brown, 5; W. Hibbert, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. First 720 of Minor on the bells.

HAMPSTEAD NORREYS (Berks).—On Tuesday, March 7th, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. W. J. Field, 1; T. Hibbert, 2; W. Hibbert, 3; J. Pearce, 4; H. Brown, 5; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 6. Some short touches were also rung with T. Lucas at the 3rd.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Monday, January 30th, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Hoare, 1; W. Ware, 2; G. Williams, 3; W. Taylor, 4; J. Guttridge, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. *W. Taylor, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; A. Garraway, 3; G. Stanbrook, 4; *A. Hoskins, 6; †R. Flaxman (conductor), 6. And another 720 in the same method. *J. Guttridge, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; W. Taylor, 3; R. Flaxman, 4; A. Hoskins, 5; †G. Stanbrook (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. †First 720 in the method as conductor.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, February 19th, for Divine Service, 210 Oxford Bob. H. Elliott, 1; C. Hyland, 2; F. Mathis, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; R. Curtis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. Mathis, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. Also for evening service a 720 Grandsire Triples, in 24½ mins. H. Elliott, 1; R. Curtis, 2; J. Mathis, 3; C. Hyland, 4; W. Thomas, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; H. Franks, 7; C. Eldridge, 8. On Sunday, February 26th, 336 Union Triples. H. Elliott, 1; H. Franks, 2; W. Thomas, 3; C. Hyland, 4; R. Curtis, 5; W. Franks, 6; J. Matthis (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. Also for afternoon service, a 420 Oxford Bob Triples. F. Mathis, 1; W. Thomas, 2; C. Hyland, 3; R. Curtis, 4; J. Matthis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; H. Franks, 7; H. Elliott, 8. And for evening service, a 216 Grandsire Minor, on the back six. H. Elliott, 1; R. Curtis, 2; J. Mathis, 3; W. Thomas, 4; H. Franks, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 5th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples in 19½ mins. E. Eldridge, 1; W. Thomas, 2; J. Mathis, 3; C. Hyland, 4; R. Curtis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; H. Franks, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Friday, March 3rd, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. F. Warren, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. Bearman, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; S. Sargent, 6. And on Sunday, March 5th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Double Court Bob. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley (first 720 in the method), 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. Bearman, 4; F. Warren, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, March 7th, 720 Bob Minor (Penning's one-part, sixteen bobs and twenty-six singles). F. Radley, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; H. Butcher, 4; C. Bearman, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, March 12th, 720 Court Bob. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley (first 720 in the method), 2; W. Moore, 3; C. Bearman, 4; F. Warren, 5; H. G. Hammond (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHIPPING (Lancashire).—On Sunday, February 5th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. Kenyon, 1; W. T. H. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. On Thursday, February 9th, 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. On Wednesday, February 15th, 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles), standing as before. On Sunday, February 19th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, standing as before. On Sunday, March 5th, 360 College Single, standing as before. For evening service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), standing as before. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, March 12th, for evening service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins., standing as before. All the above were conducted by E. Timbrell.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—Recently at St. Bartholomew's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. This is the first 720 by the local band, and the first 720 by Messrs. Green, Maycock, and Marshall.

CRICH (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, March 8th, at St. Michael's church, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently, and a 6-score of Manchester Doubles, in 30 mins. J. Harrison (conductor), 1; J. Holmes, 2; W. H. Frost, 3; F. Attwood, 4; G. Piggin, 5. W. H. Frost hails from Ripley; the rest are members of the local band.

EALING (Middlesex).—Recently for evening service at St. Mary's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. T. Mitchell, 1; E. J. Walson, 2; G. Hsley, 3; J. Basden, 4; L. W. Copsey, 5; A. H. Taber (conductor), 6; A. Fryer, 7; T. Beadle, 8.

ELHAM (Kent).—On Monday, March 13th, the first half of Hubbard's ten-part peal of Bob Triples. E. Smith, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Bush, 3; J. Whitnall, 4; C. Richards, 5; J. Andrews, 6; A. Tanton (conductor), 7; J. Prebble, 8.

HADLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday afternoon, March 5th, for Divine Service at the parish church, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Blondell, 1; C. Roberts, 2; J. Sumpter (Barnet), 3; G. Godfrey, 4; W. J. Dell (conductor), 5; C. Abbott, 6. On Thursday, March 2nd, for practice, a 6-score. R. Dell (aged 15, first 6-score), 1; W. J. Dell, 2; J. Sumpter, 3; C. Roberts, 4; G. Abbott (conductor), 5; W. Godfrey, 6. Recently for practice, ten 6-scores, each called differently. W. J. Dell (conductor), 1; C. Roberts, 2; J. Sumpter, 3; G. Godfrey, 4; G. Abbott, 5; W. Godfrey, 6.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, March 4th, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. T. Beadle, 1; E. J. Walson, 2; E. Ethering, 3; L. W. Copsey, 4; W. Elson, 5; A. H. Faber, 6; J. Basden (conductor), 7; A. Fryer, 8.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Wednesday, March 15th, 1313 Grandsire Caters in 46 mins. G. Hands, 1-2; W. S. Pritchett, 3-4; J. S. Pritchett, 5-6; J. Carter (conductor), 7-8; J. Jones, 9-10.

DISCLAIMERS.—The Rev. F. L. Nash, of High Wycombe, writes:—"The 720 Bob Minor, in five-parts, which you were kind enough to publish for me in 'THE BELL NEWS' of March 11, belongs of right to Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Slough. He tells me that he sent it to 'THE BELL NEWS' about twelve years ago. Of course I had no knowledge of this, but I am very sorry for having put my name to a composition which rightfully belongs to him."—Mr. J. Burrows, of Dalton-in-Furness, says:—"The two 720s of Grandsire Minor rung by the St. Mary's Society, Dalton-in-Furness, and published in 'THE BELL NEWS' on February 25th, were composed by R. Potter, Retford, and not by F. Pitstow as stated."

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

THE APPROACHING COUNCIL MEETING.

SIR,—In view of your last leading article, I venture to point out that it would be unfair to prejudice the interest of the meeting from the state of the Agenda paper. It should be borne in mind that this will be the closing meeting of the present Council; and is not, therefore, a favourable opportunity for initiating work which cannot be completed quickly. But it is a most favourable opportunity for the interchange of views and experiences between the representatives of the various societies; and also for the discussion of subjects, by leave of the meeting, of which notice has not been given, under Rule ix; and it may be taken for granted that, if time permit, one, if not more, of such subjects will certainly be introduced.

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BLYTH, NORTH NOTTS.—A MODEL BAND OF RINGERS.

SIR,—I have no desire to take the valuable space of "THE BELL NEWS" up with the subject which I am about to write, unless you think it will let those people who write so much about ringers being as black sheep to the Church, see that there are ringers who are a credit to the church and the ringing Exercise. I had occasion to visit the above village on Friday, March 17th, and chanced to meet Mr. Beeston, late of Worksop, who at once asked if I should like a 720 before I went back. Not wishing to give so much trouble as calling a band together at mid-day, I wished to be excused, but my friend was not to be denied, and sallied out to find his men, which he did in less time than it takes me to write; all leaving their work and business to accommodate a stranger. After a friendly chat and a look round the beautiful old parish church, we ascended the tower and rang a well-struck 720 of Oxford. J. Swinburn, 1; J. Hind, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; E. James, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6; this being the first 720 that I have rang during my sixteen years' as a ringer with a band all being communicants, and four being choirmen. Great credit is due to Mr. Beeston for the way in which he has worked the band together; not one of his men could ring a change twelve months ago, and now they are well up in Oxford, Violet, and Kent, and all being young men we must look forward to Blyth becoming a second Killamarsh, ringing twenty methods after three years' practice. I must now take the opportunity of thanking the Blyth company for their kindness, hoping that the next time I visit them they will still all be hand and heart together as Churchmen and Church Ringers.

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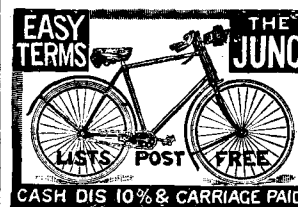
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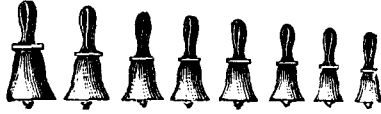
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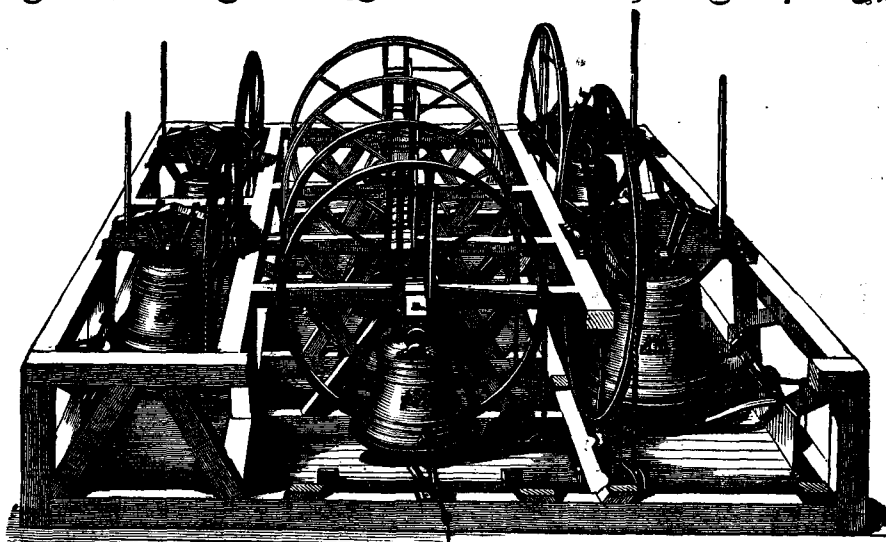
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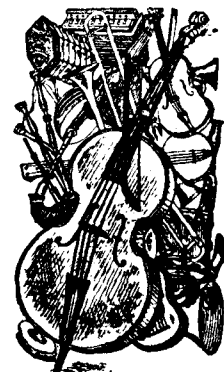
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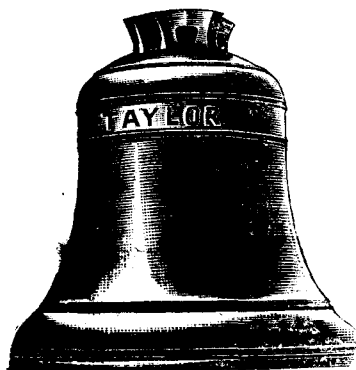
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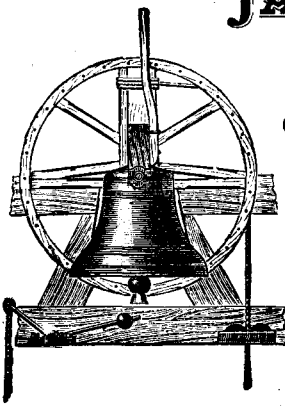
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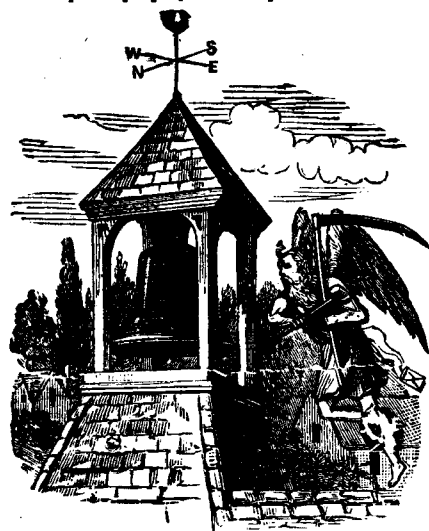
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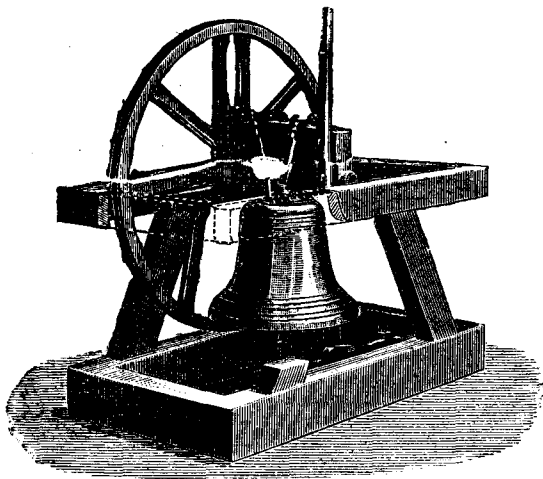


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A pamphlet, issued under the auspices of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, sets forth the career of this distinguished ringer so completely that we utilise it for the customary memoir. Below we give it in its entirety.

"MR. JAMES HEWETT was born on December 4th, 1817, in Spitalfields. He began his ringing career at the age of eleven, and often rang the 44 cwt. tenor of the well-tuned and fine-toned peal of twelve which then hung in the tower of his parish church. At the age of fourteen he began to learn the art of change-ringing in the belfry of St. George's, Southwark. Amongst his companions in that belfry at that time were W. Williams, a member of the society called "The Young Cumberland Youths," and John Cox, who afterwards became the steeple-keeper at St. Bride's, Fleet Street; with their help he accomplished his first touch of Grandsire Triples. At the age of fifteen, in the year 1833, he rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples at Holy Trinity, Southwark, but after this he gave up ringing and turned his attention to business, and the study of medicine and music for two or three years. In the years 1836 and 1837 in company with John Cox and Edward Howe, Mr. Hewett used frequently to ring three leads of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus on the handbells, John Cox taking 1-2-3-4; J. Hewett, 5-6-7-8; and E. Howe, 9-10-11-12. Returning to change-ringing at Clerkenwell he formed the acquaintance of Henry Burwash, W. Shipway, and others, frequently after their practice walking home with Shipway to his house in Baltic Street, St. Luke's, and learning on the way many of the mysteries of good ringing, composition, and changes-in-and-out-of-course.

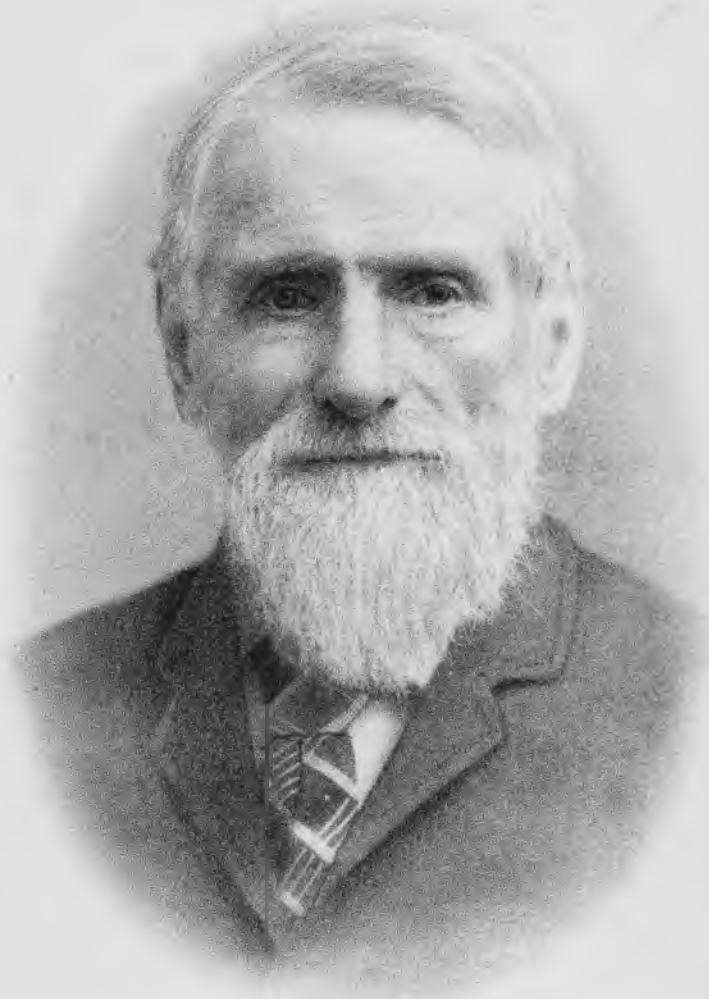
"His first peal for the Royal Cumberland Youths was rung at Putney in the Treble Bob method on May 20th, 1839, and between that date and 1871 he rang fourteen more peals with that society, viz., one of Grandsire Cinques; one of Double Norwich Major; one of Stedman Triples; two of Stedman Caters; one of Stedman Cinques; two of Oxford Treble Bob Major; one of Oxford Treble Bob Royal; one of Kent Treble Bob Major; one of Kent Treble Bob Royal; and three of Kent Treble Bob Maximus.

"He rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 1842 at St. Clement Danes, and another of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in 1871 at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields with the St. James' Society.

"In the year 1850 Mr. P. T. Barnum, the celebrated organiser of shows, applied to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank to supply him with a party of handbell ringers to go on a tour in the United States. The Whitechapel firm referred him to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, who selected five men, viz.: H. Haley, sen., E. Sawyer, W. Lobb, H. Kent, and J. Hewett. Their engagement was for twelve months. They began their performances at New York, where they gained great popularity and success. After a time they went on to Philadelphia. Whilst they were there four of them with three English residents rang a peal on the Church bells, an American being engaged to manipulate the tenor. Their career of success at Philadelphia was prematurely cut short by the arrival of Jenny Lind, who visited the town at that time, and bewitched, as was her wont, all the lovers of music in the place. So the handbell ringers were obliged to move on, and visited in succession most of the principal towns in the United States. At the conclusion of their engagement they returned to England, and James Hewett was employed in his original trade of upholsterer by the firm of Messrs. Nightingale, in Wardour Street, Soho. Here he remained working for some time till, in November 1855, he was invited to join a party of handbell ringers who were engaged to perform at a Concert Hall in Berlin. This engagement was only for a month, and the band consisted of seven performers: E. Sawyer and his three sons, J. Hewett, J. Rogers, and E. Collingwood. At the conclusion of their performance they were returning to England and had reached Hamburg when they fell in with a circus company in which the world-renowned Miss Ella, the most wonderful equestrian performer of the age, was included. They were persuaded to join them, and gave their first exhibition of handbell music at Prague, the ex-Emperor of Austria and several members of the Austrian

Imperial Family being amongst the audience. Whilst associated with this circus they visited many places in Germany, Austria, and Italy. At Turin they had the honour of performing before Victor Emmanuel, who was at that time King of Sardinia. Altogether they were three years away from England, and came back in December, 1858. Although J. Hewett's holiday had been extended six weeks to three years he found that Messrs. Nightingale and Co., his old employers, were willing to welcome him back, and he remained working with them for a year, till, at the end of 1859, we find him starting off on a new handbell ringing tour with the Aztecs show. His colleagues in his new venture were J. Cox, E. Collingwood, J. Rogers and Butler. They went with the Aztecs show through Wales and Ireland, and afterwards visited various places in England. In the year 1860 they were engaged to perform for three months at St. Petersburg and Moscow. On his return to England J. Hewett again took up his quarters at the firm of Messrs. Nightingale, in Wardour Street, where he remained working till, in June, 1861, four of the band which had been to St. Petersburg and Moscow, viz.: John Cox, John Rogers, Fredk. Collingwood and J. Hewett started to fulfil an engagement at Copenhagen and Christiania. There they allied themselves with Herr Bills, a German ventriloquist, to go on a tour through Germany. Landing at Wismar they gave a performance at the theatre, afterwards going on to Stralsund and several other towns in that part of Germany. After performing at the Christmas entertainments at Lubeck and Hamburg, Frederick Collingwood returned to England and the three that were left in Hamburg went to Berlin to join two Germans whose acquaintance they had made on their former tour in Italy. In Berlin they remained for a few weeks' practice and then started on a tour of their own management, performing, among other places, at Tilsit. They then turned towards Russia and performed at Memel, Meatau and Riga, where the winter had commenced. They then went to Wilna, but, in consequence of political disturbances, nothing could be done, and the band was broken up. The two Germans went home to Berlin. J. Cox, J. Rogers, Herr Hazey (their agent) and J. Hewett travelled in an uncovered sleigh thirty miles to Tilsit, with the thermometer thirty-one degrees below zero. The nose of one of the party was frozen and one of the ears of another. At Tilsit they expected to get employment on a railway which was to be begun in two or three months on the break up of the frost. J. Cox not having any inclination for railway work went from Tilsit back to London. J. Hewett gave instructions on the violin to the chief engineer of the railway, Humphry Davy, a descendant of the great Sir Humphry Davy. He also gave lessons to the natives to improve their broken English, after waiting three weeks for permission from the police. Hewett was then engaged in the chief engineer's office to assist a German in translating the Act of Parliament, or Concession (as it is there called), for building the railway. After a time he was promoted to the office of storekeeper, when upwards of 6000 wheelbarrows came under his inspection, during and after their manufacture, before they were paid for. Hewett was afterwards promoted to the office of Inspector of Works, which he held for about eighteen months, and was then transferred to another railway which had been begun between Koenigsburg and Preusche Eylau; there he became storekeeper to a railway truck factory on another line from Koenigsburg to Pillau. After passing a severe winter there he came home from Koenigsburg to London in April, 1866, and resumed his upholstery work at Mr. Rood's shop in Compton Street, Soho, where he remained working for three years. In September 1871, he entered into an agreement with Mr. John Hoare, of Gosport, in a bed and bedding manufactory, where he worked till after Mr. Hoare's death; the subsequent break up of the establishment at the manufactory threw Mr. Hewett out of work. As he was now well advanced in years, and had been injured by an accident to one of his fingers he was incapable of undertaking a permanent engagement in any other firm.

"In the year 1879 the Winchester Diocesan Guild was founded, and from its earliest years has been much indebted to the ripe judgment and ability in ringing matters of James Hewett, who for the last twelve years has been a member of the permanent committee of the Guild. Many of the bands in the south of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight owe their present proficiency



MR. JAMES HEWETT.
(OF GOSPORT.)

to his kindly advice and instruction in their first struggles with the difficulties of change-ringing. He has himself taken part in fourteen peals of Grandsire Triples; one of Bob Triples; one of Union Triples; one of Stedman Triples; one of Kent Treble Bob Major; and one of Plain Bob Major, rung by members of the Guild.

"James Hewett is now, through failing health, unable to do much for his own support, and it has been proposed to start a fund amongst the members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild to lighten the burden which now presses heavily on the shoulders of one, who in his youth and vigour was one of the most accomplished ringers of handbells and church bells in Europe. Contributions to the Hewett Fund may, until April 8th, 1893, be sent to the Rev. H. A. Spyers (local secretary for Hampshire of the Winchester Diocesan Guild), Purbrook Vicarage, Cosham, Hants, or to the Hon. Sec., The Vicarage, Portsea, or to Mr. G. Williams, Clifton Street, Brighton."

Since our notice appeared concerning the publication of Mr. Hewett's portrait, we have received from several correspondents accounts of their experiences with the veteran. We cannot incorporate all these here, but the remarks of one correspondent—Mr. George Williams, of Brighton—may be alluded to. Mr. Williams says: "My acquaintance with Mr. Hewett has similar characteristics to his own connection with Shipway. It was through him (Mr. Hewett) that I learnt many of the mysteries connected with ringing, composing, in-and-out-of-course, etc. Mr. Hewett was in the first peal rang in Hampshire by the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and the first peal of Stedman Triples rang in that county."

CHURCH BELL FOUNDING IN KETTERING, NORTH HANTS.

The origin of bell-founding in Kettering began with the bells from SS. Peter and Paul's church in this town. In the year 1714 five heavy bells, the hanging in the tower, were taken down to re-cast into eight. Richard Saunders, Bromsgrove, bell-founder, who undertook the work, engaged premises and land in Wadcroft (High street end), and until but few years since known by the name of Bell Foundry lane, John Eayrs, watch and clock maker, Market hill, Kettering, assisting, who afterwards, on his own account, added to his trade bell-founding.

The first bell turned out from John Eayrs's foundry was for St. John's church, Cranford, placed in that tower October, 1717; and for an unbroken period of 45 years the business was carried on first by John and afterwards by Thomas Eayrs, who became in the end bankrupt. During the time referred to some hundreds of church bells were cast for all parts of England. The work on hand at the collapse was finished by Edward Arnold, of St. Neots, Eayrs's nephew. That foundry, which was of short duration, was eventually removed to Loughborough, of famous renown to day.

The favorite inscription of Kettering foundry was:—

- (1) "Gloria Patri Filio Die miserere mei."
- (2) "I.H.S. Nazarenus Rex Judeorum Fili Dei miserere mei."
- (3) "To the Church the living I do call; to the grave I summons all."

There are remaining until to-day in Northamptonshire alone 43 bells cast by J. and T. Eayrs, in the following places:—Cranford, St. John's, tenor, 1717; Burton Latimer, two bells, 1718; Warkton, two bells, 1718; ditto, ditto, 1761; Mears Ashby, one bell, 1718; Kettering, two bells, 1722; ditto, 1732; Aldwinkle, two bells, 1724; Hemington, one bell, 1724; Rothwell, one bell, 1726; Stoke Doyle, peal of five, 1727; Raunds, peal of five, 1732; Achurch, one bell, 1735; Oundle, two bells, 1735; Wilbarton, one bell, 1739; Easton, near Stamford, one bell, 1749; Thorpe Malsor, one bell, 1751; Clipston, one bell, 1752; Brampton Ash, one bell, 1734; Yarwell, one bell, 1754; Harrington, one bell, 1755; Gretton, peal of five, 1761; Lilbourne, peal of four, 1761; Earls Barton, one bell, 1761; Lilbourne, extra bell (and last), 1762.

The fifth bell now in the parish church of Kettering, cast in 1630 by Tobie Norris, Stamford, once the tenor of Gretton peal, was exchanged in 1761 by Fayrs for Saunders's fifth, and re-cast by Eayrs to tune, with four other bells.—*Extracts from "Sinclair's Manuscript History of Kettering."*

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

The usual monthly meeting in connection with the above was held in the belfry of All Saints' church, Wigan, on Saturday, March 4th. The following towers were represented: Wigan, Bolton, Manchester, Swinton, Hindley, Upholland, Southport and Walton. The minutes of the last meeting held at Walton were read and duly confirmed.

The worthy President of the Association, the Rev. J. H. Elsee, M.A., who occupied the chair, expressed the regret of Canon Bridgeman at not being able to be with them, he having another engagement. In the course of his remarks he said he liked the appearance of the old belfry, with its rough bare stone walls, and alluded to the bells as being "as grand a peal of eight as any he knew." He referred to the work in this branch of the Association as being very creditable. The good work which he hoped the Association was doing was to encourage members to become better ringers. At its monthly meetings it enabled members to meet other ringers and to exchange views to their mutual advantage in the art of change-ringing, and afforded six-bell ringers an opportunity of obtaining practice on eight bells. Above all to remind them that as church bell ringers they are workers for God in God's House, that they should do their best to ring well not only for the pleasure connected therewith as an art, but because it is for the glory of God. He spoke of monthly meetings as being a very practical way of encouraging good ringing, and as a very important and essential part of the work of the Association. He was glad they were to be continued. The pleasure at these gatherings was greatly enhanced when the ringers at the tower visited consider themselves as hosts, and are present in good time, anxious to make a good meeting for their visitors.

Mr. Halliwell, the conductor of the Wigan society, made a very practical suggestion to the effect that steps be taken to procure the publication of a simpler form of instruction book, the books which up to the present time have been available being exceedingly difficult to understand, save for those already in the front rank. He ventured to say that the Association might perhaps be induced to issue sundry small pamphlets explaining various methods, he personally offering to render what assistance he could to that end. He further suggested that one of the leading men in the art should be appointed as instructor, if necessary at a small salary, part of whose duty it would be to attend meetings, and give an explanation of some of the more difficult methods, giving diagrams on a black-board. The latter however did not meet with much support. Mr. Redford promised to bring the suggestion with regard to simplified books before the committee at their first sitting.

It was proposed by Mr. R. Hill, and seconded by Mr. T. R. Somerville, that the next meeting be held at Farnworth, near Widnes, on April 8th (the first Saturday in the month falling in Passion Week). On being put to the vote it was carried unanimously.

The remarks of Messrs. Redford, Jackson, Hill, etc., were all well received.

A vote of thanks to Canon Bridgeman, the churchwardens, and the local company for the use of the bells and the welcome they had extended, followed by another in favour of the Rev. H. J. Elsee for presiding, terminated a very pleasant meeting.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

In the proper place is recorded the performance of a peal of Bob Royal at Dudley, by ten members of the above Association, to celebrate the eighteenth birthday of one of the band, Mr. A. Spittle, son of the worthy Master of the Association. At its close the Vicar of Dudley (Rev. A. G. Maitland) invited the band to supper at the Vicarage, and congratulated the members on their success. Full justice was done to the good things provided, the pleasure being enhanced by the rev. gentleman and Miss Gerrie presiding at the repast. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Vicar for his hospitality, and the interest he shows in the bells and the ringers. The rev. gentleman suitably responded, and wished Arthur Spittle many happy returns of the day, adding some sound advice for his future guidance, which was well received.

PRESENTATION TO A RINGER.

The ringers of Middleton parish church, together with their wives and sweethearts and upwards of thirty other friends, met together on Saturday, March 11th, to partake of a very substantial tea of beef, ham, mutton, tongue, jam, jellies, etc., provided by Mr. Dan Renshaw, to celebrate his twenty-first birthday. At 6.30 "go" was called, and after vigorous pulling and dodging, the good things to satisfy the inner man were rapidly disposed of, and whilst the tables were being cleared, the ringers made their way to the belfry, where a 360 of Plain Bob with 7-8 behind was rung. J. Buckley, 1; J. Ramsden, 2; W. Schofield, 3; E. Nuttall, 4; F. Morris, 5; J. Arrowsmith, 6; D. Renshaw, 7; T. Wellens, 8. Conducted by J. Buckley.

The tables having by this time been cleared, Mr. James Taylor was called to the chair, supported by Messrs. D. Renshaw, J. Ramsden, and E. Nuttall. Dances, recitations, and tunes on the handbells having been gone through, Mr. E. Nuttall was called upon to present to Mr. D. Renshaw a writing desk, with a card bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. D. Renshaw by the ringers of the parish church, on his attaining his 21st birthday, March 9th, 1893." In addition to the above he was the recipient of many nice and valuable presents from his many friends.

Mr. Renshaw, in a few appropriate remarks, thanked the donors for their kindness, and said that he would always look upon the presents, not so much for their value, but for the good wishes and kind regards, and as a proof that he had many friends about him. After a few more songs, tunes, and dances, the meeting was brought to a close shortly before 12 o'clock, after a most enjoyable evening.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday evening, March 21st, the members of the East Retford Society met at the parish church, Retford, to attempt Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which was rung in 2 hrs. 58 mins., particulars of which were recorded in the proper place. This young band of ringers received their tuition from Mr. Thomas Hattersley, of Sheffield, and since his tuition ceased no less than four attempts have been made by this company to secure the first peal of the above Association, which was formed in 1887. On November 9th, 1892, 1778 and 2584 changes were rung; and on January 28th, 4284 changes were rung, therefore it was arranged to make another attempt on March 21st to welcome in the first day of spring. After the completion of the peal the ringers met with a hearty reception and many congratulations from their numerous friends, after which the ringers and their friends adjourned to the Association house (the Vine inn), to refresh the inner man, where again they were highly congratulated by all present, the majority of which had listened to the peal. "Time, Gentlemen" brought a very pleasant meeting to a close, ringers and friends being well satisfied with the evening's performance.

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		DIAMETER	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	2ft. 6in.	..	6	0 24
Second	2ft. 7in.	..	6	2 19
Third	2ft. 11in.	..	8	2 19
Fourth	.. ..	3ft. 0in.	..	9	2 13
Fifth	.. ..	3ft. 2½in.	..	10	0 17
Sixth	.. ..	3ft. 5½in.	..	13	1 10
Seventh	.. ..	3ft. 9½in.	..	17	1 27
Tenor	.. ..	4ft. 2½in. (in Eb.)	22	3	17

The following are the Inscriptions:—

Treble (New).—Gloria in Altissimis Deo. Joannes Crew. Medicus. 1892.

Second (New).—Alleluia. Lavdate Dominum De Coelis Lavdate Eum in Excelsis. A.D. 1892.

Fourth (Re-cast).—Ihs Nazarenus Rex Judeorum Fili Dei Miserere Mei. 1633. Re-cast 1892.

Sixth (Re-cast).—Lavdate Dominum in Sanctis Ejus. Recast 1892.

The third bell is dated 1820; the Second, 1636; the Tenor, 1633.

The Fifth is an Ancient bell not dated.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Council will be held at the Clarendon Hotel, Cornmarket Street, Oxford, at 1.0 p.m. punctually, on Easter Tuesday, April 4th. A dinner will be provided at 2s. 6d. a head immediately after the meeting. To facilitate arrangements for the dinner, members attending the Council are requested to obtain tickets from the Hon. Secretary at the time of assembling for the meeting.

Permission to ring during the evening at Christ Church Cathedral, Merton and New Colleges, and at the church of St. Peter-in-the-East, has been most kindly granted by the respective authorities. Members visiting the Cathedral or College towers should provide themselves beforehand with the Hon. Secretary's card. A meeting of the Standing Committee will be held previous to the meeting of the Council, at the same place, at 11.30 a.m. Gentlemen serving on this Committee are specially requested to attend.

Hon. Secretaries of societies who have not yet remitted the subscription of 2s. 6d. for each elected Representative, are reminded that, by Rule v. their Representatives are not entitled to vote at the Meeting until the amount has been paid. The necessary sum should, therefore, be at once forwarded to the Hon. Secretary of the Council—Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

AGENDA.

- 1.—Statement of accounts.
 - 2.—To receive and consider a further Report from the Committee appointed to obtain adequate recognition of the Exercise at the hands of the Church Congress.
 - 3.—To receive and consider the Report of the Standing Committee on the preparation and publication of a Bibliography or Catalogue of works relating to Bells and Ringing.
 - 4.—To receive and consider the Report of the Committee appointed: (a) to draw up a scheme for the classification of compositions of 5000 changes and upwards, and (b) to pronounce as to the call or calls to be deemed proper to each method.
- On the presentation of this Report, attention will be called to the omission from many Association Reports of any clue to the compositions performed by such Associations.

To be moved and discussed:—

- 5.—That the following addition be made to the definition of a valid peal on seven bells:—"Nevertheless, a performance on seven bells, without the addition of a covering bell, is to be discountenanced, and is unworthy of record."
- 6.—That an addition be made to the definition of a peal on six bells, allowing the admissibility of fourteen 360s, or any greater number of true portions of different Minor methods, no two being the same.
- 7.—That it is desirable, when a band of ringers belonging to more than one Association meet to ring a peal, that they should decide beforehand to which Association such peal should be credited; and that for the future no peal shall be published under the name of more than one Association.
- 8.—Attention will be called to the prevalent system of electing Association Members in the tower, and to the desirability of limiting elections to occasions on which a Business Meeting of the Association is held.

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NOTES BY THE WAY.

I have been much interested in the letter from "E. J." last week, wherein he narrates his experiences at Blyth. It is quite refreshing now and then to be told of bright shining examples of energy in the work of change-ringing, and more especially so when that energy is accompanied by a faithful discharge of duties and obligations as sons of that Church whose bells we ring. It is well in these days of searching criticism—so much of which is, unfortunately, guided by an unfavourable predilection towards us—that every opportunity should be taken (as "E. J." puts it) to "let these people who write so much about ringers being as black sheep to the Church, see that there are ringers who are a credit to the Church and the ringing Exercise."

This Blyth band is, not inaptly, styled by the correspondent in question "a model band of ringers." That description called to my mind a band which I have come across in my peregrinations; and I could not resist the temptation to supplement "E. J.'s" story by one of my own.

Now the difference between the Blyth band and the one I am referring to is—that while the former is a "model" one, the latter is a "perfect" specimen. But don't be alarmed, and imagine I am going to tell you some extraordinary story; and at the same time, don't all of you (to use a homely phrase) "put the cap on," and flatter yourselves that it is your own band to which I am alluding. The circumstances which I relate may have some counterpart in other belfries than the particular one in question; but that, of course does not affect me or my little narration.

This particular band is composed of—roughly speaking—a round dozen members. Most of them are—like their contemporaries at Blyth—comparatively young in the science. I can't say of them that they are all communicants; neither can I place it to their credit that any portion of them are choirmen as well as ringers. But, you know, we are not all of us endowed with the requisite natural vocal ability to qualify us in that direction, so the absence of that latter qualification of occupants of choir stalls must not be regarded in the light of discredit. But neither can I report of this "perfect" band that from belfry to nave of the church is the order of progression at the conclusion of ringing. That, certainly, requires no peculiar natural ability to perform, so it is not in this direction where the adjective "perfect" is applicable. That description is a purely scientific one, as I will endeavour to explain.

These youthful scions of the Exercise, on becoming members of the band in question, were not, like the men of Blyth and Killamarsh, all new to the work. They had received previous training, and when they joined took part in the circle with old and able executants of the campanological art. By degrees one after another of the veterans dropped out of the ranks, till the young ones became the bulk of the band. For a while they were satisfied with performing the standard method of the tower; but growing ambitious, other and hitherto (to them) unknown methods were taken in hand. Very creditable to them, you will say, no doubt. And so say I, for that matter. But here comes the rub. One might naturally imagine that as they

progressed, they would, remembering the long and painstaking efforts bestowed upon them during their training, have been only too glad to become themselves prompters and teachers to others whose lot in the way of ringing had been less fortunate than their own. But if you do so imagine, there is where the mistake will come in. On the contrary, with each step in what I will style of a progressive direction, came a closer wrapping round their belfry and person of the mantle of exclusiveness, and an exhibition of conceit which was sometimes positively painful to witness. The methods known amongst us as "standard" became much too common for this "perfect" band. Grandsire was hardly worth the time spent in ringing it; Treble Bob was child's play; Plain Bob—oh dear! the very mention of it was insulting; and as for Stedman—why, "we can ring it blindfold." Nothing of smaller calibre than Double Norwich, Superlative, or some such "top-sawyer" method would do for them. An even if there came a jumble in the course of a plain touch, it was either the bells or else the ropes that were to blame—the ringers certainly not.

Then again, should a visiting ringer from some other tower chance to call in, he must exhibit a full appreciation of the brilliancy of the band at the ropes, or else Boycott was the word. He would have to consider himself highly favoured if he was permitted to have a hand in falling the bells. Even had the band met one short, unless indeed it was an occasion of dire necessity, he would have to walk away ring-less, and thus have a practical reminder of the inferiority of his "talents."

Since my last visit to this belfry, the number of the "perfect" band has dwindled down to just the number of their bells. Should another member have to sever his connection, I really don't know what will be the consequence. From present appearances, collapse seems the most likely result. And thus the Exercise would suffer much—muchly.

It may possibly happen, however, that after reading these lines, an effort may be made by this band to put aside their "perfectness," and go in for permanency; even if they had to spend their time ringing the commonplace standard methods, and repaying to others what was beforetime done for them in the way of instruction.

If my remarks should have a result in the direction I have named, I shall consider the time occupied in writing them very well spent. And if they should "fit in" somewhere else, and result in a change for the better in other quarters, then it will be better still. But I shall be satisfied if I have been the means of one band disestablishing itself from its "perfect" basis, and showing itself in the future—like the men of Blyth, a "model band of ringers."

FREE LANCE.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. F. E. Dawe, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, now resides at 17, Campana Road, Fulham, S.W.—Mr. G. Woodiss has removed from Shepperton to Albany Road, Hersham, Surrey.

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Notices.

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The Surrey Association.—Easter Monday, at Epsom. Ringing at the Parish church from 2.0 p.m.; at Christ church, 2—5, and 7—9 p.m. Tea at Coffee Rooms, High Street, at 5 p.m. Will representatives send number intending to come, to T. Miles, jun., High Street, Epsom, by March 31st.

E. G. BURR, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*
15, St. John's Grove, Croydon.

Hertfordshire Association.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the Cathedral and St. Peter's towers will be open for ringing in the morning from 10 to 12.15, and in the afternoon from 3.30. Special service at St. Peter's at 12.30, preacher the Rev. Canon Wigram. Dinner at the Town Hall, at 1.30, cost to members 1s. 9d. each, followed by a business meeting for the election of officers, &c. Notices of motions have been given for altering Rule 9 with respect to entering peals of Minor in the peal-book, and also for arranging an additional meeting at Hatfield, on August Bank Holiday. Members and visitors intending to be at the Dinner, are requested to send me word not later than Wednesday, March 29th. The meeting being an important one, members are invited to come as early in the day as possible, and it is hoped that they will make a special effort to be in time for the service.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*
St. Albans.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Annual Meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday. Special service, St. Paul's church at 3 p.m. Preacher, Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Tea 4.30, All Hallows' Mission Room. Business meeting after tea. Local Secretaries are requested to send in probable numbers attending as early as possible to W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*
Milton Bryant Rectory.

Midland Counties' Association.—The eleventh Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Leicester, on Easter Monday, April 3rd, 1893, when the following towers will be open for ringing from 10.0 a.m., viz.—St. Margaret's and St. Martin's (ten bells); St. Mark's, St. Mary's and St. Saviour's (eight bells); St. George's (six bells). Members on arrival are requested to proceed to Mr. Stephen Cooper's, 67, High Street, where bands will be formed for ringing at different towers. Committee Meeting at 5.0 p.m. Tea at 6.0 p.m., followed immediately by General Meeting at St. Margaret's Coffee House, Lower Church Gate. Through the kindness and liberality of the Leicester Branch, a free tea will be given to all visiting members who have paid their subscription for the current year, and forward their names to Mr. John O. Lancashire, 90, High Street, Leicester, not later than Thursday, March 30th. Local District Secretaries are particularly requested not to forward any member's name whose subscription is in arrear, and members attending who do not send in their names by the date mentioned will be charged 1s. each. Bands of eight and upwards by giving three days' notice can obtain fare-and-quarter tickets at any station.

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

Notice.—On Easter Monday, April 3rd, all being well, ten members of the society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford will attempt a 17,045 of Grandsire Caters, at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton. Start at 8.0 a.m. A new set of ropes will be supplied by Messrs. Ironmonger, Limited, Wolverhampton, for the occasion.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Norton, near Sheffield, on Easter Monday, April 3rd. Dinner will be provided at the Bagshawe Arms, at 2 o'clock, at 2s. per head. Members are requested to send word to the Secretary if they intend to be present, not later than Tuesday, March 28th. The tower will be open for ringing during the day. Any band wishing to attempt a peal of 5040 must communicate with the Secretary, the same to be completed not later than 12 o'clock. Each band must give their names to the Secretary so that all ringing can be taken in proper order during the afternoon. No band to ring more than 30 minutes at one time. Business meeting at 3.15. Election of officers, adoption of balance sheet, etc.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*
18, The Dale, Woodseats, Sheffield.

Royal Cumberland Society.—On Easter Monday, April 3rd, eight members of the above society, will attempt a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, containing 13,440 changes, at the church of St. Thomas the Martyr, Brentwood, Essex. 9 a.m. is the time appointed for meeting.

East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held in the Church Schoolroom, on Easter Monday, April 3rd. Tea on table at 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Bells open for ringing from 9 a.m.

108, High Street, JNO. JAS. COOK,
Clay Cross. *Hon. Sec.*

Ely District Association.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Wilburton, on Monday, April 3rd. Tea at 4 o'clock.

St. Ives, Hunts. EDWARD J. TEESDALE,
Secretary.

Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts.—The Annual meeting of this association will be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, April 3rd, 1893. Local Secretaries are requested to communicate with the hon. sec., in accordance with rules 6 and 10. The meeting will take place in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2 o'clock prompt. The Rev. Canon Claughton will preside. Tea will follow business meeting, 9d. per head being allowed to all members sending in their names for same, not later than Monday, March 27th. The cathedral bells will be at the disposal of the members from five till seven p.m. Business, election of officers, adoption of annual report, balance sheet, etc. All subscriptions due should be paid at this meeting. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Worksop Priory Church (by permission of the Vicar) on Saturday, April 8th. All towers intending to be present, should communicate with G. Barrowcliffe, Worksop, stating their respective numbers, not later than Monday, April 3rd.

HENRY T. SLODDEN,
Vicarage, Worksop. *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Society.—The usual monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Longton, on Saturday next, April 8th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. G. Woods, 44, Uttoxeter Road, Longton. REV. J. W. ALSTON, *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG,

South Lincolnshire Association.—The Annual meeting of the above will be held on Easter Monday, April 3rd, at Spalding, when, by kind permission of Rev. R. G. Ash and Rev. Marsden, the bells of St. Paul's and of the Parish church will be at the disposal of the ringers during the day. Service will be held at St. Paul's in the morning at 11.45, when all members are respectfully requested to attend. A Business meeting will be held in St. Paul's schoolroom, at 12.30. A dinner will be provided at the Pigeon Inn, Holbeach Road, at 1.30. Two shillings each.

JOHN ALFORD, *Hon. Sec.*
Hanthorpe, Bourne, Lincolnshire.

Worcestershire Association.—On Easter Tuesday a long peal of Double Norwich will be attempted at Hanbury, all being well.

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, on Saturday, April 8th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN MILLETT, *Hon. Sec.*
60, Starky Street, Heywood.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 8th. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 6.

J. HORROCKS, *Branch Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A tea will be provided at 6d. each to all who send in their names to me not later than Tuesday next.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Farnworth, on Saturday, 8th April. Tower open at 3. Business meeting in schoolroom at 6.30, at which the Rev. J. Wright Williams will preside. Members' certificates can now be had at a charge of 3d., a specimen of which will be on view at the meeting. The new method for practice will be Canterbury Pleasure Minor, and those not already in possession of copies, are requested to apply to

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Notice.—Ringers visiting Manchester will please note that the Company of Change-Ringers at the Cathedral is now dissolved.

T. S. DOWNS.
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The Sussex County Association.—Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd, 1893. Full particulars later on. GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*
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SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1893.

THERE is plenty to choose from in the bill of fare for the holiday-keeper on Monday next. The list of notices of meetings take up a whole page in this number, a fact which shows that the season of Easter, at one period the ringers' holiday *par excellence*, is getting back some of its old popularity. First, we may say, comes the meeting of the Central Council, which will attract many ringers other than those who belong to that body, so that the University will be quite *en fête* from a campanological point of view. The Association and Guild meetings on the same day are ten in number, and these are meetings of several of our leading organizations. Then there are two long peals of Double Norwich to be attempted: one at Brentwood, Essex; the other at Hanbury, Worcestershire; and a long peal of Grandsire Caters, to supersede everything that has yet been rung, is to be essayed at Wolverhampton.

All these arrangements will bring visitors from far and near, some to one point of attraction, some to another, wherever fancy or inclination may dictate.

These ringers' assemblies, at a holiday time in particular, are generally successful. Attempts at peals may fail on such occasions, and disappointments of various kinds may occur to damp the enthusiasm of some, but on the whole we believe that a holiday gathering of ringers, whether under the auspices of a Guild or Association, or not, does an amount of good to the Art of Ringing. Long therefore may such meetings be favored by the Exercise. The "gathering of the clans" on Monday next brings with it hopeful aspirations for the future. The varied announcements for the day is a sure sign that greater vitality than ever permeates all ringing operations.

The Provinces.

MACCLESFIELD.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, (MACCLESFIELD BRANCH AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTHS.)

On Tuesday, March 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILFRED MATTHEWS Treble.	WALTER HENSHALL 5.
FRANK STONELY* 2.	WILLIAM W. STEEL 6.
WILLIAM WALMSLEY 3.	WILLIAM CARTER 7.
JOHN MINSHULL 4.	JOSEPH NORBURY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WALMSLEY.

Witness to the calling, W. E. Blackwell, who sat in the tower and marked each call as the peal progressed. *First peal with a bob bell. First peal of Triples by W. Carter, who hails from Biddulph, Staffordshire; W. Henshall belongs to Gawsorth, near Macclesfield.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR SPITTLE Treble.	HARRY MASON 6.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 7.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT 3.	JOHN SMITH 8.
JOHN CARTER 4.	JAMES E. GROVES 9.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 5.	JOHN GOODMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal, which has the 6th twenty-four times at home, is the first peal in this method on the bells, also the first by all the above except W. R. Small, and was rung to celebrate the eighteenth birthday of A. Spittle. Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere. J. S. Pritchett hails from King's Norton; J. Carter from Birmingham; W. R. Small from Tipton; H. Mason from Old Hill; J. E. Groves from Wolverhampton; J. Smith from Netherton; the rest belong to Dudley.

HOGHTON, NEAR PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 22, 1893, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM MARGERISON .. Treble.	JAMES HARRISON 5.
THOS. EDWARD FARNWORTH .. 2.	THOMAS CALDERBANK 6.
JOHN VOGWILL, JUN. 3.	JOHN VOGWILL, SEN. 7.
WILLIAM CREWDSON 4.	WILLIAM PHILLIPSON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN SHEPHERD of Bacup, and Conducted by JOHN VOGWILL, JUN.

This is the first peal by a local band, and by all the above ringers. The figures of the above peal will be found in the Lancashire Association Report 1889-90, peal No. 232.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CRAWLEY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 23, 1893, 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 13½ cwt. in F.

PETER TYLER* Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN 5.
FREDERICK W. RICE 2.	*ALFRED D. MILLS 6.
JOHN RICE* 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
WILLIAM WARD 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal of Double Norwich. This peal has the 6th twenty-four times right, without the 2nd or 3rd being in 6ths place at a course-end. This is the first peal of Double Norwich by the local band without assistance, and rung at the second attempt.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. PETER'S BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 23, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-IN-THE-EAST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. Treble.	ALFRED BROWNING 5.
PERCY A. HIND 2.	THOMAS PAYNE 6.
CHARLES FOWLER 3.	WILLIAM C. BASTOW 7.
ALBERT DUBBER 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal of Cambridge rung in the City of Oxford, the first peal in the method by all except Messrs. Hounslow and Washbrook, and was rung at the first attempt.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5165 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

WALTER JUKES Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
JOHN CARTER 2.	REUBEN HALL 7.
WILLIAM SMITH 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 8.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 4.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 2.
JAMES JONES 5.	HENRY YN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is taken from the 17045, which number it is the intention of this band to attempt on these bells on Monday next, April 3rd. Meet at 8 a.m.

Date Touch.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

WOOLTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, March 14th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Roberts, 1; G. Hislop (longest length as conductor), 2; P. Ball, 3; P. Leather, jun., 4; R. Leather, 5; T. Kay, 6; J. Edwards (longest length with a bob bell), 7; H. Fyles, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Composed by J. Aspinwall, of Liverpool.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, February 27th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Hewett, 1; J. Harper (first 500 in the method), 2; F. Hill, 3; C. Privett, 4; G. Grafham, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; H. Dicker, 8. On Sunday evening, March 19th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. J. Sevier, 1; C. Privett, 2; G. Grafham, 3; F. Hill, 4; T. Groves, 5; W. H. George, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; G. Passingham, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—Recently before morning service at St. Mary's church, a touch of Stedman Triples. J. Freeman, 1; A. Pitstow, 2; A. James, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; E. Pitstow, 5; J. Penning, 6; F. Pitstow (conductor), 7; W. Marshall, 8. Also before afternoon service a course of Cambridge Surprise Major. W. H. Dallimore, 1; A. Pitstow, 2; A. James, 3; C. Freeman, 4; E. Pit-

stow, 5; J. Penning, 6; N. J. Pitstow, 7; F. Pitstow, 8. First in the method by W. H. Dallimore, and the first by the local band. W. H. Dallimore hails from West Ham.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, March 19th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; C. H. Howard, 6. And in the evening 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, March 26th, 720 New London Pleasure (nine bobs). T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. And in the evening 720 Double Court Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; A. Huckson, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, March 12th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 York Surprise, 5th the observation. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, March 15th, for practice, 720 London Surprise, 4th the observation, in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Durham Surprise in 26 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Cambridge Surprise in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, March 19th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; J. Luckey, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; N. Hawkins (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; N. Hawkins, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And after service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Jordan, 1; J. Luckey, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; N. Hawkins (conductor), 5; W. Watts, 6. Also on Wednesday, March 22nd, for practice, 720 London Surprise in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Worcester Surprise in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; J. Luckey, 2; I. Hammond, 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. N. Hawkins hails from Walter Belchamp, Essex. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Tuesday, March 14th, at the house of Mr. J. Paulson, on handbells retained in hand, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Paulson, 1-2; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6. Also a course of Grandsire Triples. R. Measures, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; A. Measures, 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Caters. J. Paulson, 1-2; W. Hickley, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; H. Argyle, 7-8; A. Measures, 9-10.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON.—On Sunday, February 19th, 720 Canterbury (twenty-six bobs and ten singles). C. Rimmer, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; G. Rogers, 6. On Thursday, February 23rd, for practice, 720 each of College Single and Oxford Single. J. Walter, 1; G. Rogers, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. R. Pritchard, 6. On Monday, February 27th, 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Walter, 1; G. Rogers, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. R. Pritchard, 6. On Sunday, March 12th, 720 Kent (nine bobs). C. Rimmer, 1; W. Wilcox, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Rogers, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Tuesday, March 14th, 720 Canterbury (eighteen singles and three bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; G. Kendrick, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Wednesday, March 15th, 720 College Single and 720 Oxford Single. J. Walter, 1; G. Rogers, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. R. Pritchard, 6. All the above conducted by W. Wilcox.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLEFORD (Berks).—On Monday, March 6th, the members of the Hagbourne society visited this place and rang 720 Grandsire Minor at the parish church in 26 mins. A. Woodley, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Napper, 3; D. Napper, 4; T. East, 5; J. Sawyer (conductor), 6. Also two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. E. Butler, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Napper, 3; J. Savage, 4; J. Sawyer (conductor), 5; A. Woodley, 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

On Monday, February 20th, for practice, 720 of College Single Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 minutes. W. Airey (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Lingard (first 720 in the method), 2; J. Crossley (first 720 in the method as conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield (first 720 in the method), 5; J. W. Crossley (first 720 in the method), 6.

ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, March 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 44 mins. T. Marsh, 1; W. Jukes, 2; C. Marsu, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves (composer and conductor), 7; F. Jones, 8.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, March 12th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1260, being ten and a half six-scores, each called differently. H. Roden, 1; B. Dalton, 2; T. Rowe (longest touch), 3; J. Rowe (longest touch), 4; J. E. Groves (conductor), 5; J. Snape (longest touch), 6. Time 42 mins. Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lbs.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday morning, March 19th, for Divine Service, 630 Oxford Bob Triples in 20 mins. C. Walker, 1; G. Daynes, 2; F. Thornton, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; T. Chandler, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; H. Warnett, 7; F. Peters, 8. For Divine Service in the evening 630 Darlaston Bob Triples in 21 mins. A. Pheasant, 1; G. Daynes, 2; *T. Deal, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; H. Warnett, 7; W. Bedwell (conductor), 8. *Longest touch.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

WALWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, March 21st, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. O'Meara, 1; F. Perrin, 2; J. E. Davis, 3; F. Davis, 4; A. Davis, 5; H. N. Davis, 6; T. Langdon (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; R. C. Jameson, jun., Esq., 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Thursday, January 5th, 720 of Cambridge Surprise. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; T. Linfield, 3; C. Hills, 4; T. Parsons, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 12th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. T. Parsons, 1; H. Finch (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 6th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. G. A. Brooks (first in the method), 1; T. Linfield, 2; H. Finch, 3; F. Finch, 4; C. Hills, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Monday, March 13th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. J. Hills, 1; H. Finch, 2; H. E. Goring, 3; F. Finch, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Monday, March 20th, 720 of London Surprise. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; T. Linfield, 3; T. Parsons, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. First 720 by all the company and first 720 on the bells.

ARDLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday, March 19th, for afternoon service, 1,056 Bob Major. D. Elliott, jun., 1; G. M. Rashbrooke, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; A. Bowell, 4; G. C. Scowen, 5; C. P. Rampling, 6; E. Beckwith, 7; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 8. And 224 Grandsire Triples. In the evening, for service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. M. Rashbrooke, 1; F. Bumpstead, 2; G. C. Scowen, 3; C. Rampling, 4; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 5; W. J. Nevard, 6. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Bowell, 1; G. M. Rashbrooke, 2; W. J. Nevard, 3; F. Bumpstead, 4; G. Scowen, 5; C. Rampling, 6; G. Thompson, 7; R. W. Stannard, 8. And after service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Fenner (first in any method), 1; W. J. Nevard, 2; C. Rampling, 3; G. Scowen, 4; G. Thompson, 5; A. Bowell (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. Messrs. Elliott and Beckwith hail from Coggeshall; Rampling and Scowen from Harwich; Bowell from Ipswich; Thompson from Kelsale, Suffolk; Nevard from Little Bentley; Bumpstead, Rashbrook and Stannard from Colchester; A. Fenner belongs to the local company.

BEESTON (Notts).—On Thursday, March 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Pailing, 1; R. Clifford, 2; W. Clifford, 3; J. Huckby, 4; J. Clifford, 5; W. Clifford, sen., 6; A. Coppock (conductor), 7; —, 8. And 332 in the same method. J. Pailing, 1; G. Oldham, 2; W. Clifford, 3; J. Huckby, 4; J. Clifford, 5; A. Coppock (conductor), 6; W. Clifford, sen., 7; —, 8.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, March 14th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Double Court Bob (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles). H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. H. Howard (composer and conductor), 4; F. Warren, 5; C. Bearman, 6. On Tuesday, March 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; F. Davey, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent,

5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, March 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Single Court Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. In the afternoon 720 College Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. E. Hammond, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

BROCKDISH (Norfolk).—On Sunday afternoon, March 12th, for Divine Service at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. E. Smith (conductor), 1; F. Barkway, 2; C. Gillman, 3; W. Gillman, 4; E. S. Poll, 5; F. Smith, 6. After service 720 Oxford (nine bobs), 5th the observation. F. Barkway (conductor), 1; C. Gillman, 2; F. Smith, 3; E. Smith, 4; E. S. Poll, 5; H. Smith, 6. Messrs. Smith (2) and Poll hail from Alburgh; the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 11 cwt.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, February 26th, for evening service, 720 of Plain Bob. C. Boughton, 1; W. Shillock, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; W. Short, 4; T. Barber, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, March 5th, 360 of Canterbury Pleasure. W. H. Barber, 1; T. Barber, 2; C. Boughton, 3; W. Shillock, 4; W. Short (conductor), 5; J. Barber, 6. And on Sunday, March 11th, 360 in the same method. W. Shillock, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; C. Boughton, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, March 18th 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Shillock, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; C. Boughton, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Huxley, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, February 23rd, 1056 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Howell, 1; G. M. Rashbrooke, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; J. Kettle, 4; W. Burch, 5; W. Green, 6; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 7-8. On Saturday, March 4th, 1260 Grand-sire Triples. G. Burch, 1; F. Bumpstead, 2; J. Kettle, 3-4; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 5-6; W. Burch, 7-8. On Thursday, March 9th, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major came to grief after ringing 900 changes. G. Burch, 1; F. Bumpstead, 2; J. Kettle, 3-4; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 5-6; G. Rashbrooke, 7; W. Burch, 8.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Tuesday, March 14th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. E. Cox, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; G. W. Park, 3; G. W. Park, 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; W. M. Stephenson, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all except the conductor; also the first on the bells. And another 720 in the same method, in 28 mins. G. W. Park, 1; W. M. Stephenson, 2; J. W. Lynn (first 720 in the method), 3; J. Baxter, 4; G. Park, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. J. Baxter belongs to St. John's; G. Park to St. Cuthbert's, Darlington; the rest belong to the Holy Trinity Society. Tenor 7½ cwt.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 26th, on handbells, 504 Stedman Triples. Miss D. Heywood, 1-2; Miss E. Heywood, 3-4; A. Percival Heywood, 5-6; Miss M. Heywood, 7-8.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Monday, March 20th, for practice on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. J. Taylor, 1; H. Evans (first 720), 2; W. Gridley, 3; F. Inch (first 720), 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; R. Mingay, 6. And a 360. J. Taylor, 1; H. Evans, 2; W. Gridley, 3; F. Inch, 4; T. Evans (conductor), 5-6.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Sunday evening, March 19th, after Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 30 mins. I. Dear, 1; E. Pye, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale (first 720 in the method), 6.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, February 25th, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Prebble, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Castle, 3; J. Whitnall, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 4th, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles, as appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," February 25th). J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; J. Andrews, 3; J. Whitnall, 4; W. Fordred, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 11th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles and sixteen bobs). J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle (conductor), 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Andrews, 4; A. Tanton, 5; J. Whitnall, 6. And 720 (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Prebble, 1; A. Tanton (conductor), 2; T. Beer, 3; J. Whitnall, 4; A. Castle, 5; J. Andrews, 6.

MIDDLETON (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, March 12th, a 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins. with the tenors behind. T. Oldham (conductor), 1; W. Schofield, 2; E. Nuttall, 3; S. Holt, 4; D. Renshaw, 5; F. Morris, 6; A. J. Gill, 7; W. Welens, 8. F. Morris hails from Farnworth; Gill from Rusholme; the rest belong to Middleton.

MARSHFIELD (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, March 13th, at the parish church, for practice, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Coles, 1; G. Robinson, 2; H. Coles, 3; E. Wotton, 4; T. Wait (conductor), 5; G. Coles, 6. First 6-score by all except E. Wotton.

OLDSWINFORD (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, February 25th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. C. Beasley, 1; H. Meredith, 2; A. Bloomer, 3; L. Walker, 4; H. Woodall (conductor), 5; J. A. Meredith, 6. All the above hail from Cradley.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, March 12th, for Divine Service at St. Edward's church, 1056 Bob Major. S. James, 1; E. Pye, 2; B. Keeble, 3; W. Watson, 4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5; G. Pye, 6; W. Nash, 7; W. Pye, 8.

SHEPHERD (Hants).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, October 27th, 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Mallard, 1; W. Cooper, 2; A. House, 3; S. Cumming, 4; W. Linter, 5; G. Walker, 6. First 120 by all except W. Linter. On Wednesday, November 3rd, a 120. J. Mallard, 1; W. Cooper, 2; G. Walker, 3; G. Chequer, 4; W. Linter, 5-6. And 120 in the same method on the tower bells. J. Mallard, 1; W. Cooper, 2; G. Walker, 3; S. Cumming, 4; W. Linter, 5; J. Pearce, 6. On Wednesday, November 10th, a 120. J. Mallard, 1; W. Cooper, 2; A. House, 3; S. Cumming, 4; W. Linter, 5; G. Chequer, 6. On Sunday, November 14th, two 6-scores. J. Mallard, 1; G. Chequer, 2; A. House, 3; S. Cumming, 4; W. Linter (conductor), 5; G. Winter, 6. On Thursday, February 16th, a 120. J. Mallard, 1; W. Cooper, 2; A. House, 3; S. Cumming, 4; G. Chequer (first as conductor), 5; J. Pearce, 6. On Sunday evening, February 19th, for Divine Service, a 120. G. Winter, 1; W. Cooper, 2; W. Linter, 3; S. Cumming, 4; G. Chequer, 5; A. House, 6. On Thursday, February 23rd, a 120. J. Mallard, 1; W. Cooper, 2; W. Linter (conductor), 3; S. Cumming, 4; G. Chapell, 5; J. Pearce, 6. On Monday, February 27th, three 6-scores. J. Mallard, 1; G. Walker, 2; W. Cooper (first as conductor), 3; W. Linter, 4; G. Chequer, 5; J. Pearce, 6. On Thursday, March 16th, a 120. J. Mallard, 1; G. Winter, 2; W. Cooper, 3; S. Cumming, 4; G. Walker (first as conductor), 5; J. Pearce, 6. On Monday, March 20th, three courses of Grandsire Minor on handbells. G. Winter, 1; A. House, 2; G. Chequer, 3; S. Cumming, 4; G. Walker, 5; W. Linter, 6. Great credit is due to the Sheffield ringers, as they only began to learn change-ringing in August last. G. Chapell hails from Wickham; W. Linter from Swanmore; the rest belong to Sheffield.

THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, March 19th, at the house of F. K. Howell, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. C. H. Watts, 1-2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3-4; A. P. Goddard, 5-6; F. K. Howell (first quarter-peal), 7-8. Umpire, P. Harvey. Messrs Blackburn, Goddard and Watts hail from Salisbury, and are now engaged in rehanging Thornbury parish church bells.

WORCESTER. —On Saturday, March 4th, at the church of St. Helen, 536 of Kent Treble Bob Major, and a short touch of Stedman Triples. J. Carter (conductor), 1; T. Salter, 2; G. Hayward, 3; G. H. Phillott, 4; O. James, 5; L. Longney, 6; G. Bourne, 7; R. E. Grove, 8. On Monday, March 13th, at the Cathedral, 701 of Grandsire Caters. B. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; W. Johnson, 4; W. Powell, 5; W. Bradford, 6; E. Davis, 7; R. Horton, 8; W. Page, 9; T. Malin, 10. On Monday, March 20th, 594 of Grandsire Caters. B. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Powell, 3; W. Johnson, 4; L. Longney (conductor), 5; W. Bradford, 6; W. Page, 7; R. Horton, 8; W. Pudge, 9; E. Davis, 10. And also a touch conducted by W. Page. Tenor 52 cwt.

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, March 18th, at St. Paul's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. *F. W. Stout, 1; G. Bebbington, 2; *A. Oxley, 3; W. Brammer, 4; G. Gerrard, 5; E. Edwanson (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. *First 720. This is the first 720 on the bells for upwards of five years. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Oxley.

* * * We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

Correspondence.

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

RADWINTER—NOT SAFFRON WALDEN.

SIR,—Your Editorial note last week seems to reflect (of course unintentionally) upon the arrangement of the ringing-chamber at Saffron Walden. A reference to the account of the Essex Association meeting on page 620 of the same issue of "THE BELL NEWS," will show that it is at the neighbouring tower of Radwinter, not at Saffron Walden itself, that the defect complained of exists. For the benefit of those who do not know the Saffron Walden tower, or who on reading your "Editorial" might not have taken the trouble to refer to the paragraph on which it comments, I hope that you will insert this brief correction.

T. L. PAPILLON,
Hon. Sec. Essex Association.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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

In submitting the accompanying peal of Grandsire Triples to the Exercise, I will take the opportunity, with the Editor's permission, to touch upon one or two points in connection therewith. It is pretty well known that previous to the publication of my twelve-part peal, which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 12th, 1892, that no peal had been obtained with half the lead-ends *odd* and half *even*, except those upon the old three-lead-course plan, therefore such peals are a decided departure from the old plan. It is the musical quality of these peals that I want to draw attention to. In this peal the 6th is in 7th place 392 backstroke changes, and 328 at handstroke, the latter giving the 120 changes with 6-7 at backstroke. The twelve-part peal has the 6th in 7th place 408 backstroke changes, and 312 at handstroke, the latter giving 102 changes with 6-7 at backstroke. This peal also has the 2-6, 3-6, and 4-6, each twenty-four leads one way, and the 2-3, 3-4, and 4-2 each twelve leads one way in either half-peal. There are also other interesting items in these two peals.

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Three times repeated. *Single in second and fourth parts.

Ringers may often be heard discussing the musical quality of some of our peals of Grandsire Triples; now I have heard it said that peals upon the three-lead-course plan are the most musical, chiefly owing to the great number of calls, and the twenty-four 6-7s, but an analysis of this kind of peal will shew that there are only seventy-two changes with 6-7 at backstroke, and that the 6th is never in 7th place at a lead-end; in fact she is only there 240 backstroke changes in all, including forty-eight 7-6s, therefore I fail to see that these peals are musical.

I have also heard it said that Holt's ten-part is the most musical, and again that my one-part is the best, and I am sure there are a great number who are of opinion that Holt's Original stands first as a musical peal. Now owing to the great number of calls in Holt's Original, it must be admitted that the peal would appear lively from all points of view, especially so to the conductor. Further thus, that I fail to see that this peal is more musical than the others, for it is a fact, that in all peals, if rung with in-course singles, that each bell must come into 7th place 720 changes, that each pair of bells must come into 6-7 120 changes each way, and that the same half of the changes will come at handstroke, and the same half at backstroke in each peal, therefore the musical quality of each peal must be the same. And the question of few calls or many is really only a question of distribution. This much however can be said—the fewer the number of calls, the more likely are certain musical, and non-musical changes to be distributed about the peal. Thus it is clear that musical peals are only to be obtained by a complete departure from the ancient and modern plans.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

A general meeting of the above was held in the Guild room, Edgar Tower, on Saturday evening last, the Rev. H. Clifford, Warden, presiding. About thirty members were present. The first business was the consideration of the rules drawn up by the committee, which after being amended were duly passed. The next business was to elect a Ringing Master and Secretary. For the former office Mr. Lionel Longney was elected; and for the latter Mr. W. H. Johnson. In the absence of Mr. Longney, the Chairman, on his behalf, thanked the members for his election. He was sure that Mr. Longney would do his best to fulfil all the duties of the office. Mr. Johnson thanked the members for electing him as their Secretary, and said that he would do all in his power to further the interest and success of the Guild.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the chairman and vice-chairman for their attendance that evening.

The Chairman said it would be a pleasure to him to meet the Guild upon all occasions, and he was glad to see so many present on that occasion, and to know that the art of change-ringing was likely to become more popular in the faithful city. He thanked them for himself and also on behalf of the vice-chairman—Mr. Eldershaw—who he was sure took a great interest in the Guild. The proceedings then closed.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

On Thursday, March 23rd, the local company, assisted by Mr. A. Speller, of Chelmsford, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Thomas Everard, an old parish ringer, whose funeral had taken place in the afternoon of that day. W. Emery, 1; F. Radley, 2; G. Sorrell, 3; A. Speller, 4; R. Wood, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6; F. Edwards, 8.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 18th, several ringers from Thurlaston and Earl Shilton paid a visit to the above place and rang 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. It is several years since any Grandsire was rung here. The ringers were: J. Wright, J. Wilson, R. Bishop, J. Thompson, and J. H. Swinfield. Tenor 11 cwt. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and also hope that the local company will take up change-ringing.

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Her Majesty will enter the Institute by a private entrance to the east of the main door, and will be conveyed by the lift into the Central Hall, where she will be received by the Prince of Wales, the members of the Royal family, and all the Great Officers of State, who will have entered by the main door. Levée Dress will be worn by all the gentlemen present. The passage way in the Central Hall leading to the Royal dais will be lined with Indian and Colonial troopers, Gentlemen at Arms, Yeomen of the Guard, and the State Trumpeters. On the Queen's arrival, a band, under the direction of Sir Arthur Sullivan, will play the National Anthem, and, while the Royal party advance to their places, a processional march. On the right of the Queen will be ranged members of the House of Lords and the Diplomatic Corps, and on the left members of the House of the Commons and the Indian Princes. The general company will include Home, Indian and Colonial cele-

brities. On the Queen taking her seat, a selection of music, composed by Sir Arthur Sullivan, will be played, after which the Archbishop of Canterbury will offer prayer.

The Prince of Wales will then present an Address to her Majesty, to which she will graciously reply. A splendid master key of elegant workmanship made of precious metals and studded with jewels, will be presented to the Queen. This key her Majesty will insert in the door of the silver model of the Imperial Institute which was presented to the Prince and Princess of Wales upon their Silver Wedding-day by the citizens of London. As soon as the Queen has placed the key in the lock peals will be rung from the belfry of the Institute, where there are twelve magnificent bells. The bellringers are to be brought from various great country churches in England, and after they have rung fifty changes, they will give one grand peal, which will be the signal for a battery of Artillery to fire a salute in Hyde Park. This part of the ceremony being concluded, the Royal and other processions will re-form and proceed to the carriages in waiting to the strains of Sir Arthur Sullivan's orchestra, and thence back to Buckingham Palace. The ticket holders will then be allowed to inspect the Institute and the gardens, which will be kept open until ten p.m. There will be music and other entertainments. The Prince of Wales will, on May 17th, hold a reception, which will be attended by 15,000 people, in honour of the opening of the Imperial Institute.

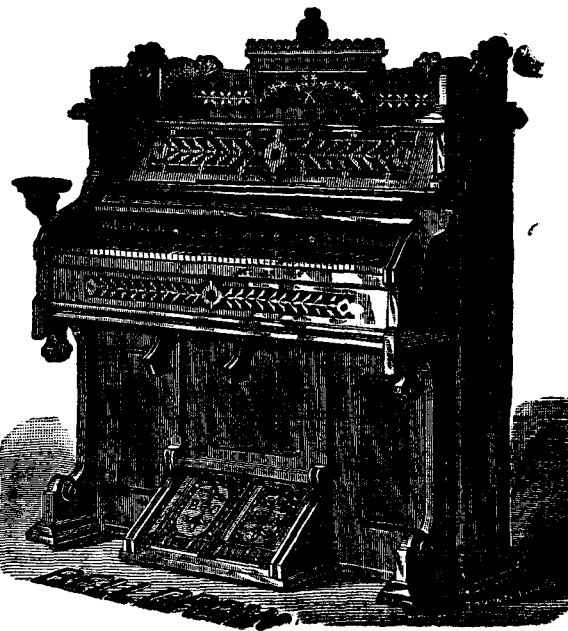
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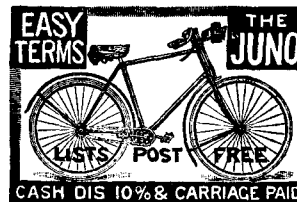
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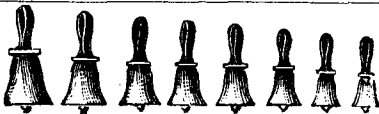
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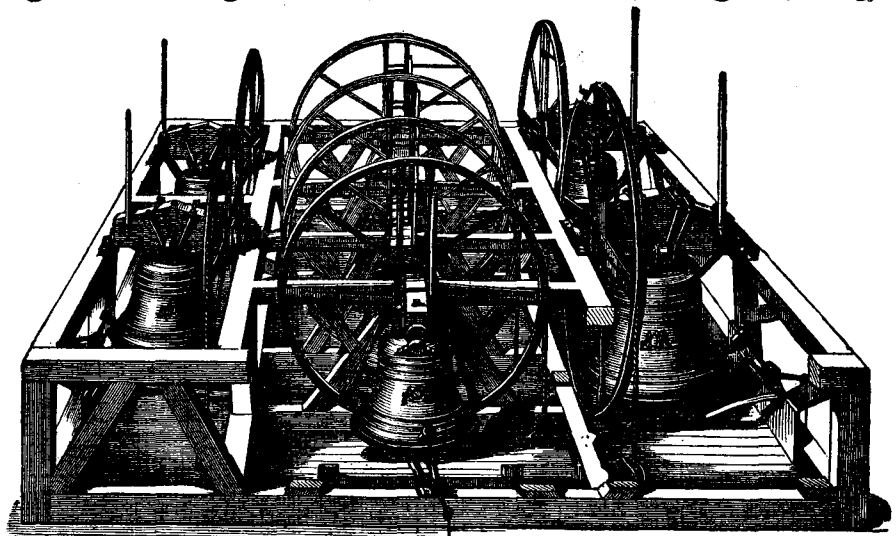
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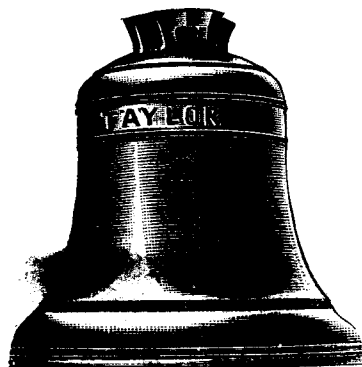
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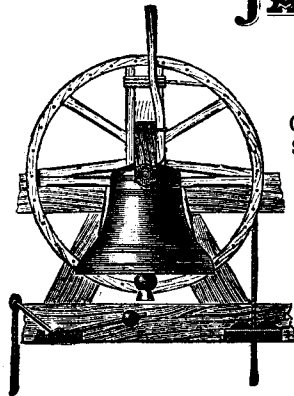
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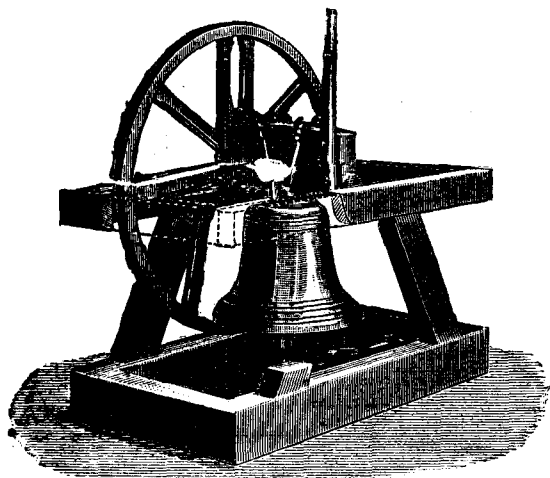
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The meeting opened with an address from the Vicar, in which he expressed his regret at not being able to receive the ringers as he would have liked to have done, but he hoped to do so next time. He then addressed a few words suitable to the ringers' vocation, and ended with a short prayer, in which all members joined most heartily. The Vicar having consented to become an honorary member he was thereupon unanimously elected one.

The Secretary (Mr. Percy Howard) pointed out how very beneficial it was to the Association to be supported by the clergy. Ringers did not like to be left out in the cold, but liked the clergy to recognise, help, and take an interest in them. It was very kind of the Vicar, who was hardly out of the doctor's hands, to come and address them in the way he had done, and he (the Secretary) begged to propose a vote of thanks to him for kindly allowing the Association the use of the bells, and for his attendance at the meeting.

The proposition was carried with loud applause.

The Chairman said how gratified he was at being present and presiding.

The Treasurer (Mr. Milne) related what Mr. Marshall had done for the Association, and how he had always taken a great interest in them. He proposed a vote of thanks to him for presiding, which was carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were past as read. The Secretary was authorised to have the reports printed at "THE BELL NEWS" office, and also to send the representative's fee to the Central Council, and to pay the representative's expenses. He was also instructed to book up the peals as far as funds would permit. Messrs Thrussell, Blondell, Sapshead and Dalton, of Barnet, were elected members of the Association. The next meeting, if possible, was agreed to be held at Hampstead on the last Saturday in April.

MR. ATTREE'S ANALYSIS.

Mr. R. S. STORY, President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, writes as follows:—

Mr. Attree's last list is exceedingly interesting, and I am sure the ringing world is under a great debt of gratitude to him for his labours. A careful examination of it, however, leads one to think that justice is not done to the various associations, or to the peal-ringers of the various associations. The order in which the Associations is classed is purely dependent on quantity, and quality only enters into the analysis in a very secondary manner. I take the liberty to suggest to the Exercise that the easier peals, such as Grandsire and Bob Triples, etc., should be regarded as the rudimentary or first steps in the art of peal-ringing, and that classification should be based upon the value of peals, rather than upon the number. Under the present system it would be possible for an Association to stand at the head of the list, though only able to ring Bob Minor, the only other qualification being that they should ring plenty of it. Such a thing is not probable, but under the principles now, obtaining it would be possible, and these principles, though in a modified manner, do very materially affect the present analysis. As evidence of this I beg to append the position in which the Associations would stand were they placed in the order I suggest. To arrive at this result I have taken the average value of each peal, that is, I have divided the total number of points with which each Association is credited in Mr. Attree's list, and divided it by the number of peals rung by that Association, and placed the Association with the highest average at the top. I almost think this would be a better way of giving honour to whom it is due, than the present system of practically paying a premium for an immense number of peals in the poorer methods. While admitting that such peals are very necessary, especially in the case of young bands and learners, I fear there is a feeling,

which our present system of analysis tends to foster, of bands thinking they have attained to a very satisfactory standard when they are able to ring say a peal of Grandsire Triples or 5040 of Bob Minor with considerable certainty of success at each attempt, and that by ringing a number, they can improve their Association's position in the list. At the same time a small Association, however brilliant its performances, is liable to be placed in a very inferior position by the number of poorer performances of the larger Associations. Take for instance the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, who rank 18th in Mr. Attree's list. They have comparatively a small membership, and the number of their performances and their quality is very creditable to them. They are however preceded in the list by large Associations, the quality of whose peals does not by any means equal theirs. Another matter that a study of the analysis brings before the notice is the high position the Devonshire Guild take as regards the quality of their peals. If I remember rightly this is doubtless due to the very laudable visit paid by members of the Midland and Oxford Associations to Devonshire, to give an exhibition of ringing, with a view to advance the art in that district. I am sure my Devonshire brethren will absolve me from any intention of grudging them the entry of such peals in their peal-book, but are they not misleading to the Exercise, and should such peals not have been credited to one of the Associations to which the bulk of the band that rang them more actively belonged? At the same time, the question of the legal membership of each of the band is frequently involved, and though I am ignorant how the case in point was affected in this matter, I am pleased to note that the question of election is to be brought before the Council. There are doubtless several other views to be taken of these questions, and some discussion regarding them might be beneficial.

Position according to average value of peals.	Peal in Mr. Attree's list.	Average value in points per peal.	Position according to average value of peals.	Peal in Mr. Attree's list.	Average value in points per peal.
1. St. James So., London ...	28	29.33	19. Trinity Youths... ..	22	13.14
2. Devonshire Guild ...	23	28.57	20. United Counties' ...	14	12.44
3. St. Martin's So., Birmingham	18	27.28	21. Lancashire Assoc. ...	12	12.38
4. Worcester & Dist. Asso. ...	10	21.56	22. Bedfordshire Assoc. ...	30	12.00
5. Royal Cumberlands ...	9	21.00	23. Independent Bands ...	0	11.18
6. Oxford Diocesan Guild ...	6	19.18	24. So. for Archd. of Stafford	15	11.00
7. Anc. So. College Youths ...	7	18.73	25. Middlesex Assoc. ...	20	10.83
8. Sussex County Asso. ...	4	17.60	26. Birmingham Amalg. ...	25	9.20
9. Surrey Association ...	19	17.23	27. Hertford Assoc. ...	17	9.06
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13. Yorkshire Asso. ...	3	16.52	31. Hereford Dioc. Guild ...	23	8.00
14. Midland Counties' ...	2	16.44	32. No. Lincolnshire Assoc. ...	31	8.00
15. Old East Derbyshire ...	24	16.29	33. Salisbury Diocesan ...	33	8.09
16. Winchester Dioc. ...	13	16.15	34. Northern Counties' ...	34	8.00
17. Essex Asso. ...	11	15.66	35. Waterloo Society ...	35	8.00
18. Norwich ...	5	14.64	36. East Lincolnshire Assoc. ...	34	5.00

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NEW BELLS FOR GREENGATES, YORKSHIRE.

ON Saturday evening, April 1st, the dedication of a peal of bells presented by Mrs. Ibbitson to St. John's church, Greengates, took place. A special service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. E. A. Mould, curate-in-charge, who preached an appropriate and eloquent sermon. Mrs. Ibbitson, at a point specially provided for, set the bells in motion, and the rev. gentleman read the dedicatory prayers. The bells have been supplied by Messrs. Shaw and Co., Bell Founders, Bradford, Yorks. Their total weight is two tons, the tenor weighing 11 cwt. They are tuned in the key of G, and give forth a sweet sound. The bells are fixed in an oak frame, and are rung by Ellacombe's chiming hammers. Each bell bears a Scriptural quotation, and above the entrance to the belfry is a brass plate bearing the words: "To the glory of God this peal of bells was presented by Ann Ibbitson in loving memory of her father and mother, Samuel and Martha Farnish; April 1st, 1893."

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BELFRY LEGENDS, TRADITIONS AND ANECDOTES.

The following affecting tradition connected with the fine peal of bells in Limerick Cathedral is told: They were originally brought from Italy, having been manufactured by a young native, who devoted himself enthusiastically to the work, and who, after the toil of many years, succeeded in finishing a splendid peal, which answered all the critical requirements of his own musical ear. Upon these bells the artist prided himself, and they were at length bought by the prior of a neighbouring convent at a liberal price. With the proceeds of that sale the young Italian purchased a little villa, where, in the stillness of the evening, he could enjoy the sound of his own melodious bells from the convent cliff. Here he grew old in the bosom of his family, and of domestic happiness. At length in one of those feuds common to the period, the Italian became a sufferer amongst many others. He lost his all; and, after the passing of the storm, he found himself preserved alone amid the wreck of fortune, friends, family and home. The bells too, his favourite bells, were carried off from the convent, and finally removed to Ireland. For a time their artificer became a wanderer over Europe; and at last, in the hope of soothing his troubled spirit, he formed the resolution of seeking the land to which those treasures of his memory had been conveyed. He sailed for Ireland, and proceeding up the Shannon on a beautiful evening, which reminded him of his beautiful Italy, his own bells from the towers of Limerick Cathedral suddenly struck upon his ear. Home and all its loving ties, happiness, early recollections, all—all were in the sound, and went to his heart. His face was turned towards the Cathedral in the attitude of intently listening; but when the vessel landed he was found to be a corpse!

We are told by the Rev. Patrick Stuart, minister of Killin parish, Perthshire, in Sir John Sinclair's *Statistical Account of Scotland*, that at the time of writing, in 1778, there was a bell belonging to the Chapel of St. Filian, that was in high reputation among the votaries of that saint in olden times. The bell seemed to be of some mixed metal. It was about a foot high and of an oblong form. It usually laid on a gravestone in the churchyard. Mad people were brought to it to effect a cure. They were first dipped into the "Saint's Pool," when certain ceremonies were performed, which partook of the character of Druidism and Popery. The bell was placed in the chapel, where it remained, bound with ropes, all night. Next day it was placed upon the heads of the lunatics with great solemnity, but with what results "deponent sayeth not."

It was the popular opinion that if stolen, this bell would extricate itself from the hands of the thief and return home, ringing all the way!

For some years and at the time of writing, the bell was locked up, to prevent it being used for superstitious purposes.

Near Raleigh there is a valley said to have been caused by an earthquake several hundred years ago which swallowed up a whole village together with the church. Formerly it was the custom of the people to assemble in this valley every Christmas Day morning to listen to the ringing of the bells of the church beneath them. This, it was positively asserted, might be heard by placing the ear to the ground and listening attentively. As late as 1827 it was usual on this morning for old men and women to tell their children and young friends to go to the valley, stoop down, and hear the bells ring merrily. The villagers really heard the ringing of the bells of a neighbouring church, the sound of which was communicated by the surface of the ground, the cause being misconstrued by the ignorance and credulity of the listeners.

There is a tradition that John Barton, the donor of the third bell at Brigstock, Northants, was one of several plaintiffs against Sir John Zouch to recover the rights of common upon certain lands in the neighbouring parish of Benefield, and that Sir John threatening to ruin him if he persisted in claiming his right, John Barton replied that he would leave a cow which being pulled by the tail would low three times a day.

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WOODBOROUGH NOTTS.

This parish church was reopened after restoration, by the Bishop of Southwell on Lady-day. The chancel is a fine specimen of Decorated work, and has been restored by Colonel Seely, M.P., who is the lay rector; the nave belongs to the same period, but the tower is a poor example of Perpendicular work, and the aisles are Debased, containing, however, a fine Norman door, which probably was preserved from an earlier Norman church. The cruciform terminals of the gables are worthy of note; they have a crucifix with weepers on the one face and the blessed Virgin and Child, with attendant saints on the other, and have been carefully reproduced by Mr. R. Bridgman, of Lichfield. The work has been carried out in a most conservative spirit by Messrs. Naylor and Sale, architects, of Derby, and the choir stalls in oak were designed and carved by Mr. Mansfield Parkyns. The nave is seated with chairs, all of which are free and unappropriated. About £1,600 has been raised by subscriptions, of which about £1,400 has been expended, the balance being held as a nucleus towards the cost of restoring the outer walls and tower, which will probably cost about £500. The tower is so dilapidated that it is unsafe to ring the bells. At the opening service the prayers were intoned by the vicar, the Rev. W. E. Buckland, and the sermon was preached by the Bishop of Southwell. The service was continued over Palm Sunday, when sermons were preached by the Rev. A. G. M. Meugens, rector of Carlton, and Canon Trebeck, rector of Southwell. The collections amounted to £52.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Monday, March 20th, for practice, at St. Peter's church, a 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Saxby, 1; H. Brooker, 2; W. Dalton (first 500), 3; W. Sadler, 4; G. Burt (conductor), 5; C. Kitching, 6; F. Hermon, 7; B. Blake, 8. On Saturday, April 1st, at the same church, eight members of above Association attempted a peal Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief when about 400 changes from the finish; the bells being deeply muffled as a token of respect for William Palmer, who died on Thursday, March 23rd, he being a late member of the St. Peter's Society, and for Mr. R. Bailey, who filled the position of verger at St. Peter's church for upwards of twenty years, and died on Monday, March 27th, and was interred in the churchyard, on Saturday, April 1st. F. Saxby, 1; E. Bennett, 2; H. Brooker (conductor), 3; A. Collins, 4; W. Sadler, 5; C. Kitching, 6; F. Hermon, 7; G. Burt, 8.

CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS, HASTINGS.

On Easter Day the band of ringers at this church made their first attempt at change-ringing for service. The bells were rung at three services during the day, and the following members were successful in bringing round several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles: Messrs. Lock, Livermore, Munn, Swain, and Tester (conductor). Tenor 21 cwt. in F.

The annual report of the Leeds Church Day School Association states that the total of the central fund now reached £4286, which still fell far short of the £8000 referred to in the last report as being necessary to deal in a thorough manner with the wants of the affiliated schools, eighteen schools had applied for grants, and the total expenditure involved in their application amounted to upwards of £15,000. The increased accommodation which had resulted from alterations and enlargements amounting to 735 places, plainly indicated that the work done was of a progressive character, and not merely a carrying out of the minimum requirements of the Educational Department. There remained twelve schools yet to be dealt with, and in some instances the requirements of the Educational Department had been increased since the original applications were sent in. The schools at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, had been rebuilt at a cost of £2,200, yielding increased accommodation for eighty children; and this had been done without any application being made for a grant from the central fund.

* * We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

Church News.

A legacy of £1,100 has just been placed at the disposal of the Church Army social scheme.

The enthronement of Dr. G. H. Wilkinson as Bishop of St. Andrews is fixed for the 27th, in St. Ninian's Cathedral, Perth.

The Bishop of Ripon will be absent from home till the 20th. All letters of business should be addressed to the resident chaplain.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have made a grant of £700 to meet the sum of £1000 privately subscribed towards erecting a vicarage for St. Chad's parish, Shrewsbury.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have made a grant of £400, to meet a benefaction of like amount, towards defraying the cost of a parsonage for Bettws-y-Coed, Carnarvonshire.

Mr. John Fothergill, of Brownber, Cumberland, having given £1000 towards the endowment of St. Aidan's District Church, Ravenstonedale, the governors of Queen Ann's Bounty have made a further grant of £400.

The Archbishop of York proposes to go abroad shortly, and to return before the end of the month. During his absence letters on official business may be addressed to the Bishop of Beverley, at Bolton Percy.

The east window of Edensor Church has been filled with stained-glass in memory of Lord Edward Cavendish. The cost of the window was subscribed for by the parishioners and others, and the work was executed by Messrs. Burlison and Grylls.

The late Archdeacon Hessey, who left personal estate valued at £18,492, bequeathed a set of the Bampton Lectures to the library of St. Paul's Cathedral, and the silver urn presented to him by the Gray's-inn congregation to his wife for her life, and then to his nephew, Francis Dodson Hessey.

The balance of £300 remaining to be raised for the Southwell Cathedral organ fund has now been paid by a generous gift of the rector, Canon Trebeck. This is Canon Trebeck's second donation to the fund, which Canon and Mrs. Trebeck began with the large leading gift of £500.

The Bishop of Rochester, who recently (see *Guardian*, March 22), under the Clergy Discipline Act, deprived the vicar of Stoke, near Rochester, of his living, has signified his intention of defraying the whole of the defendant's costs out of his own pocket.

It has been decided to hold an ecclesiastical art exhibition on April 11th and 12th, in the Town Hall, Bedford. Lady Alwyne Compton has consented to open the exhibition on the first day. After payment of expenses the balance will be handed over to the Ely Diocesan Fund. The Rev. J. M. Walker is the Hon. Secretary.

Immediately before the Bishop of British Columbia's consecration at Westminster Abbey on Saturday week an episcopal ring, subscribed for by the clergy of the rural deanery of Southampton, was presented to Dr. Perrin, in the Jerusalem Chamber, by Canon Wilberforce, in the names of the subscribers. The ring, which is lozenge-shaped and in massive gold, with the arms of the see engraved on an amethyst, is the work of Mr. Wyon, of Regent Street.

Miss Frances Wakeham, of Braintree, who has just died at the age of eighty, has left £4500 for a new church for the neighbouring town of Bocking, and £5000 to be invested to form an endowment fund; £500 for the decoration and repair of Braintree parish church, £500 to the St. Albans Diocesan Nursing Institution, £500 to the Incorporated Church Building Society, and £500 to be divided between the Braintree and Bocking Cottage Hospital and the Cottage Loan Society.

The old parish church of Manchester was made into a collegiate foundation in 1421, and the collegiate buildings proper are still in much their original condition. Though some Decorated work has been found, the Cathedral as a building dates only from the fifteenth century, and as a Cathedral only from

1848. The Perpendicular choir still remains, but the nave has been mostly rebuilt, while the Chapter-house, north and south porches, and other appendages are modern. Its chief peculiarity is the double aisles, of which those on the outside were formerly private chantries, the wooden screens of which, so far as the choir is concerned, are still in place.

The college of women workers at Blackheath was the scene of a gathering of Churchworkers of South London on Saturday week, the Festival of the Annunciation. The occasion was a day of quiet devotion conducted by the Bishop of Southwark, and between three and four hundred ladies attended. The four addresses were all on the main subject of Holy Communion which was treated in subdivisions of its historical, doctrinal, spiritual, and devotional aspects.

Considerable progress has been made with the work of restoring the west front of Rochester Cathedral. It was found to be very seriously dilapidated, and Mr. J. L. Pearson, R.A., the architect, was obliged to advise the entire rebuilding of the upper part. The underpinning or renewal of the foundations, has been successfully accomplished; but the work proved one of great difficulty, and entailed a cost of many hundred pounds. The present restoration of the west front will cost between £6000 and £7000; but the Dean and Chapter are anxious to deal also with the roofs of the choir and choir-transepts, and other works, which would double the amount named. It is hoped ultimately to add a spire to the present miserable, poor, and mean central tower.

The annual Good Friday Services for working men took place in the evening at the Town Hall, Leeds. This was the fourth occasion on which these very successful gatherings have been held. The meeting is not advertised publicly, as it is intended mainly for non-churchgoers. The arrangements are in the hands of a committee of about 200 working men, and the work done in connection with the gathering is purely voluntary. The free use of the Victoria Hall was granted by the Corporation; Dr. Spark (city organist) gave his services, and prior to the opening of the meeting performed several pieces of sacred music on the organ, and Messrs. Reynolds and Branson lent a very powerful lantern, which was worked by Mr. Read, for the exhibition of pictures illustrating incidents and characters associated with the Passion of Jesus Christ. The service began with the singing of the hymn, "O God our help in ages past," which was heartily joined in by the meeting. The words of the hymn, it may be added, were thrown upon the screen by the aid of the lantern. The Bishop of Ripon then offered a short prayer, and followed with an address on the life and character of our Saviour. Hymns were sung at various intervals of the Bishop's address.

The series of Church history lectures which have been given on behalf of the Church Defence Institution during Lent by the Rev. C. A. Lane in Kettering, Oxford, Banbury, and Reading, have been most successful. There was considerable amusement at one of the Banbury lectures, when at its close a Roman Catholic priest from Chipping Norton handed up a series of ten questions for the lecturer to answer, of which the following are fair specimens, "Is it ever lawful to disobey the State?" "Am I to understand that the lecturer wishes to convince us that he is a Catholic priest—and is not this a brand-new theory?" The answers were vociferously cheered, and the interrogator received scant ceremony from the audience, which was a very mixed one. At Kettering the resident Roman priest, Mr. Stanley, wrote letters to the local press making a general charge of intentional misrepresentation against Church Defence historical lectures. He was publicly challenged by Mr. Lane to name a single instance, and he selected the petition from Convocation to Henry VIII., which urged the termination of Papal control if the Pope insisted on the payment of annates, alleging that no such words were to be found in the original document. Mr. Lane had no difficulty in proving that they were. This Roman priest was present each night, and though repeatedly asked if he had anything to controvert arising out of the lecture, was not able to select any other point as questionable. Subsequently he organised a so-called "reply meeting," but it was very meagrely attended, the majority present being Churchmen, who held their own ground so persistently that the meeting was abandoned.

Ringers' Outings.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.—On Easter Monday some members of the East Retford, West Retford, and Ordsall companies had a most enjoyable days' outing, Tuxford and Laxton being the places selected for visiting. A start was made by road, and after a splendid drive of seven miles the first-named place was reached at 11 a.m. It was here intended to ring a 5040 on the parish church bells which have recently been rehung and an additional treble added by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, to complete a peal of six. But to get permission for such a privilege was entirely out of the question, as the new bell had only been dedicated a few days, and they were politely informed by the steeple-keeper and captain of a band of ringers who ring the methods of Stoney Bob and Gravedigger's Surprise, that to allow them to have a pull before they had got well used to them would be a monstrous absurdity, and were well backed up by their vicar, who promised them permission in a few months time. It was decided next to give Squire Wilson, of Tuxford Hall, a call, and that gentleman kindly shewed them through the interior of his house, which contains a large number of rooms, well-stocked with a variety of wonderful antiquities which date back from the thirteenth century, including oil paintings of William the Conqueror, wax work statues of Henry VIII. and Charles I., the Duke of Wellington's sword, and also an old carved oaken bedstead of Lord Byron from Newstead Abbey, and hundreds of curiosities too numerous to mention. They were well satisfied that his house contained sufficient food to satisfy the mind and to occupy the thoughts for a whole day. A move was then made for Laxton, a further distance of three miles. Here they found a venerable old gentleman in the shape of the Rev. H. A. Martin, who cordially welcomed them, and immediately gave them the use of the bells, and a well-struck 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 28 mins. W. H. Johnson, 1; W. Skelton (conductor), 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Haigh, 4; N. G. Hunt, 5; R. Potter, 6. After the touch was rung the rev. gentleman expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome a band of change-ringers, and kindly invited them to partake of a good substantial meat tea, and ample justice was done to the good things provided—

Which were like snowflakes on a river,
One moment seen, then gone for ever.

After ringing 45 minutes of this method of Masticating Exercise, "stand" was called, and Mr. Johnson, in a neat speech proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar for granting the use of the bells, and also for providing such an excellent spread. This was responded to by Mr. Haigh, who in the course, of his remarks said he hoped they would have many more such outings. The ringers then adjourned to the tower, and various touches were rung by Messrs. Footitt, Preston, Hopkinson, Bottomley, and Savage, after which the local ringers displayed their skill in giving the visitors the pleasure of listening to them lower the bells in peal, which lasted ten minutes, a splendid performance from beginning to end. An adjournment was then made to the Dove Court inn, where refreshments were partaken of, and a comfortable hour was spent in songs and recitations. An enjoyable home journey wound up an agreeable outing, and notwithstanding the Tuxford disappointment, the visitors were all of opinion that it was the best days' outing they ever had. They wish to express their gratitude, through the medium of this paper, to the Rev. H. A. Martin and his ringers for the kindness and consideration by which they were treated by them.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Monday, April 3rd, the Waldron branch of the Sussex County Association had their annual outing. Meeting at 7.30 a.m., they were joined by Mr. Butler, from Brighton, and Messrs. Turner and Goldsmith from Lewes. A move was made for the Belle Vue Inn, at Cross-in-Hand, where a pair-horse break was in readiness, and they were soon on the road to Burwash, a distance of about eight miles; here they found a nice little ring of six in excellent condition, having been recently rehung. After ringing several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and 360 of Bob Minor, an adjournment was made to the Burwash Wheel Inn, where dinner was announced at twelve o'clock, which was got up in excellent style and heartily

enjoyed. After a tune on the handbells, a start was made for Salehurst. There they found a good peal of bells, tenor about 18 cwt., all going well except the third and tenor, the latter requiring a good deal of pulling, but at the second attempt a 504 of Grandsire Triples was brought round. J. Goldsmith, 1; J. Burgess, 2; H. Rann (conductor), 3; T. Ades, 4; J. Beal, 5; A. Turner, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; A. Read, 8. The next move was for tea at the Eight Bells Inn. This over, a start was made for Brightling, a distance of about seven miles, the handbells being again brought into use, whilst one of the band amused the company with his comic songs. Brightling was reached about six o'clock, and here was found another peal of eight, all in good going order, with new ropes. A 504 of Grandsire Triples was soon tapped off in good style. A. Dawes, 1; H. Rann, 2; J. Burgess, 3; J. Beal, 4; T. Ades, 5; A. Read, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; E. Jennings, 8. The next move was home, the Belle Vue Inn being reached about nine o'clock, where a jolly hour was spent. The health of the Royal Cumberland Youths was drank with musical honours. Mr. Butler suitably responded, and this brought to a close the most enjoyable outing ever spent by this society.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—On Easter Monday, a very enjoyable trip to Kenilworth was made by the following members of the above Guild: Messrs. Bryan, Porter, Bradburn, and Painter, accompanied by Mr. G. Farmer (steeple-keeper at Harborne parish church), Mr. T. Gibbs, Mr. B. Gibbs, and Mr. T. Such. By the kind permission of the vicar (the Rev. W. Bissett), and the churchwardens (Messrs. Pears and Morris), they had the use of the bells for the day. By 12 o'clock the bells were in full swing, and some touches of Grandsire Doubles were brought round. At 2 o'clock by the kind invitation of Mr. W. Painter, the members sat down to a very acceptable luncheon to which full justice was done. At 3.30 another visit was paid to the tower, and the bells merrily rang at intervals until 7 p.m. During the afternoon the party was augmented by the arrival of G. Hitchman, C. Parkes, and F. Mumford, of the Birmingham Amalgamated Society. The company were much interested with the ruins of the castle and recent excavations. They heartily thank Mr. J. Heatley—steeple-keeper of Kenilworth parish church—for his kindness and attention. After a pleasant day the party returned safely to Birmingham at 9.30 p.m.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—LATE NOTICE.

A meeting of this Association will be held at St. Stephen's Church, Hampstead, on Saturday, April 30th. Ringing to begin at 4 o'clock.
PERCY HOWARD, Hon. Sec.
10, Grayling Road, Stoke Newington.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT WOLVERHAMPTON.—As advertised in these columns, it was intended to attempt a 17,045, special mention being made if "all is well," but we are sorry to say that "all was not well," as Mr. H. Roden, of Penn, near Wolverhampton, who was selected as the best tenor man for the occasion, although in good health the beginning of the week, died on Good Friday, after a short but very severe illness. This sad event cast quite a gloom over all that knew him, more especially the long peal band. The long peal was at once postponed, and the 8009 rang with the bells deeply-muffled, which is the longest peal on the bells, and supposed to be the longest muffled peal ever rang. A most curious coincident is that Mr. Roden rang the tenor to the peal at Wolverhampton, on March 25th, which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of last Saturday's issue, with the tenor man's name a blank. Mr. Roden was looking forward with great interest to the long peal, nearly his last words being that he should not see his ambition fulfilled to ring the 17,000. This is supposed to be the longest peal rang on new ropes, which prove that Messrs. Ironmonger, can supply a rope that will not stretch, the whole band passing their opinion that they are the best ropes for peal ringing.

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North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Worksop Priory Church (by permission of the Vicar) to-day Saturday, April 8th.

HENRY T. SLODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
Vicarage, Worksop.

Stoke Archidiaconal Society.—The usual monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Longton, to-day, Saturday, April 8th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. G. Woods, 44, Uttoxeter Road, Longton. REV. J. W. ALSTON, *Hon. Sec.*
W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Blackburn, to-day, Saturday, April 8th. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 6. J. HORROCKS, *Branch Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, to-day, Saturday, April 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A tea will be provided at 6d. each. J. B. TAYLOR, *Hon. Sec.*

7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Farnworth, to-day, Saturday, 8th April. Tower open at 3. Business meeting in school-room at 6.30, at which the Rev. J. Wright Williams will preside. Members' certificates can now be had at a charge of 3d., a specimen of which will be on view at the meeting. The new method for practice will be Canterbury Pleasure Minor, and those not already in possession of copies, are requested to apply to C. E. WILSON, *Hon. Sec.*
T. R. SOMERVILLE, *Hon. Sec.*

12, York Street, Walton.

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, to-day, Saturday, April 8th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN MILLETT, *Hon. Sec.*
60, Starky Street, Heywood.

Society of Trinity Youths.—Practice for April, 1893.—Greenwich, St. Alfège, Tuesday 11th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Lee, St. Margaret, Wednesday, 12th, 7.45 to 9 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary, Monday 24th, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at The Temple Church, on Tuesday evening the 11th instant, at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, *Local Sec.*

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this branch will be held at Beeston, on Saturday, April 15th. Bells open at 3 p.m.

W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*
29, Heathcote Street, Nottingham.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society, will be held at Coseley, on Satur-

day, April 15th, 1893. Ringing at two o'clock. Tea at 6 p.m. One shilling per head for all those sending word on or before the 12th inst., to S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—There will be a quarterly meeting at Greenwich, on Saturday, April 15th. The tower of St. Alphege, will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, *District Sec.*
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitefield, on Saturday, April 15th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m.

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

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Waldron, on Saturday, April 22nd. Details next week.

T. HERVEY BEAMS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
5, Clinton Place, Seaford.

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of the District will be held at Rochester (St. Margaret's), on the 29th April, 1893. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m. in the vestry room.

W. A. COOKE, *Sec. Rochester District.*
2, Railway Terrace, New Brompton, Chatham.

Notice.—Ringers visiting Manchester will please note that the Company of Change-Ringers at the Cathedral is now dissolved.

T. S. DOWNS.

167, Tatton Street, Salford.

The Sussex County Association.—Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd, 1893. Full particulars later on. GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*
Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The new certificates of membership are now ready. Price 1s. Application to be made to the Secretary, with postal order or stamps, giving names, addresses, and year of joining the Association. CHARLES BUSTON, *Hon. Sec.*
Embleton, Christon Bank, Northumberland.

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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By H. N. DAVIS, *Camberwell.*

6384.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4

6 5 3 2 4 - -

5 2 3 6 4 - -

4 6 2 5 3 - -

3 5 6 4 2 - -

2 4 5 3 6 - -

6 3 4 2 5 - -

3 2 4 6 5 - -

5 6 2 3 4 - -

6 3 2 5 4 - -

3 5 2 6 4 - -

4 6 5 3 2 - -

6 3 5 4 2 - -

3 4 5 6 2 - -

2 6 4 3 5 - -

5 3 6 2 4 - -

3 2 6 5 4 - -

4 5 2 3 6 - -

5 3 2 4 6 - -

3 4 2 5 6 - -

Twice repeated.

This composition has the 6th twelve times wrong and right.

A 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR.

By C. E. WILSON, *Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire.*

2 3 4 5 6

S 3 2 5 6 4

S 2 3 6 4 5

S 3 2 4 5 6

2 5 3 6 4

1 6 6 2 4 3

S 6 5 4 3 2

5 3 6 2 4

S 3 5 2 4 6

S 5 3 4 6 2

3 6 5 2 4

S 6 3 2 4 5

S 3 6 4 5 2

S 6 3 5 2 4

S 3 6 2 4 5

S 6 3 4 5 2

3 5 6 2 4

S 5 3 2 4 6

3 4 5 6 2

S 4 3 6 2 5

S 3 4 2 5 6

Twice repeated.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1893.

RINGERS' GATHERING IN NEWCASTLE.

PRESENTATION TO MR. C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

ON Wednesday, April 5th, a smoking concert, originating from the St. John's Guild, was held at the Royal hotel, Newcastle, and, if only the second or third which has been held, it certainly was as successful as any gathering could possibly be, and gave plenty of evidence of the benefits that result from that intermingling of ringers belonging to different towers, in the harmonious sociability generated on such occasions. There were present nearly all the members of St. John's Guild, the bulk of the Cathedral ringers, members of the Durham and Newcastle Association from Jarrow, Sunderland, Winlaton, Whickham, Tanfield, etc., while Mr. W. G. Routledge, who took the chair, had kindly induced one or two of his friends to join, with a view to assist in the harmony, and most obliging and efficient friends they proved themselves. Mr. Holmes acted as accompanist throughout the night, and as singing continued from 7 p.m. till 11 o'clock, it will be admitted that he worked hard, and was thoroughly deserving of the hearty vote of thanks which was accorded to him towards the end of the meeting.

Mr. Tomkin, who is a thoroughly qualified comic-singer, provided such a feast of laughter, and such a fund of entertainment, that it will be long before the ringers of the district forget him. His songs were in the best of taste, and he never hesitated to oblige again, although repeatedly encored. Songs were also rendered by the ringers themselves, proving that there is quite sufficient material for many a similar evening. Amongst those who contributed were Messrs. Routledge (2), Story (2), J. Simm, J. Donald, F. J. Harrison, etc. The chief event of the night however was the presentation to Mr. C. L. Routledge of a peal

of ten handbells by Mr. R. S. Story, and a set of shirt studs and sleeve links and a diamond pin by other friends. The idea of originating this presentation seemed to arise spontaneously from several ringers, and was most heartily responded to by those to whom it was mentioned. The members who subscribed were those only who were personal friends of the recipient, the list of names numbering some twenty-five or twenty-six.

At a suitable moment in the evening the chairman called upon Mr. R. S. Story to make the presentation, which it was satisfactory to note came as surprise to Mr. Routledge. Mr. Story explained to the meeting at the outset that the presentation came only from a few friends, who felt that some acknowledgement of the debt they owed Mr. Routledge, was more than due to him, and that the list of subscribers included those who came in personal contact with him, those many members of the Association whose first 5000, or whose ringing education was due to his kindness and energy. It is well known in the north that he has devoted an immense amount of time and labour to the advancement of the Art in the two dioceses covered by the Durham and Newcastle Association. It may be mentioned that special recognition of this fact was made at the last Annual Meeting of the Association, when the general meeting amended the report by inserting his name in connection with the improved position of the Association. He has done yeomen's service in teaching, especially at Whickham, and in the arranging of peals, especially for aspiring ringers living in distant parts of the district, he has gone to endless trouble. After pointing out these matters Mr. Story went on to refer to his personal qualities, which commanded the highest respect from all who knew him. He strongly recommended the many juniors present to follow his good example in the qualities of patience, perseverance, forbearance even when wrongly blamed, and that respect which he invariably manifested to his seniors and superiors in the Art. His freedom from jealousy and self assertion were also to be emulated. These remarks were supported and endorsed very heartily by Messrs. Lees, Harrison, T. Hudson, W. Story, and the chairman, whose remarks as to his brother were well received by the meeting; after which his health was proposed accompanied by musical honours. The presents were greatly admired by all present, and after they had been handed round Mr. Routledge returned thanks in a few well chosen sentences. The new peal of handbells was tried in Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob Royal, &c., and the meeting broke up after a vote of thanks to the chairman, at 11 p.m.

The Metropolis.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Monday, April 3, 1893, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

ANDREW OUGH .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMITH 6.
JOHN G. GREEN 2.	SAMUEL LUSCOMBE 7.
JOHN BASDEN 3.	JAMES W. DRIVER 8.
ALLEN H. TABER 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
WILLIAM ELSON 5.	SAMUEL HOW .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by JAMES W. DRIVER.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS,

On Monday, April 3, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN LEE .. .. .Treble.	*HARRY WARNETT 5.
HAROLD N. DAVIS† 2.	HARRY STUBBS 6.
DANSIE W. GRIGGS* 3.	†ARTHUR DEAN 7.
JAMES E. DAVIS 4.	FREDERICK J. PITTS .. ..Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, of Hendon, and Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method. †First peal of Major. †First peal of Major as conductor, and first attempt. This composition was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of February 6th, 1892. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Bennett, steeplekeeper for kindly granting them the use of these bell on this and many previous occasions.

The Provinces.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

H. ELLIOTT .. .. .Treble.	W. THOMAS 5.
R. CURTIS 2.	W. FRANKS 6.
J. MATHIS 3.	H. FRANKS 7.
C. HYLAND 4.	C. ELDRIDGE .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by W. FRANKS.

HALEWOOD.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 1, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH GRACE .. .. .Treble.	ALBERT GRACE 5.
ROBERT WILLIAMS 2.	JOHN ASPINWALL 6.
THOMAS AMBROSE 3.	CHARLES WILLIAMS 7.
GEORGE CALLAN 4.	RICHARD BRIERS .. .. .Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN ASPINWALL.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

CHARLES O. JOHNSTON ..Treble.	WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. 6.
TOM LOCKWOOD 2.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD .. 7.
HENRY LOCKWOOD 3.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. 8.
MATTHEW TOMLINSON .. 4.	ROBERT BINNS 9.
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 5.	HENRY SMITH .. .. .Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by TOM LOCKWOOD.

*First peal on ten bells. This peal contains the 6th twenty-four courses behind the 9th, and the 5th nineteen courses behind the 9th. This is the first peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells, and is now rang for the first time. First peal of Caters for all the company. Messrs. Binns and Johnston are unattached; the rest belong to the local company.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. LAWRENCE'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 3, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 6.) Tenor 24 cwt.

CECIL FOXELL .. .. .Treble.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 5.
WILLIAM H. HOLLOWAY .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS .. 6.
JOSEPH RICHARDSON 3.	J. MARTIN ROUTH, Esq. 7.
CHARLES STONE 4.	LEWIS ROLFE .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JAMES WILLIAMS.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, April 3, 1893, in Five Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 8009 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

ALFRED TIPTON .. .. .Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
JOHN CARTER 2.	REUBEN HALL 7.
WILLIAM SMITH 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 8.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 4.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 9.
JAMES JONES 5.	AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. .Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, in the inverted titmuss position, also eleven times before the 7th, and twenty-four times behind the 8th in the handstroke position. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

SWANAGE, DORSET.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ELI WATERS	Treble.	TOM BEST	5.
GEORGE WESTON	2.	STEPHEN BEST	6.
TOM GREEN	3.	JOHN J. BRISTOWE	7.
EDWARD V. HINTON	4.	WALTER J. BASTABLE	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

First peal by the tenor man.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.—ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES PRIOR*	Treble.	SAMUEL HAYES	6.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW	2.	JOHN M. HAYES	7.
ALFRED TUCKER	3.	GEORGE PRIOR	8.
WALTER PRIOR*	4.	HENRY PRIOR	9.
HENRY J. TUCKER	5.	*THOMAS NEWMAN	Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

The above peal was rung on the occasion of the opening of a peal board, given by the Vicar and Churchwardens to commemorate the peal of Oxford Bob Triples rung by the local band in February last. *First peal upon ten bells. The above composition has the 6th twenty-four courses behind the 9th and twenty-four courses behind the 8th.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE RAUNDS AND WELLINGBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART.

GEORGE WARNER	Treble.	WILLIAM HALL	5.
WILLIAM PETTET	2.	FRED. GILBERT	6.
ALFRED H. MARTIN	3.	HENRY STUBBS	7.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT	4.	JOHN B. MARTIN	Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. MARTIN.

This is the first peal of Triples on the bells. H. Stubbs and Gilbert (2) hail from Raunds; Hall from Rushden; Warner late of Oxford; the rest are local men.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5760 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM EMERY	Treble.	WILLIAM HAWKES	5.
ERNEST PYE*	2.	*WILLIAM PYE	6.
ARTHUR SPELLER*	3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN	7.
GEORGE PYE*	4.	ARTHUR EDWARDS	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First peal of Major. The Messrs. Pye hail from Romford, Hawkes from Springfield Sp. ller and Edwards from Widford, Emery and Lincoln belong to the local company. This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in sixths place, and is the shortest length containing these qualities.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES N. FROSSELL*	Treble.	KEITH HART	5.
HARRY WESTON	2.	ARTHUR A. FULLER	6.
GEORGE A. KING	3.	CHARLES TYLER	7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT	4.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN	Tenor.

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

*First peal of Double Norwich. This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6ths place, the 2nd and 3rd never there at course-ends. F. G. Newman hails from London; the rest belong to the local company.

WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE HEREFORD GUILD.

On Monday, April 3, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM BARRON	Treble.	JOHN GIBSON	5.
GEORGE WRIGHT	2.	GEORGE HARDING	6.
MORRIS J. MORRIS	3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING	7.
RICHARD LANGFORD	4.	*THOMAS ROGERS	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WRIGHT.

*First peal. Rung on the occasion of Miss Emily Langford's wedding, sister of the ringer of the 4th bell, and daughter of Mr. Enoch Langford, one of the local ringers. Messrs. Morris and Rogers hail from Oswestry; Langford, Harding and Holding from Crewe; the rest belong to the local company.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

THOMAS PAGE	Treble.	GEORGE BURT	5.
ALFRED ARNOLD	2.	WILLIAM STATES	6.
ALFRED COLLINS	3.	THOMAS VERRALL	7.
HENRY BROOKER	4.	WILLIAM HILL	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BROOKER.

This is believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

S. HOLDEN	Treble.	J. GOODHEAD	5.
W. FITCHFORD	2.	C. OLLIER	6.
THOS. MILLER	3.	W. MILLER	7.
F. GROCOTT	4.	A. W. BOWLES	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILLER.

First peal by all except the ringer of the 7th; and it is the first peal on the bells.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1893, in Four Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6272 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM GARDINER	Treble.	HENRY WOODING	5.
HENRY WARD	2.	JOHN HOLMAN	6.
THOMAS DIXON	3.	JAMES A. DIXON	7.
THOMAS SYLVESTER	4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by THOMAS DIXON.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, April 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON	Treble.	JOHN O. LANCASHIRE	5.
SAMUEL COTTON	2.	JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM	6.
GUYDO DICKINSON	3.	WILLIAM T. MILLER	7.
JOHN T. HARRIMAN*	4.	†WILLIAM HEXTER	Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL COTTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method. †Hails from Long Eaton.

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

On Tuesday, April 4, 1893, in Four Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
6944 CHANGES. Tenor about 17 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by
RICHARD E. GROVE.

The above was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for the long peal.

Date Touches.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Thursday, March 23rd, at the parish church, a date touch of 1893 Stedman Caters, in 1 hr. 13 mins. E. Bennett (composer and conductor), 1; F. Holder, 2; C. Bance, 3; G. Welling, 4; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 5; T. King, 6; J. Plowman, 7; J. Harding, 8; C. Gordon, 9; W. Grey, 10.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Easter Day, April 2nd, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. G. Green, 1; E. Titt, 2; W. Pallister, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton, 6; T. Buzzard, 7; J. W. Shipp (composer and conductor), 8.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Sunday, April 2nd, for early morning service at the parish church, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. C. Whittington, 1; J. Sholicar, 2; E. Canner, 3; A. Halton, 4; J. Pilkington, 5; H. J. Ellis, 6; G. Prescott, 7; T. Martland, 8. Composed by J. Walker, of Blackburn, and conducted by J. Sholicar.

Miscellaneous.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, March 21st, for practice, at St. Lawrence's church, two 720's of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles, and thirty bobs and six singles) in 55 mins. J. Butler, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; T. Allibone, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, March 19th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Stuart, 2; J. Spencer, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, March 26th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. Stuart, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard (conductor), 4; T. Townson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. Stuart (conductor), 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; J. Gibson (first 720 in the method), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

BUSHBURY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, March 26th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 22 mins. W. Jukes, 1; J. Pardoe, 2; W. Pardoe, 3; C. F. Vickers, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Also several 6-scores with some of the local band. These bells have just been rehung by Mr. J. Barwell, of Birmingham, the "go" of them being all that could be desired. New ropes have been supplied by Messrs. Ironmonger's Limited, Wolverhampton. The tenor and fourth bears the date 1593, the other being of more recent date. The fifth is by Mears, and the first three by Warner. Tenor about 10 cwt. in G.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, March, 21st, before a con-

firmation service, eighteen score of Bob Minor. W. Ostler, 1; C. Harper, 2; W. Norman, 3; A. E. Read, 4; S. Garnham, 5; J. C. Self (conductor), 6. After service 720 Bob Minor, in 31 mins. W. Ostler, 1; C. Harper, 2; W. Norman, 3; A. E. Reed, 4; S. Garnham, 5; J. C. Self (conductor), 6. And 252 Bob Triples. W. Ostler, 1; Rev. J. H. Pilkington (conductor), 2; W. Norman, 3; C. Harper, 4; A. E. Read, 5; S. Garnham, 6; J. C. Self, 7.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday, January 5th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 360 Plain Bob. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin (conductor), 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; J. Cawley, 4; F. Pratt, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, February 14th, a 720 Plain Bob. J. Barrett, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; T. Card (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Wednesday, February 22nd, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; R. Bevan, 3; F. Pratt, 4; G. Smith, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And a 720 Plain Bob. H. Martin, 1; C. H. Martin (conductor), 2; R. Bevan, 3; J. Barrett, 4; G. Smith, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Wednesday, March 1st, (1260 Doubles), being four 120s Canterbury, four 120s Plain Bob, and 300 Grandsire, each called differently. H. Martin, 1; C. Crampton, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; F. Kirby, 6. On Friday, March 3rd, a 720 Plain Bob. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Jelf, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, March 6th, a 360 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Barrett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. C. Crampton (conductor), 1; H. J. Martin, 2; J. Waghorn, sen., 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; F. Kirby, 6. On Wednesday, March 15th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; A. Tenant, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 25th, a 720 in the same method. J. Cawley (first 720 Oxford Treble Bob), 1; H. J. Martin, 2; R. Bevan (first 720 in the method), 3; J. Nixon (first 720 in the method), 4; G. Smith, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Messrs. Cawley, Bevan, Nixon and Smith, hail from Haverstock Hill; T. Card from Speldhurst, Kent; F. Jelf, from Waltham Abbey; J. Waghorn, from Tottenham.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, March 26th, for Divine Service, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. *J. Harrison, 1; *A. Ricketts, 2; *F. Ricketts, 3; *W. R. Hexter, 4; *J. E. Hexter, 5; *J. Poxon, 6; W. Hexter (conductor), 7; J. Bailey, 8. *Longest length in the method.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, March 26th, for Divine Service in the evening, 504 Stedman Triples, all single bobs. G. Salter, 1; J. Bennett, 2; W. H. Smith (conductor), 3; W. H. Barber, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; T. Bennett, 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. This is J. Bennett's first touch since his severe illness.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.—At St. Hilda's church, on Sunday, March 5th, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 39 mins. M. Bradley, 1; J. Nicholson, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; R. Borrowes, 5; A. McFarlane, 6; R. Alcock, 7; J. W. Blakiston (conductor), 8. On Monday, March 6th, for Confirmation service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Nicholson, 1; A. Mellanby, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; A. McFarlane, 4; J. W. Passman, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 12th, 882 Grandsire Triples. M. Bradley, 1; J. W. Passman, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; J. Nicholson, 5; A. McFarlane, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; S. Walker, 8. On Friday, March 17th, 3 six-score of Stedman Doubles. W. Bell, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; A. McFarlane, 3; J. W. Passman, 4; J. W. Blakiston, 5; S. Walker, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. M. Bradley, 1; W. Bell, 2; A. McFarlane, 3; J. W. Passman, 4; J. Nicholson, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6. On Monday, March 20th, 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major, already reported in these columns. On Sunday, March 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. M. Bradley, 1; J. Nicholson, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; R. Alcock, 4; A. McFarlane, 5. On Monday, March 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. M. Bradley, 1; J. Nicholson, 2; W. Bell, 3; J. H. Blakiston, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. W. Passman (first peal as conductor), 6.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Sunday, February 26th, for evening service, 784 Bob Major. H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; W. Pallister, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; E. Titt, 6; F. Charlton, 7; T. Buzzard (conductor), 8. On Monday, February 27th, for practice, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Green, 1; F. Charlton, 2; 3, 4 and 5 standing

as above; J. W. Shipp, 6; E. Titt, 7; T. Buzzard (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, February 28th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. T. Titt (first 720 in the method), 1; H. Peverell (first 720 in the method), 2; H. C. Mayne, 3; F. Charlton, 4; J. Pallister, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, March 6th, 720 Bob Minor. R. Pallister (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Green, 2; J. Shipp, 3; J. Pallister, 4; W. Pallister, 5; T. Buzzard (conductor), 6. On the same night 720 Bob Minor. C. Hills (first 720 in the method), 1; F. Charlton, 2; G. Green, 3; J. Pallister, 4; T. Buzzard, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 7th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Titt, 1; H. Peverell, 2; G. Green, 3; E. Titt, 4; F. Charlton, 5; T. Burrard (conductor), 6. On same date, 720 Bob Minor. R. Pallister, 1; the others standing as above. On Monday, March 13th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Simpson (first 720 in the method), 1; H. Peverell, 2; G. Green, 3; F. Charlton, 4; E. Titt, 5; T. Buzzard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes in 45 mins. H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; W. Pallister, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. W. Shipp, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; H. C. Mayne, 8. Also on Sunday, March 26th, for morning service, 480 Bob Major. H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; W. Pallister, 3; F. Charlton, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; J. Shipp, 6; J. Pallister, 7; T. Buzzard (conductor), 8. Also for evening service, 512 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Pallister, 1; E. Titt, 2; F. Charlton, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; J. W. Shipp, 6; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 7; T. Buzzard (conductor), 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, March 5th, at St. Giles' parish church, 1092 Grandsire Triples. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; A. H. Evans, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. On Sunday, March 12th, for confirmation service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. Boddington (first 500 with a bob bell), 3; A. W. Reeves, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; A. H. Evans, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Also 350 Grandsire Triples. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; F. Sweetzer (conductor), 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves, 7; H. Brunson, 8. After evening service 447 in the same method. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; A. W. Reeves, 4; A. H. Evans, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. On Sunday, March 19th, 840 Grandsire Triples. G. Boddington, 1; A. H. Evans, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; J. H. Maskell, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, March 26th, at St. Thomas' church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Siddons, 1; J. Moss, 2; A. Archer, 3; C. Ollier, 4; S. Moore, 5; W. Carter (conductor), 6. W. Carter, J. Moss and S. Moore hail from Biddulph; C. Ollier from Wolstanton. First in the method by the treble and 3rd ringers.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWMARSH (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, March 26th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1376 changes, in 47 mins., taken from J. Carter's peal of 6048. H. Bower, 1; S. Walker, 2; T. Wild, 3; J. Ensor, 4; J. Farmery, 5; W. Hawkins, 6; R. Whitworth, 7; T. Whitworth (conductor), 8. Tenor 10 cwt. H. Bower hails from Sheffield.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, March 4th, for practice, two 360's of College Exercise, and 360 of London Scholar's Pleasure. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. Also on Sunday, March 5th, for morning service, 720 of Duke of York and 600 of New London Pleasure, and for evening service 720 of Killamarsh Treble Bob, standing as before. Also on Sunday, March 12th, for evening service, 240 of New College Treble Bob, and 120 each of Kent and Vollet, standing as before. Also on Sunday, March 19th, for morning service, 360 of City Delight and 120 of Killamarsh Treble Bob. H. Greaves, 1; the rest standing as before. Also on Sunday, March 26th, for morning service, 720 of Superlative Surprise. And for evening service, 720 of London Scholar's Pleasure. T. Bettison, 1; T. Sadler, 2; C. Severn (conductor), 6; the rest as before. T. Sadler hails from Treeton, late of Withensham, and is a member of the St. Mary-le-Tower, Society, Ipswich. Also on Monday, March 27th, for practice, 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, Killamarsh Treble Bob, Killamarsh Surprise, and 120 each of Tulip and College Exercise. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; the rest as before. Also on Friday, March 31st, 3600, being 720 of each of the following: Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Tulip, Primrose and College Trebles, standing as before. The above was rung with the bells half muffled after the three hours service.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

GARSTON.—On Monday, March 6th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. E. W. Keen, 1; T. Crewe, 2; R. Green, 3; J. Knowles, 4; T. Jennions, 5; J. Schofield (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. This is the first 720 by all except the ringers of the 5th and tenor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

ROCHDALE.—On Sunday morning, March 5th, at All Saints church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). R. E. Hoyle, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Sunday morning, March 12th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Airey, 1; E. Schofield, 2; J. Crossley, 3; J. S. Lomas (Bacup), 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Monday, March 20th, 720 College Single Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6.

NEWHEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, March 26th, at St. Thomas' church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles) in 26 mins., on the back six. W. Airey, 1; E. Schofield, 2; J. Crossley, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Good Friday, March 31st, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 30 mins. W. Airey, 1; E. Schofield, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. All the above were conducted by J. Crossley.

EYNESBURY (Hunts).—On Tuesday, March 21st, for practice, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (forty singles). J. Jones, 1; E. Clarke, 2; H. Smart, 3; S. Hawksford, 4; H. Sutton (conductor), 5; G. Coleman, 6. The above is the composition of the Rev. F. L. Nash, and was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" for March 11th.

HENBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, March 25th, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor, in 32 mins. E. Devenish (first 720 in the method), 1; R. Devenish, 2; R. Chichester (first 720 in the method), 3; G. Pearce, 4; H. Tucker, 5; J. Gould (first as conductor), 6. Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb. This is the first 720 so far as known ever rung on the bells. Also several six-scores of Grandsire and Bob Double, in which J. Martin, H. Perwett, E. Perwett, H. Harvey, H. Edwards and C. E. D. Boutflower, Esq., took part. This was rung on the birthday of Mr. H. Perwett, who attained his 60th year on that day. Messrs. Chichester, Pearce, Tucker and Boutflower hail from Bristol. The rest are the local company.

MORRISTON (Glamorganshire).—On Sunday, March 26th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 24 mins. L. J. Naysmith, 1; W. Jones, 2; E. Clark, 3; D. J. Clarke, 4; R. C. Gibson, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Easter Day, at St. Laurence's church, at 6 a.m., 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). For Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). For Divine Service in the evening 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. T. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

PINNER (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, March 19th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Manning, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; F. J. Pitts, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; J. George (composer and conductor), 5; —, Greggs, 6; J. C. Truss, 7; F. Bentley, 8.

SALISBURY.—On Tuesday, March 7th, on handbells retained in hand, 2688 Bob Major. R. W. J. Gollup, 1-2; T. Blackburn, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 7-8.

STOKE PRIOR (Worcestershire).—On Monday, March 27th, for practice, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and six singles) in 28 mins. G. Badger, 1; G. Lewis, 2; W. H. Brown, 3; J. Harris, 4; J. Nash, 5; Rev. C. Stockdale, 6. First 720 by all. Great credit is due to the Rev. C. Stockdale, for the way he has instructed the young ringers, who only commenced change-ringing shortly before Christmas.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Monday evening, March 20th, for practice at Christ Church, J. George's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Lawrence, 1; T. Rickets, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; G. Iles, 4; O. W. Layng (conductor), 5; T. Robinson, 6; G. S. Brown, 7; G. Grist, 8. On Sunday morning, March 26th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Lawrence, 1; H. B. Slack, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; G. Iles, 4; G. S. Brown, 5; T. Robinson, 6; O. W. Layng (con-

ductor), 7; G. Grist, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. All the above belong to the Gloucester and Bristol Association except the ringer of the treble.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, February 5th, at the parish church, a 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Matthews, 1; T. Searle, 2; J. Smart, 3; W. Collison, 4; C. Smart, 5; C. Chambers, 6; G. Gatland, 7; G. Smart (conductor), 8. On Sunday, February 12th, a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Smart (conductor), 1; J. Woolgar, 2; W. Collison, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Smart, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, February 19th, a 504 Stedman Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; J. Smart, 3; W. Collison, 4; F. Morris, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Hughes, 8. On Sunday, February 26th, a 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; G. Smart, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; W. Collison, 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; J. Matthews, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, March 5th, a 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; W. Hills, 3; W. Collison, 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; G. Smart, 7; J. Woolgar, 8. On Sunday, March 12th, a 504 Stedman Triples. J. Woolgar, 1; C. Smart, 2; J. Smart, 3; J. Matthews, 4; C. Chambers, 5; A. J. Turner, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Hughes, 8. Also a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Smart (conductor), 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Smart, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; A. J. Turner, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, March 19th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; J. Matthews, 2; W. Hills, 3; G. Smart (conductor), 4; C. Chambers, 5; C. Smart, 6; J. Woolgar, 7; G. Gatland, 8. On Sunday, March 18th, a 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Hills, 1; G. Smart, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; C. Smart (conductor), 4; C. Chambers, 5; J. Matthews, 6; J. Smart, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, March 26th, a 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; C. Smart (conductor), 4; J. Matthews, 5; E. Brackley, 6; J. Smart, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Thursday, March 30th, a 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Gatland, 1; G. Smart (conductor), 2; H. Meeters, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; C. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; W. Collison, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, April 2nd, a 540 Grandsire Triples. A. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; G. Gatland, 4; C. Smart, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Monday, April 3rd, a 560 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Parker (conductor), 3; J. Rice, 4; C. Smart, 5; F. Rice, 6; W. Collison, 7; G. Paice, 8. Also a 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Smart, 1; G. Paice, 2; J. Rice, 3; J. Parker (conductor), 4; W. Collison, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart, 7; F. Rice, 8. A. J. Turner, hails from Lewes; Paice, Parker and Rice from Crawley; the rest belong to the local band.

THURLASTON (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, March 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 25 mins. *J. Thompson, 1; J. Willson, 2; *J. H. Swinfield (conductor), 3; J. Wright, 4; T. Goodman, 5. Tenor 17 cwt. in F. *Members of the Midland Counties' Association.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday morning, April 2nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 41 mins. H. Porter, 1; A. Welsh, 2; W. Porter, 3; J. Muggridge, 4; S. Perkins, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6; T. Groombridge, 7; G. Smithers, 8. On Sunday evening, April 2nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 42 mins. G. Smithers, 1; J. Muggridge, 2; A. Welsh, 3; T. Groombridge, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Porter, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; C. Goble, 8.

Obituary.

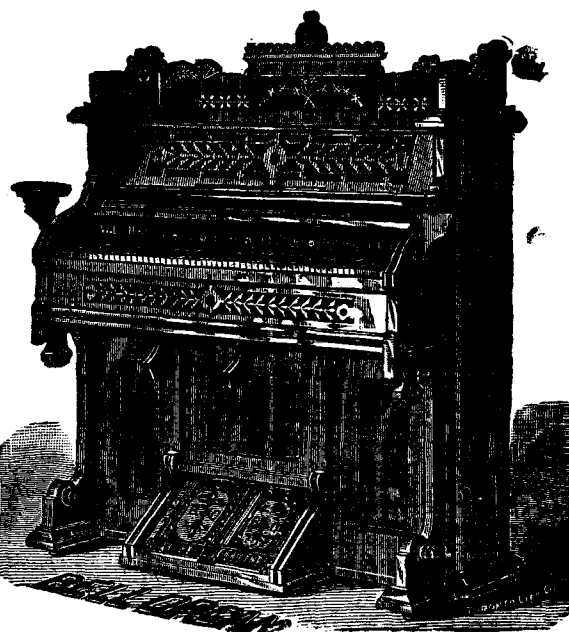
W. G. WRAY.

An old friend has passed away in the person of the above, who died on Saturday, March 18th. He was buried on Tuesday, March 21st, amid many sincere expressions of regret from a large number of his friends and admirers in the Fylde district. He had enjoyed very good health for many years, but it is supposed that he took cold after a visit to Preston about a fortnight since, with the result that pneumonia set in, and notwithstanding the unremitting attention of his friends and medical attendants, he passed away on March 18th at the ripe age of seventy-two. For upwards of fifty years he had been a thorough lover of change-ringing, and was one of a company which rang a muffled peal on the Kirkham bells on the death of William IV. He also rang at the accession of Queen Victoria, and was chosen to assist as one of a company of ringers at the parish church, Preston, on the day of her coronation. For half a century he had been the leader of Kirkham belfry, and was a Life Member and once President of the Lancashire Association. As a townsman he was much respected, and besides having a seat on the Local Board, was also a Governor of Kirkham Grammar School. As sexton of the parish church for twenty years he was much respected, and his death is sincerely regretted by the vicar and churchwardens, who held him in the highest esteem. Among his brethren in the belfry, his kindly genial temperament won the good-will of all. Many of the local ringers will not easily forget his interesting address at the quarterly meeting held at Kirkham on April 23rd, 1892, and how he then hoped to have the privilege of welcoming the members again another year, a wish which was not to be gratified. He was a man who had had his ups and downs, but these had simply helped to mould his disposition and to bring out his true worth. Of a race of men which alas is fast dying out, we shall perhaps not look on his like again. At his funeral, which was attended with every mark of respect, muffled touches were rang before and after the interment, and most of the tradesmen showed their sympathy by putting up their shutters as the mournful ceremony was taking place.

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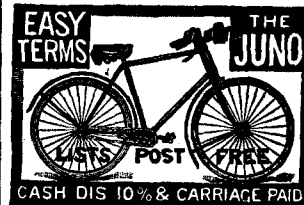
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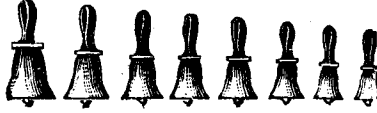
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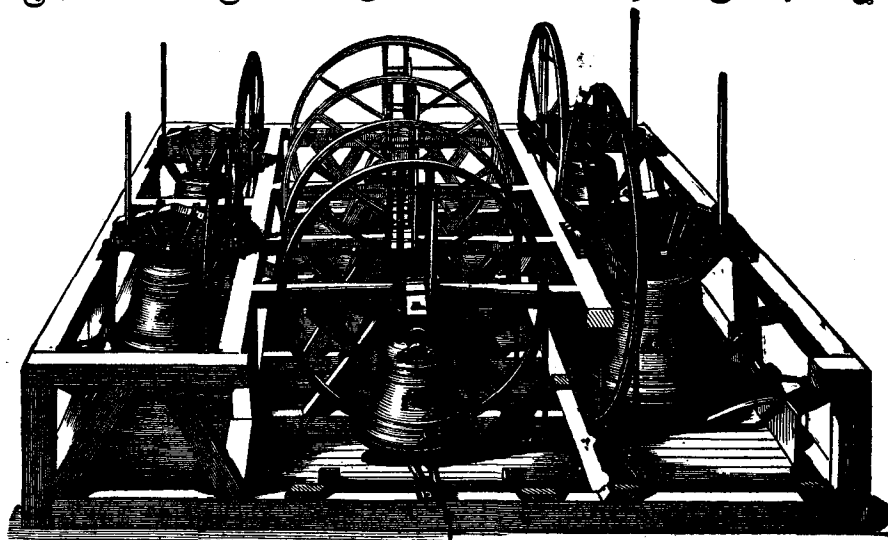
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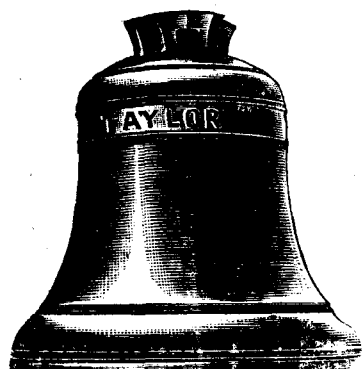
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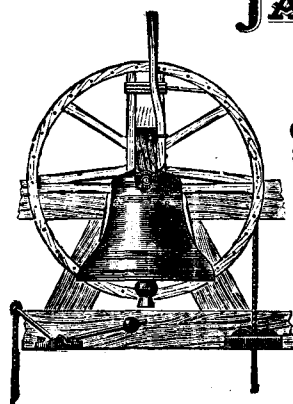
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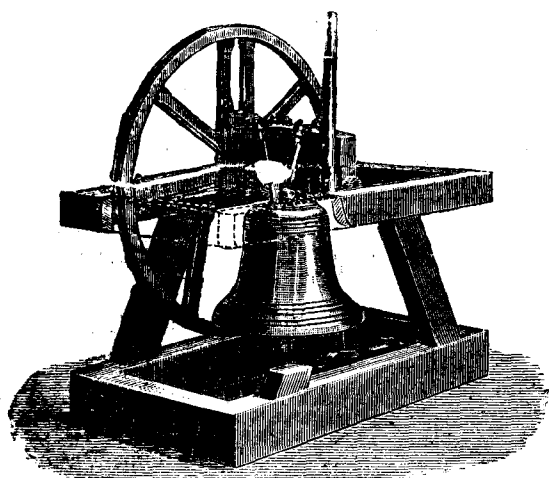


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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was held at the Clarendon hotel, Oxford, on Tuesday, April 4th, the President, A. Percival Heywood, Esq., J.P., in the chair. The following representatives attended:—Edward F. Strange, Surrey Association; J. William Washbrook, Oxford Guild; H. Dains, Royal Cumberlands; G. Attree, Sussex County Association; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Sussex County Association; F. W. J. Rees, Winchester Diocesan Guild; C. H. Hattersley, Yorkshire Association; Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Norwich Diocesan Association; Arthur B. Carpenter, Surrey Association; N. J. Pitstow, Essex Association; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Bedfordshire Association; Charles Tyler, Sussex Association; H. A. Heywood, Chester Diocesan Guild; William Wakley, Hon. Member; Rev. T. L. Papillon, Essex Association; W. L. Catchpole, Norwich Association; W. D. Smith, Ancient Society of College Youths; H. R. Newton, St. James' Society, London; G. Williams, Winchester Diocesan Guild; Henry Bastable, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; Samuel Reeves, Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford; R. S. Story, Durham Diocesan Association; Rev. H. J. Elsee, Lancashire Association; W. Walmsley, Chester Diocesan Guild; E. E. Richards, Kent County Association; G. B. Lucas, Middlesex Association; G. Walker, Birmingham Amalgamated Association; Henry White, Winchester Diocesan Guild; A. H. Cocks, Oxford Diocesan Guild; Rev. F. E. Robinson, Oxford Diocesan Guild; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Oxford Diocesan Guild; Rev. H. A. Cockey, Gloucester and Bristol Association; Rev. W. S. Willett, Devonshire Guild; Stephen Cooper, Midland Counties' Association; F. E. Ward, Gloucester and Bristol Association; G. H. Phillott, Gloucester and Bristol Association; Charles Hounslow, Hon. Member; Joseph Griffin, Midland Counties' Association; John W. Taylor, jun., Midland Counties' Association; G. Newson, Royal Cumberland Society. The Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke was also present.

The REV. H. EARLE BULWER (HON. SEC.), said he had received the following letters from gentlemen who were unable to be present: Dr. Raven, Mr. Snowdon, Captain Acland-Troyte, Mr. Cartwright, and the Rev. J. U. Todd.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed,

The CHAIRMAN said it had not been his custom at their Annual Meeting to take up much of their time with remarks from the Chair. He had always thought his position was rather to expedite business than to make speeches on matters with which they were fully as conversant as himself. But as this was the last meeting of the first Council—unless there were an emergency meeting—he thought it was fitting he should for a few moments draw attention to what in his opinion they might consider the success of the movement. During the three years the Council had existed, first as a constructive Committee, and then as a Council proper, there had been a cordiality and unanimity which he thought went far to prove that there was a very large body of ringers throughout the country who had set their hearts upon doing all they could to bring the various sections of ringers into accord with one another. He felt that every member who had attended a meeting of the Council, would not hesitate to say the work had been valuable in many ways (hear, hear). If for no other reason than that they had issued such a report as that which went out from the Council last year on the management of belfries, it would be well worth the Council existing. For in whatever part of the country he had been during the last twelve months, he had heard of this report from almost everybody who had to do with bells, either people who had read it or who wanted to read it, and therefore he thought the Council must congratulate themselves on having done a really good work at all events in this one particular (applause). He would not specify the various other directions in which their discussions had taken effect, but he would just say this, that it seemed to him, now the Council was fairly established on a firm foundation, the experiment had proved to have met a real want, and they might, he thought, look forward to the new election at the end of the present year with hope-

fulness, and with the satisfaction that a new Council would come to its work with the confidence of the Exercise generally, by reason of the quiet, unassuming, but practical way in which the present Council had carried out its work (applause). They had not been too forward in taking things into their own hands, nor remiss in using straightforward language when it was needed, and he thought on the whole the verdict of the change-ringers of the country would not be other than one of satisfaction at the institution of this Council (applause). He would like in conclusion to point out that there were one or two little difficulties in regard to the carrying on of the work of the Council during the present year, which he would have occasion to draw attention to during the meeting. It would be necessary for the various Committees of the Council to prosecute their work during this year as they had done in the past two years, so that they might not have any lapse during the third year which intervened between the old and the new Councils. He would not like to sit down without drawing their attention to the fact that on his left hand sat one well known to many of them; he meant Canon Erskine Clarke (applause)—who he was sure could not but look on this meeting as one that had come indirectly from action of his own. Many of them would remember the time when the records of bell-ringing and ringers were recorded in *Bell's Life*, and he thought it would be in the recollection of some that Canon Clarke was the first to lift the record of the performances of bell-ringers from the sporting newspapers and put them into the columns of *Church Bells*, an essentially Church paper. He thought that in having the honour of his presence at this the concluding meeting of their first Council, they must consider themselves fortunate in having the support of one who had as much knowledge of what ringers really required as any man in the country (applause).

The REV. CANON CLARKE thanked them very much for the kind reception they had given to his name. He felt grateful in looking back on his somewhat prolonged life that in God's providence this had been one of the things he had been led—he must candidly confess somewhat by accident—to do for the Church, to have been the means of ringers being looked upon in a very different way from what they were in the times to which Mr. Heywood had referred when he first started *Church Bells*. He was then associated with men who had attained to much prominence in the Church, the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of Wakefield, and others, who then occupied what was called a moderate position, and held what was known as the middle platform in the Church. By those good men and others he was led to start a paper to support the views of the middle platform. In thinking of various names they hit on the name of *Church Bells*, but he was bound to admit they had not the ringing science in their mind when they choose the title. They were looking for what they thought would be a popular name. Amongst those who assisted was Mr. Ellacombe, who undertook to bring this particular side of churchmanship into the paper, and for a great many years—as long as he lived almost—conducted the particular column which had this advantage, that it brought their science and the knowledge of their work and position before the public and persons who otherwise would not have heard of it. He was delighted that out of this imperfect column had grown their own paper, which he trusted would be an ever-increasing organ. The body of ringers had become so great that they might very well have a paper devoted to their own science; still they kept a certain portion of *Church Bells* for that particular purpose. "THE BELL NEWS" had a large survey, and as he candidly told them *Church Bells* was not in the first place for ringers; that was somewhat the accident of its existence. He heartily hoped their organ would flourish and prosper. From the time—1871—when he started *Church Bells* there had been a wonderful growth in the interest taken in ringing, and he was sure there was ample room for a vigorous sustentation of their own special organ. He was delighted to be present and to meet those who were doing that which he felt to be a thoroughly good work. He wished them every success (applause).

The HONORARY SECRETARY read the statement of accounts. He said they began the year with a balance of £17 8s. 6d. During the past year—and up to the present time—the amount received in subscriptions had been £8 12s. 6d. There was also a profit on the sale of the report on the preservation of bells amounting to £9 7s. 6½. The working expenses had amounted

to £1 1s. 5d., and there was now a balance, partly in the bank and partly in hand, of £34 7s. 1½d. (applause). These accounts had been submitted to the standing committee, and passed by them.

The accounts were confirmed.

The HONORARY SECRETARY said there were one or two Societies whose subscriptions had not been paid, and if there were any representatives of those Societies present he would be glad to receive their half-crowns.

The CHAIRMAN said with regard to the accounts it appeared they had a considerable balance in hand. They had been exceedingly careful as a young Society in the administration of their funds, not knowing what demands might be made upon them. At any time it might be desirable for the Standing Committee or other committees to be called together, which would mean a considerable outlay. He thought they would agree considerable economy had been practised (hear, hear). It was entirely due to the suggestion of the Honorary Secretary that they had carried out a good deal of the business through the post, and if some other people would adopt the same plan they would economise a vast amount of public time (hear, hear).

The CHAIRMAN said the next business was to receive and consider a further report from the Committee appointed to obtain adequate recognition of the Exercise at the hands of the Church Congress. That Committee consisted of the Secretary, the Rev. Canon Wigram, Rev. T. L. Papillon, and himself. About three months ago he was at Birmingham, and there he met the Bishop of Coventry, the Rector of St. Philip's, Birmingham. He was speaking to him about the forthcoming Church Congress, and he understood from him—but it appeared he was mistaken—that the Bishop was a member of the Subjects Committee. He then asked the Bishop whether he would do his best—as he was greatly interested in change-ringing—to obtain the acceptance of the subject for the ensuing Birmingham Congress. The Bishop said he would do what he could. He consequently sent him a copy of the letter which they sent to the Folkestone Subjects Committee last year. That was re-signed by each member of the Committee. He heard no more of the matter until he wrote to the Bishop about a week ago, reminding him that he (the chairman) would be obliged to present some statement of the work of this Committee to the Council, and he would be obliged if the Bishop would kindly say what had been done in regard to their letter. The Bishop replied as follows:—

St. Philip's Rectory, Birmingham.

March 27, 1893.

My dear Sir,—I sent in to the Congress Subjects Committee the subject of "Church Bell Ringers," but I am afraid that it has been excluded for want of room, as it does not appear in the rough draft of subjects proposed by the Committee, though not finally settled. I am afraid, however, that there is no chance of its insertion. It would be a very interesting and useful subject, but out of 250 suggested subjects only twelve to fifteen can be taken in the time allotted to the Congress.

Very truly yours,

H. B. COVENTRY.

He thought it would be within their recollection that at the last meeting he stated that in his opinion there was little chance of their subject being taken at Birmingham, because it was the first time the Congress had been held there. It was a central place, and consequently would be largely attended, and with a large number of subjects the chances were against them. He thought the wisest course would be to re-appoint the Committee and they would go on again and do their best next year. He thought in the long run, with importunity and perseverance, they would obtain what they required (hear, hear).

The REV. CANON CLARKE suggested that they might have a "side show" of their own. They could take a hall and have a meeting of their own, without waiting for Congress to put it in their programme.

The REV. C. D. P. DAVIES said they did that one year; he thought it was in 1884.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that they were very much obliged to Canon Clarke for his suggestion.

The Committee was then re-appointed, on the motion of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

The CHAIRMAN said the next business was to receive and con-

sider the report of the standing committee on the preparation and publication of a Bibliography or Catalogue of works relating to Bells and Ringing. At the last meeting Mr. Strange, who had placed a motion on the paper in regard to this subject, was unable to be present, and in his absence his motion was put to the meeting, and the subject was referred to the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee of course handed over the subject to Mr. Strange, and as he was present he would no doubt read the report he had prepared, which he had brought before the Standing Committee just previous to the present meeting.

MR. STRANGE then read an interim report, in which he set forth the lines on which he proposed to compile a bibliography of works upon bells—omitting the poetical ones.

On the motion of Mr. Lucas, seconded by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the report was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN said he did not know whether they could appoint Mr. Strange a committee by himself, but he felt sure they would be safe in leaving the matter in his hands and in asking him to report to the next meeting of the Council (applause). He thought the work would be very valuable, and it was probably such as one person could do better than a number of persons. Mr. Strange had the requisite knowledge, and therefore he thought the Council had better leave the matter in his hands, asking him to report before the next meeting.

Mr. Griffin proposed, and Mr. Rees seconded, that Mr. Strange should be appointed for this purpose, and the proposition was unanimously agreed to.

In reply to a question,

MR. STRANGE said it was almost impossible to give more than a rough estimate of the price of the book. He did not know how much matter he would be able to get together.

(To be continued.)

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8th, a quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at the Priory church, Worksop, by the kind permission of the Vicar, when members of the following towers were in attendance: Anston, Harthill, Blythe, Retford, Ordsall and Shire Oaks. The bells were put in motion about three o'clock, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round in 26 mins. D. Russon, 1; G. Barrowcliffe, 2; C. Crawford, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler, 6. A 720 of Woodbine was then rung. E. Russon, 1; J. Fitzjohn, 2; B. Hall, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; S. Smith, 5; C. F. Fowler, 6. Kent was then tried but came to grief. The time for tea had now arrived, and the company proceeded to the Infants' School Room, where a capital spread was awaiting them, provided by Mr. Thomas Mallender, in his well-known style of catering, and after forty minutes of rattling with knives and forks the inner man was satisfied. The company then wended their way back to the belfry, when a 720 of Kent was again attempted, and successfully brought round. E. Russon, 1; H. Haigh, 2; J. F. Fitzjohn, 3; T. Smith, 4; W. Newbury (conductor), 5; B. Hall, 6. A 720 Oxford was then rang with the two tenors covering. R. Beeston, 1; C. F. Fowler, 2; B. Hall, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; T. Smith, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6; D. Russon, 7; G. Clark, 8. And a 720 Duke of York. J. Fitzjohn, 1; C. F. Fowler, 2; B. Hall, 3; F. Hargreaves, 4; S. Smith (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. The bells were then lowered, and this concluded a most successful meeting. The next meeting in connection with the above Association will be the annual meeting, and is arranged to take place at Retford on Whit-Monday.

ANOTHER PEAL OF BELLS FOR NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Monday, April 17th, a new peal of eight bells, the munificent gift of a lady (Miss Dawson), a name well-known in the district, will be opened at Rothbury at 2 p.m., when a representative band from the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association will attempt a peal.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Leicester, on Easter Monday, April 3rd. Considering the position of the town as a centre, it was no wonder that the "gathering of the clans" was as large as at any previous annual meeting. By ten o'clock, brother-strings from all parts, including Burton, Ashby, Derby, Duffield, Loughboro', Nottingham, Northampton, Nuneaton, Sheffield, &c., began to swarm into the town, and soon the six towers were occupied, and the bells in full swing. As the available towers contained two peals of ten, three of eight, and one of six bells, nothing was wanting to satisfy the musical appetite of the visitor. In order to mark the first annual meeting of the association being held at Leicester, the ringers of that town kindly gave a free tea to all visiting members. It was accordingly held at St. Margaret's Coffee House immediately following the Committee Meeting; the room being crowded to its fullest capacity, as about 124 members and friends sat down. A. Percival Heywood, Esq., President of the Association, filled the post of honour, supported by the Rev. A. M. Rendell, Vicar of St. Margaret's, and the Rev. J. N. B. Woodroffe, Vicar of St. Mark's. Tea over; the general meeting was held.

Mr. Joseph Griffin, Honorary Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, and it was proposed by Mr. A. Wakley, and seconded by Mr. C. Biddles, that they be passed and signed, which was carried accordingly.

The Treasurer's accounts were then taken as read, on the motion of Mr. W. H. Lowe, seconded by Mr. W. Canner, and were passed on the proposition of Mr. S. Cooper, seconded by Mr. John W. Wilson.

The next item on the programme was the election of officers, and on the motion of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., the President and the Honorary Treasurer were unanimously re-elected.

The President and Honorary Treasurer (Mr. W. Wakley) in responding, said, that they trusted their services had given satisfaction, and that they hoped the association would continue to prosper. The President congratulated the association on the remarkable progress it had made during the past year, especially mentioning the Nuneaton branch, which had scored twenty-two peals, and the Leicester branch seventeen, nine of which were on handbells. The number of peals rung by the association during the past year was seventy-two, and he was proud to say it stood second on the list among a host of other societies in the country.

The next business was the election of an Hon. Secretary. As Mr. J. Griffin had previously announced his intention of retiring from the arduous duties of that office, it was necessary to look around for a substitute, and Mr. J. O. Lancashire was proposed by Mr. S. Cooper, and seconded by Mr. J. Griffin. There being no other proposition it was carried *nem. con.* At this stage of the proceedings the President announced that he must leave at once for Oxford on business connected with the Central Council, and Mr. J. W. Taylor was installed in the chair. One hon. member, two life members, and twenty-six ringing members were then proposed and duly elected.

It was moved by Mr. J. Buttery, seconded by Mr. J. S. White, that Burton-on-Trent be the place of the Annual Meeting of 1894, and ultimately carried.

On the proposition of Mr. Hickling, seconded by Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Duffield in July.

Mr. S. Cooper then proposed that the Local Secretaries and Presidents be formed into a Committee to take steps to collect funds for a presentation to the late Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. Griffin), who had been the backbone and mainstay of the Association for many years. He (the speaker) said that after the splendid services given so ungrudgingly, and conducted with such ability by Mr. Griffin, it made it incumbent upon each member to shew their appreciation of those services, and he felt sure that all would gladly respond.

Mr. H. C. Woodward seconded, and it was carried with applause.

A hearty vote of thanks to the various vicars for the use of

the bells was then carried on the proposition of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Mr. W. Wakley.

Both the Revs. A. M. Rendell and J. N. B. Woodroffe responded, and said that it gave them great pleasure to welcome the Association at Leicester.

This concluded the business of the meeting, after which the members adjourned to the different towers when the bells were soon set going to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Major, and Duffield. The club-room of The Pelican hotel was also called into requisition, and touches on handbells and songs were the order of the evening till "time, gentlemen please" brought a splendid meeting to a close.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Thursday evening, April 6th, the members of the above Society had their Annual Supper and Meeting at the Rectory, the Rev. Prebendary J. T. Jeffcock, Rector, being in the chair, and R. P. Walker, Esq., Churchwarden, in the vice-chair, the Revs. T. C. Keeble and Bird being also present. Full justice was done to the good things provided, at the conclusion of which, the Chairman gave the usual toast of "Church and Queen." Other suitable toasts followed, including the St. Peter's Society, by Mr. Walker.

Mr. James E. Groves was unanimously re-elected Captain for the ensuing year, as was Mr. Charles F. Vickers re-elected Secretary. Messrs. Groves and Vickers having thanked the company for their re-election, a vote of thanks to the Rector brought to a close a very pleasant evening.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A district branch of the above Guild is now about to be formed between Ledbury and Bromyard, and will include in all about twelve towers. Mr. C. Edwards, of the Gardens, Bosbury House, Ledbury, is appointed as district instructor, and it is to be hoped that this will create local interest, and bring ringers, clergy, and laymen closer together, and be a great benefit to the parent society.

BELL-HANGING OPERATIONS.

Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, have just completed the thorough re-hanging of the bells at Durston church, near Taunton, by putting a new frame with fittings complete, and quarter-turning the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and tenor bells; also increasing the ring of five to one of six by the addition of a new treble.

SOUTH WEALD (Essex).—On Sunday, March 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. M. Myhill, 1; E. Pye, 2; G. Pye, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale, 6. Tenor 19 cwt.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 9th, 854 Grandsire Triples. A. Gatland, 1; C. Smart, 2; J. Smart, 3; W. Collison, 4; J. Matthews, 5; C. Chambers, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. Also 504 in the same method. H. Meetens, 1; J. Smart, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; C. Smart (conductor), 4; G. Smart, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; W. Collison, 7; E. Turrell, 8.

TAUNTON.—On Saturday, April 8th, at St. James' church, on the occasion of the birthday of the vicar (Rev. G. Kingdon), 1440 changes, being a 720 Bob Minor, and 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Millard, 1; R. Crossman, 2; J. Burge, 3; G. Yeandle, 4; J. Maddock (conductor), 5; W. Thorn, 6. On Sunday, April 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Maddock (conductor), 1; R. Crossman, 2; H. Poole, 3; G. Yeandle, 4; F. Millard (first 720 with a bob bell), 5; W. Thorn, 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

WORCESTER.—On Easter Monday, at St. Helen's church, three courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. H. Barber, 1; T. J. Salter, 2; H. Mason, 3; J. S. Pritchett, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; W. Short, 6; J. Barber, 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8. And 576 Kent Treble Bob. R. E. Grove (conductor), 1; W. H. Barber, 2; T. J. Salter, 3; J. S. Pritchett, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; H. Mason, 6; W. Short, 7; J. Barber, 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association took place on Easter Monday, under somewhat brighter aspects than those of former years. The Rev. T. L. Claughton, M.A., the Canon-in-residence, presided, supported by the Revs. H. Clifford (Worcester), W. C. Gibbs (Hagley), and H. Kingsford (Stoulton). The meeting was fairly represented by members from Areley Kings, Bromsgrove, Clent, Dudley, King's Norton, Kidderminster, Malvern, Netherton, Old Hill, Pershore, Stourbridge, Wollaston, Worcester, &c. Mr. Harvey Reeves, Representative of the Association on the Central Council, was also present. Letters of apology were read, one from the Ven. the Archdeacon of Worcester (Canon Walters), wishing to withdraw his name from membership, also one from the Rev. S. Phillips (Kidderminster), regretting his inability to attend.

Canon Claughton, in opening the meeting, gave the members a most hearty welcome to the mother church of the Diocese. He was very pleased to be with them on that occasion, although the Clergy were quite fatigued on Easter Monday after the work of the preceding week, which to them was something similar to a peal of Superlative by the ringers. He now called upon the Hon. Sec. to read the minutes of the last Annual Meeting. This being done it was unanimously resolved that they be confirmed.

The Annual Report and Balance Sheet being read, the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, in moving their adoption, expressed his pleasure at the healthy condition, financially, of the Association, and he trusted the members would endeavour to attain to a similar condition spiritually. He should not be satisfied until the members were not only instrumental in calling others to the House of God to worship, but that they also attended to worship God themselves, and further that each member was a regular communicant. He was fully aware that he was propounding a very high standard, but the standard was not his, but Christ's, who was our example, and whom we must follow if we wished to be true members of His Church.

The Rev. H. Kingsford, in seconding the adoption, was pleased to endorse the remarks of the mover, and added his hearty good wishes that the sentiments expressed by the mover might be realized to their fullest extent.

In reference to the paragraph in the report referring to the Annual Service, the rev. Chairman expressed his regret that arrangements could not be made for a special service and sermon in the Cathedral that afternoon on account of the time of meeting being two o'clock, and which he was informed would occupy two hours. He was fully aware that the members were anxious to take advantage of the privilege granted to ring the Cathedral bells for two hours, from five to seven, and a tea being provided which must be partaken of before ringing, it was impossible to hold such service. He promised that another year if the meeting was held at Worcester, which he hoped would be the case, he would arrange for a service to be held in his church, St. Andrew's, at which the Association should have the privilege of selecting, if they so desired, their own preacher.

On the motion of Mr. W. Page, seconded by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Hanbury.

The Rev. A. G. Maitland, Vicar, and Mr. F. S. Goulder, Churchwarden, St. Thomas's, Dudley, were elected honorary members of the Association.

Mr. G. H. Pagett moved, and Mr. W. Micklewright seconded, that the whole of the officers be re-elected, with Mr. John S. Pritchett as lay vice-president in the place of Mr. H. B. Kingsford, resigned.

Mr. W. Page asked the Hon. Sec. if he could give any information in reference to the paragraph in the Ven. the Archdeacon of Worcester's letter of apology, in which he said "he recognized the value of the Association, and appreciated the courtesy with which he had been treated personally, but he disapproved of the action of the Association towards his recognized band of ringers, and, therefore, had better retire from membership."

The Hon. Secretary in reply, stated that two meetings had been held at Pershore with the object of enlisting the sympathy and co-operation of the Ven. the Archdeacon and the ringers of that place, but so far as the recognized ringers were concerned they were fruitless. The Association was reaping some benefit from ringers in Pershore, but these were not allowed to enter the tower to ring. It was true the recognized ringers' names had

been proposed and accepted as members of the Association in the year 1889, but no subscriptions had been paid, therefore they could not be recognized as members of the Association. Further than this he could give no reason for the Archdeacon's action, but he ventured to think that so long as the present band existed in Pershore, men of the old school who did not wish to learn change-ringing, the Association would do no good by its visits there. He hoped that the Archdeacon (Canon Walters) would shortly see his way clear to follow the example, made at the Cathedral, by getting rid of the old ringers and start a new guild, and introduce those into his tower who would not only be a benefit to this Association, but also to the Church to which they belonged.

In the course of the business a letter was read from Mr. W. R. Small (Tipton), with a resolution for the alteration of rule 13, which, on being put to the meeting, was rejected, as was also another resolution, by Mr. Page, on the same rule. At the close of the meeting the Master, Mr. S. Spittle, gave notice that the meeting at Hanbury be a special one, at which he should move the alteration of the same rule, that a true record of all peals rung should be kept.

The Hon. Secretary then stated that there was a gentleman present among them whom they were all glad to see—Mr. Reeves, Editor of "THE BELL NEWS,"—a native of the city of Worcester. Amid warm manifestations of approval he proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Reeves for his presence that day; thanking him for his kindness toward the Association, and urging those present the great desirability of working hard in the interests of that journal they were all so glad to see every week.

The Master of the Association seconded the motion, which was supported by Mr. F. Owen, and carried with applause.

In reply Mr. Reeves said it was impossible for him to adequately thank them for the very kind reception they had accorded him, and he should therefore refrain from attempting to do so. They had unanimously and spontaneously elected him, nearly three years ago, as their representative on the Central Council. The Council would be dissolved this year, and they would again be called upon to elect a representative. There were many more able than he to fulfil the duties, and he should be willing at any time to relinquish the post in favor of some other gentleman. He however had no desire that way, because the position carried with it no small honour, and at the same time he felt a pride in representing an Association bearing the name of his native county. He felt it a great privilege to be allowed to speak to his brother-ringers of Worcestershire that day in the Chapter-house of their glorious Cathedral, every stone of which he revered; and he trusted that he should be able in the future to meet them oftener than he had done hitherto.

The Hon. Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. Clifford, M.A., Warden of the new Cathedral Guild of Change-Ringers, for the interest he had taken in the work of the Association, and the energy he had shown in the formation of the Cathedral Guild.

This proposition was carried amidst applause, and the rev. gentleman in returning thanks said that with the valuable co-operation of the Master and Honorary Secretary of the Association, together with the assistance of his friend Mr. Reeves, who had just addressed them, he was hopeful they would get on very well with the Guild, the prospects of which were encouraging.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Claughton for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

An adjournment was then made to the Central Restaurant, where arrangements had previously been made by the Rev. H. Clifford, for tea, which having been partaken of and very much enjoyed, the members made their way to the Cathedral, and made the best use of the privilege granted them by the Dean and Chapter by ringing the bells for two hours. During the afternoon touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Court Bob and Plain Bob Major were rung at St. Helen's. The bells of St. John's and St. Nicolas were rung also.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

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Society of Trinity Youths.—Practice for April, 1893.—Lewisham, St. Mary, Monday 24th, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, Hon. Sec.
10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this branch will be held at Beeston, to-day, Saturday, April 15th. Bells open at 3 p.m. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.
29, Heathcote Street, Nottingham.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society, will be held at Coseley, to-day, Saturday, April 15th, 1893. Ringing at two o'clock. Tea at 6 p.m.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—There will be a quarterly meeting at Greenwich, to-day, Saturday, April 15th. The tower of St. Alphege will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, District Sec.
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitefield, to-day, Saturday, April 15th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. W. BROWN, Branch Sec.
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A district meeting will be held at Yateley, on Wednesday, April 19th. Stations: Blackwater (S.E.R.) 2½ miles. Farnborough (L.S.W.R.) 5 miles. R. C. M. HARVEY, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Fylde Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells open from 3 p.m. Meeting in the school at 6 p.m. The Vicar is expected to preside. JNO. FELL.
21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Waldron, on Saturday, April 22nd. Ringing from 2. Service at 5. Tea 5.30. Meeting at 6. T. HERVEY BEAMS, Hon. Div. Sec.
5, Clinton Place, Seaford.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Stony Stanton, on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 3.30. HARRY ARGYLE, Local Hon. Sec.
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Quarterly meeting, Dursley, on Monday, April 24th, 1893. Short service, parish church of St. James, 11.30, address by Rev. N. W. Gresley, M.A., rector. Dinner at the Bell Hotel, at 1 o'clock, at 2s. 6d. per head; 1s. to

members who have sent as a notice of their intention of being present a shilling postal order to the Hon. Local Secretary, Mr. F. Howell, Morton, Thornbury, by the 19th inst. at the latest. Trains from Gloucester 10 a.m., from Bristol 9.25 a.m.

REV. PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of the District will be held at Rochester (St. Margaret's), on the 29th April, 1893. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m. in the vestry room. W. A. COOKE, Sec. Rochester District.
2, Railway Terrace, New Brompton, Chatham.

The North Lincolnshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 29th, 1893. Further particulars will be given in the next issue. 142, Portland Street, Lincoln. GEO. CHESTER, Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex Association.—A meeting of this Association will be held at St. Stephen's church, Hampstead, on Saturday, April 30th. Ringing to begin at 4 o'clock. 10, Grayling Road, Stoke Newington. PERCY HOWARD, Hon. Sec.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—For the benefit of Job Joynes, tower keeper at St. Martin's, who has been suffering from paralysis for some months past, a Smoking Concert will be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on Saturday, May 13th. Chair to be taken at 7 p.m. All ringers in this neighbourhood are requested to take tickets, price 6d. each, which may be obtained from W. H. GODDEN, 61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Hon. Sec. Birmingham.

The Sussex County Association.—Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd, 1893. Full particulars later on. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec. Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—The Honorary Secretary of this Society is Mr. John O. Lancashire, 22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT LEWES, SUSSEX.—On Saturday, April 8th, eight members of the Sussex County Association, met at Lewes, for the purpose of ringing a peal in honour of the marriage of Miss Hoather, of Lewes, to Mr. George Nye, station master of Ashurst, which was successful, it being brought round in grand style in 3 hrs. and 8 mins. It was also rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Nye (ringer of the 5th), of Eastbourne, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Some time was lost at the commencement owing to the tenor being thrown over and breaking the slide-bar, but thanks to Mr. H. Lusted, things were soon mended and a start was made again, and finished up well. A note must also be made of the ringer of the treble of the manner he rang his bell throughout the peal (he being only fifteen years of age, and it was his first attempt for a peal). A very pleasant hour or two was afterwards spent at Ye King's Head, the time going much too quick for the breaking up of the merry party. Messrs. Rann, Bleach, Hoather and Merritt, came from Brighton; Nye and Dawe from Eastbourne; Beams, from Seaford; and J. S. Goldsmith from Lewes.

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Eleven times repeated; Single for Bob at 1 in the third course of the sixth and twelfth parts.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1893.

In another place will be found an account of the Annual Meeting of the Worcestershire and adjoining Districts Association, held at Worcester. From the report and balance sheet submitted, this association appears to be making satisfactory progress. We venture to think the Clergy of the Diocese of Worcester are as a rule satisfied with the progress the ringers are making in the way of improvement in the science of bell-ringing and as Churchworkers in general. The remarks of the Rev. W. C. GIBBS were no doubt taken in the same kindly spirit in which they were given, and very likely had the desired effect upon those present. The offer of the Rev. CANON CLAUGHTON to meet the expressed wish of the members was an earnest of the desire on the part of the Clergy to work in harmony with a band of Churchworkers who are endeavouring to raise themselves to their proper position in the Church. It is therefore the more to be regretted that the Ven. the Archdeacon of Worcester should

see fit to withdraw himself from this Association. He acknowledges the courtesy and the kindness shewn him by the Association, and excuses himself by saying that his ringers have not been treated aright. We should expect that a clergyman holding so exalted a position in the Diocese, and whose duty it is to see that abuses are rectified in matters connected with the churches within the Archdeaconry under his supervision, would have taken some steps to ascertain whether the supposed grievance could not be rectified, instead of throwing cold water upon a movement which should come directly under his fostering care. The Ven. Archdeacon was fully in harmony with the Association when, in his charge in 1891, he said, "With the revival of church life that happily characterises this generation, the endeavour to do all things decently and in order has extended from the choir even to the belfry. Associations of ringers such as that of Worcester-shire, with their rules of conduct, unite clergy, church-wardens and ringers for a common purpose. Such associations are worthy of all encouragement, and as we clergy claim the keys of the tower, and power over the ringing of the bells, we must remember that privileges beget responsibilities." That he should now change his mind and cease to encourage this Association is a matter much to be regretted, if only on account of the example to the clergy and laity who so faithfully support the efforts of the ringers in their endeavours to do their work decently and in order. We hope to hear that the Archdeacon has reconsidered the matter, and that when mutual explanations have taken place, he will again appear as a prominent advocate of the Association throughout his Archdeaconry.

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—Next week will appear the portrait, with memoir, of Mr. ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Ches-terfield.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday last a meeting of the above branch was held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn. Represen-tatives were present from Blackburn, Church, Darwen, and Oswaldtwistle. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock, and was kept up until 8.30 p.m.. At six o'clock the meeting was held in the Schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. Dr. Moffat. Seven new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Church Kirk, on Saturday, May 13th. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, Wardens, and Ringers of Holy Trinity Church, for the use of the bells, &c., terminated the business of the meeting.

The Metropolis.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, April 8, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM COLDMAN* Treble.	FREDK. G. PERRIN 5.
SAMUEL LONG* 2.	HAROLD N. DAVIS 6.
WALTER PARTINGTON 3.	WALTER C. HASTED 7.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. 4.	JOHN SAUNDERSON Tenor.

Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS.

*First peal. Rang as a farewell peal to the Rev. A. W. Jephson, on his leaving the parish. The ringers desire to acknowledge the kindness and consideration he has always shown to them, and to wish him every happiness and prosperity in the future.

THE ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY, CHELSEA.

On Saturday, April 8, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

CHALLIS F. WINNY* .. Treble.	*CORNELIUS CHARGE 6.
WILLIAM H. ROWLAND 2.	THOMAS E. BARBER 7.
SAMUEL LUSCOMBE* 3.	WILLIAM BARBER 8.
JAMES WILLSHIRE* 4.	*EDWARD H. ADAMS 9.
CHARLES HINDES 5.	GEORGE CHESTERMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

*Honorary Members.

The Provinces.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

On Monday, April 3, 1893, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6384 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS .. Treble.	GEORGE WELLING 5.
EDWIN BARNETT 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6.
CHARLES WILKINS 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
ALBERT PITAM 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

The above was rung in the attempt for the long peal, a mistake having occurred it was brought round at the above number.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3rd, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN THREE DIFFERENT MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being Three 720's of Kent and Three of Oxford Treble Bob, called five different ways, two with fifteen calls and four with nine calls; and a 720 of Plain Bob with eighteen bobs and two singles. Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT ATKINS .. Treble.	JACOB HINCHLEY 4.
JEREMIAH MORDEY 2.	JAMES W. NUDDS 5.
JOHN WOODS 3.	ROBERT HUTTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT HUTTON.

First 5040 on the bells. R. Atkins hails from Fundenhall; J. Woods from Tacol-nestone; R. Hutton and J. Hinchley from Bunwell; J. W. Nudds from Banham; and J. Mordey from Kenninghall.

BATH, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 5, 1893, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART.

JAMES SMITH-FLOWER .. Treble.	CHARLES BELL 5.
THOMAS GRAY 2.	JAMES FUSSELL 6.
ALBERT WILCOX 3.	HENRY W. BROWN 7.
CHARLES GOODENOUGH 4.	F. G. BEESLEY Tenor.

Conducted by H. W. BROWN.

This was rung with the bells half-muffled after the funeral of Griffith Dyer, a late member of the city council.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 6, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. in F#.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	JOSEPH HANDS 5.
EDWIN MENDAY 2.	GEORGE ESSEX 6.
REV. W. S. WILLETT 3.	THOMAS NEWMAN 7.
ERNEST W. MENDAY 4.	HARRY SIMMONDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(BIRMINGHAM BRANCH).

On Friday, April 7, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At Mr. J. CARTER'S, FORWARD VILLA, PARK ROAD,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. 5-6.
JOHN CARTER 3-4.	WILLIAM KENT 7-8.
*JAMES JONES .. 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

First peal of Grandsire Caters ever rung by the above Association on handbells. It contains the 6th, twenty-four times right and behind the 9th, and is now rung for the first time. *First peal on handbells.

REFERENCE—Mr. John Jennings, who marked off every call and course-end as they were rung.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1893, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH* .. Treble.	ALFRED E. NYE 5.
HERBERT RANN 2.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 6.
GEORGE B. BLEACH* .. 3.	THOMAS H. BEAMS 7.
RICHARD W. HOATHER .. 4.	ROBERT J. DAWE Tenor.

Conducted by H. RANN.

*First peal. The age of the ringer of the treble is 15 years. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Saturday, April 8, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN WRIGHT† Treble.	RICHARD T. HOLDING .. 6.
WALTER JUKES 2.	ARTHUR JARVIS 7.
BENJAMIN DALTON 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 8.
CHARLES MARSH 4.	†GEORGE HARDING 9.
HENRY DAWKES 5.	*THOMAS MARSH Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM KENT, of Birmingham, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

†First peal of Caters and first attempt. *First peal. This peal has the 6th twenty-four courses before the 9th in the inverted Titums, and seven times before the 7th; and twenty-four times behind the 8th in the hand-stroke position. Rang as a birthday compliment to A. Jarvis, who with Messrs. Wright, Holding and Harding, hails from Crewe; his brother-ringers wish him many happy returns.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

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

Conducted by CHARLES SMART.

*First peal as conductor.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 8, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

THOMAS SALTER .. Treble.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 5.
WILLIAM WAKEMAN 2.	THOMAS H. SMITH 6.
GEORGE SALTER 3.	THOMAS R. BENNETT .. 7.
CHARLES W. BASSANO* .. 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE Tenor.

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

*First peal of Double Norwich.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, April 8, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

THOMAS RUSSAM .. Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS 6.
WALTER BRYANT 2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	WILLIAM KENT 8.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. 4.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 9.
HENRY BASTABLE 5.	WILLIAM JACKSON Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

This peal, which was composed in 1842, contains sixty-nine courses with 211 bobs and two single's, with the back bells in the inverted position, having a 7-6-8-9 and 6-7-8-9 at hand-stroke alternately throughout the peal, and is the first ever rung on this plan. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to John Standish, churchwarden at the above church, who died suddenly on Friday, March 24th. W. S. Pritchett hails from King's Norton, and this is his first peal in the method.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, April 8, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN TWO DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being Three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Four of Plain Bob, each called differently.

CHARLES PRICE .. Treble.	ALFRED MATTHEWS 4.
SAMUEL JONES 2.	GEORGE JONES 5.
WALTER THOMAS 3.	JAMES MORGAN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

This 5040 was rung in honour of George Jones coming of age on the above date, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

On Sunday, April 9, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

J. GRATRICK .. Treble.	A. FIELDING 5.
W. CARTWRIGHT 2.	A. BAILEY 6.
W. JAKEMAN 3.	A. HASSALL 7.
G. H. COOKE 4.	*A. TRAVIS Tenor.

Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

*First peal. J. Gratrix hails from Manchester; W. Jakeman from Ashton-under-Lyne; the rest are of the local company. Rung as a birthday compliment to the 2nd and 4th ringers.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 11, 1893, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES N. FROSSELL* .. Treble.	ARTHUR A. FULLER 5.
KEITH HART* 2.	GEORGE F. ATTREE 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
GEORGE BAKER* 4.	HARRY WESTON Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by HARRY WESTON.

*First peal of Superlative. †First peal in the method as conductor.

LINCOLN.—THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 12, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH W. ASH* .. Treble.	FREDK. W. WALKER .. 5.
GEORGE CHESTER† 2.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. 6.
ROBERT E. CLARKE* 3.	JOHN W. WATSON 7.
JOSEPH B. FENTON 4.	RICHARD DAWSON Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CHESTER.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to John W. Watson.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 9, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MORRIS'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ROBERT SIMM, JUN.*	Tenor.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE	5.
WILLIAM HOLMES	2.	*EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN	6.
FRANCIS LEES	3.	ROBERT WELSH	7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER	4.	*JOHN F. MARSHALL	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

*First peal. This was rung as a birthday compliment to R. Simm, jun., who belongs to the Newcastle Cathedral Society. J. F. Marshall, who belongs to St. George's church, Newcastle, was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 8, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

THOMAS G. DOWNS	Treble.	JAMES GEORGE	5.
JAMES BARRETT	2.	HARRY CHAPMAN	6.
GEORGE TURNER	3.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD	7.
FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE	4.	RICHARD RIDYARD	Tenor.

Composed by W. ROYLE and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

Messrs. Downs, Turner and Chapman hail from Manchester; Dransfield from Pendleton; Barrett from Eccles; Derbyshire and Ridyard from Worsley; J. George from Rugby; the latter of whom the peal had been arranged for. The above ringers through the medium of this paper desire to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 10, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOSEPH PATTISON	Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY	5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE	2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER	6.
FRANCIS LEES	3.	WILLIAM STORY	7.
WILLIAM HOLMES	4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON	Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

First peal in the method by all the above, by the Association, and on the bells; and was rung at the second attempt. This peal is in one part of twenty-three courses and never has the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths place throughout. The 6th is her exten (twelve courses) at home, and the 4th nine courses in 6ths p'ace.

Date Touches.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, April 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. A. Dawes, 1; T. Ades, 2; G. Ades, 3; J. Beal, 4; H. Rann, 5; A. Reed, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; H. Ades, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Easter Sunday morning at St. James's church, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 4 mins. F. Moulson (longest touch), 1; J. W. Stickney, 2; G. M. Brownrigg, 3; G. T. Marshall, 4; H. Jenkins, 5; H. W. Needham (composer and conductor), 6; W. Burkinshaw, 7; W. Marshall, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, March 14th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 11 mins. S. Palmer, 1; H. Mottershall, 2; S. Smedley, 3; W. Worthington, 4; S. Price, 5; H. V. Wilkins, 6; J. Harris (conductor), 7; H. Madin, 8. Composed by Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield. H. V. Wilkins hails from Chesterfield; the rest belong to the local band.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—Recently, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. G. Simpson, 1; R. G. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling, 5; W. James, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; G. Huxley, 8. On Easter Sunday, for early morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. G. Simpson, 1; E. Dunn, 2; P. F. Harman, 3; E. Halladay, 4; G. Durling, 5; F. S. Sanders, 6; H. P. Harman (composer and conductor), 7; W. James, 8. E. Halladay hails from Ospringe.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the morning, 630 Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. C. Walker, 1; A. Pheasant, 2; A. C. Bedwell, 3; T. G. Deal, 4; G. Daynes, 5; H. N. Davis, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; T. Chandler, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. C. Walker, 1; A. C. Bedwell, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; G. Daynes, 4; T. Chandler, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; H. Warnett, 7; T. Daynes (Dartford), 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK.—On Easter Sunday morning, for Divine Service, the local company rang 500 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Gwinnett, 1; D. Marmont, 2; T. Ireland, 3; C. West, 4; J. Wager, 5; W. Hall, 6; W. Ryland (conductor), 7; A. Trigg, 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, March 5th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; J. E. Wheildon, 3; J. Warren, 4; R. W. Twigg, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. Also for Divine Service in the evening a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, the ringers standing as above. On Tuesday, March 14th, for practice, a 720 Duke of York Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 19th, for Divine Service, a Woodbine Treble Bob. On Tuesday, March 21st, for practice, a 720 College Pleasure. On Thursday, March 23rd, for practice, a 720 Duke of York Treble Bob. On Sunday, March 26th, for Divine Service, a 720 Violet Treble Bob, the ringers standing as above. On Tuesday, March 28th, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor. D. Preston (first 720), 1; C. Preston, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Friday, March 31st, with the bells muffled (it being Good Friday), 720 Bob Minor, and 720 Oxford Bob Minor. D. Preston (first 720 Oxford), 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheildon, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On April 2nd (Easter Sunday), a 720 College Pleasure. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, and a 720 Duke of York Treble Bob, the ringers standing as before.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 1st, 360 Double Court Bob Minor. F. Watling, 1; G. Drew, 2; F. Hardy, 3; R. Wells, 4; F. Page, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob conducted by F. Watling. Tenor 10 cwt. R. W. Stannard hails from Colchester; the rest are local men.

KELSALE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 2nd, for early celebration, 960 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Watling, 1; F. Watling, 2; F. Hardy, 3; F. Page, 4; W. Drew, 5; G. Thompson, 6; F. Thompson, 7; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 8. And a short touch of Bob Major conducted by W. Drew. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Monday, April 3rd, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, but a change-course was discovered when the half-way was reached, which terminated further proceedings after ringing 1 hr. 31 mins. W. Street, 1; E. Moses (conductor), 2; J. White, 3; G. Huggett, 4; E. Dodd, 5; J. Ansell, 6; R. Arnold, 7; W. Lynch, 8. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., composed by H. Hubbard. J. White, 1; J. Ansell, 2; J. T. Rickman, Esq., 3; E. Dodd, 4; G. Huggett, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6; R. Arnold, 7; W. Lynch, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, March 20th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. C. Walden, 1; W. Earle, 2; F. Hollingworth, 3; — Hollingworth (conductor), 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnickliff, 6. First 720 by C. Walden and W. Earle. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles with C. Walden, 2; this being his first touch with a bob bell. On Sunday, March 26th, for Divine Service, 600 Grandsire Minor. C. Walden, 1; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 2; F. Hollingworth, 3; A. Lee, 4; J. Warren, 5; G. C. Tunnickliff, 6. Longest touch of Minor by A. Lee.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Sunday, April 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Bagshot, 1; E. Waters, 2; E. Hinton, 3; S. Best, 4; G. Vey, 5; T. Best, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; H. Preston, 8. For afternoon service two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, with 7-6-8 behind. T. Best, 1; E. Hinton, 2; E. Waters, 3; G. Preston (conductor), 4; S. Best, 5; G. Vey, 6; H. Preston, 7; W. Saffery, 8. This is the first 6-score in this method by all the band.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, April 2nd, at 6 a.m. at St. Margaret's church, 360 Oxford Bob Minor. F. Barton, 1; Rev. C. E. Eagles, 2; G. Cox, 3; P. Du Sautoy, 4; J. Taylor, 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the morning 360 Oxford Bob. F. Barton, 1; J. Taylor, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; P. Du Sautoy, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Oxford Bob. G. Cox, 1; J. Taylor, 2; Rev. C. E. Eagles, 3; W. Mills, 4; P. Du Sautoy, 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Thursday, April 6th, an attempt was made for a 504 of Oxford Bob Minor, but it came to grief after ringing 4200 changes in 2 hrs. 20 mins. owing to a change-course. G. Cox, 1; J. Taylor, 2; Rev. C. E. Eagles, 3; W. Mills, 4; P. Du Sautoy, 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALEWOOD (Lancashire).—On Saturday, March 18th, at St. Nicolas' church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. J. Grace, 1; G. Callan, 2; T. Ambrose, 3; J. Aspinwall, 4; R. Williams, 5; C. Williams, 6. And three courses of Bob Minor. First in the method by Messrs. Grace, Callan, and Ambrose. On Monday, March 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Grace, 1; A. Grace, 2; T. Griffiths, 3; G. Callan, 4; J. Crosbie, 5; R. Williams (conductor), 6; T. Houghton, 7; R. Briers, 8. And a 504. W. Grace, 1; J. Lowe, 2; T. Ambrose, 3. Rang in the presence of the rector, the Rev. H. G. Gibson, and friends.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, January 29th, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Burrows, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 5th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Burrows, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 12th, for evening service, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Russell, 1; W. Burrows, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 26th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; F. Carroway, 3; W. Burrows, 4; W. Tubb, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. And 720 of Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). E. Pratchett, 1; W. Tubb, 2; J. Martin, 3; W. Russell, 4; J. Cornell, 5; W. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 4th, for practice, a 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Pratchett, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Burrows, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, February 28th, for practice, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Palmer, 1; H. Madin, 2; S. Smedley, 3; W. Worthington, 4; S. Price, 5; H. V. Wilkins, 6; J. Hunt, 7; J. Harris (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, March 7th, another 1152. W. Worthington, 1; H. Mottershall, 2; S. Smedley, 3; W. Worthington, 4; S. Price, 5; H. V. Wilkins, 6; J. Harris (conductor), 7; H. Madin, 8. On Sunday evening, March 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 30 mins. W. Worthington, 1; H. Madin, 2; S. Smedley, 4; A. Worthington, 4; H. V. Wilkins, 5; J. Harris (conductor), 6.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, April 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (fourteen bobs and ten singles). H. Martin, 1; J. Johnson, 2; J. Reynolds, 3; T. Elcox, 4; W. Martin, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 12th, for service at St. Mary's church, 210 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Elliott, 1; C. Hyland, 2; R. Curtis, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; H. Frank, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. And for afternoon service, a 336 of Oxford Bob Triples. F. Mathis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; H. Franks, 3; C. Hyland, 4; W. Franks (conductor), 5; J. Mathis, 6; W. Thomas, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. And for evening service, a 504 Grandsire Triples in 18½ mins. H. Elliott, 1; C. Hyland, 2; R. Curtis, 3; W. Franks, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; H. Franks (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Tuesday, March 14th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Oxford

Bob Triples in 47 mins. F. Mathis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; C. Hyland, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; H. Franks, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Sunday, March 19th, for morning service a 504 Grandsire Triples in 18½ mins. H. Elliott, 1; R. Curtis, 2; C. Hyland, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; H. Franks, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. Mathis, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Tuesday, March 21st, 336 Oxford Bob Triples. F. Mathis, 1; W. Thomas, 2; J. Mathis, 3; R. Curtis, 4; W. Franks (conductor), 5; T. Groombridge (Tunbridge Wells), 6; H. Franks, 7; H. Elliott, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Elliott, 1; W. Franks, 2; R. Curtis, 3; C. Hyland, 4; H. Franks, 5; J. Mathis, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. And 158 Grandsire Minor, on the back six. H. Elliott, 3; F. Mathis, 4; C. J. Hyland, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. Mathis (conductor), 7; T. Groombridge, 8. On Sunday, March 26th, for morning service, a 240 Grandsire Minor on the back six. H. Elliott, 1; J. Mathis, 2; F. Mathis, 3; R. Curtis, 4; W. Thomas, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6. And for evening service a 210 Grandsire Minor. H. Elliott, 1; C. Hyland, 2; R. Curtis, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

BOLSTERSTONE (Yorks).—On Monday, March 13th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 120 Bob Minor (four bobs), 4th the observation, and 120 (two singles). J. Aspinall, 1; G. Jackson, 2; J. Shaw, 3; J. Hattersley, 4; D. Brearley (conductor), 5; H. H. Haigh, 6. On Monday, March 20th, 180 Bob Minor (three bobs), 120 (four bobs), and 72 (six singles). J. Aspinall, 1; D. Brearley (conductor), 2; J. Shaw, 3; J. Hattersley, 4; H. Sampson, 5; H. H. Haigh, 6. On Monday, March 27th, another 120. J. Aspinall, 1; G. Jackson, 2; D. Brearley (conductor), 3; F. Shaw, 4; H. Sampson, 5; H. H. Haigh, 6. This is the first 180 by all local men, and they hope soon to be able to score a 720. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, March 28th, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob. R. Botting, 1; C. Webber, 2; G. Huggett, 3; W. H. Street, 4; J. Ansell, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by W. H. Street. On Easter Day, for morning service, 360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 240 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor, and a plain course of College Single. R. Botting, 1; W. H. Street, 2; G. Huggett, 3; J. Ansell, 4; W. H. Judd, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 College Single and 360 Grandsire Minor, standing as above.

BOUGHTON, NEAR FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Easter Sunday, for early morning service, 720 Bob Minor (six bobs and thirty singles), tenor covering. W. Foreman, 1; W. W. Boulden, 2; J. Chambers, 3; H. Foreman, 4; G. A. Ransom, 5; F. T. Harris (conductor), 6; A. Bottle, 7. After afternoon service 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). W. Foreman, 1; E. E. Foreman, 2; J. Chambers, 3; G. A. Ransom, 4; W. W. Boulden, 5; F. T. Harris (conductor), 6; A. Bottle, 7. F. T. Harris formerly belonged to the local company, but lately removed to Longfield, near Dartford.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Sunday, April 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), and 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). Also several smaller touches, and two courses of Bob Major. R. Potter, 1; W. Dyer, 2; D. Elliott, jun., 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; J. Sadler, 6. Tenor 22 cwt.

CHELSEA (Surrey).—On Good Friday, for Divine Service at St. Luke's church, in the morning, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 48 mins. S. Luscombe, 1; F. M. Aldis, 2; C. Hindes, 3; H. S. Elliss (conductor), 4; J. Willshire, 5; T. E. Barber, 6; E. H. Adams, 7; G. Roberts, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

ERITH (Kent).—On Sunday morning, April 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. R. McWhirter, 1; F. Hunter, 2; J. Saxby, 3; F. Cullum, sen., 4; G. Cullum, 5; F. Cullum, jun., 6; J. Garrard (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8.

GOOLE (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, April 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples which came to grief after ringing 840 changes. J. T. Walsh, 1; F. Sanderson, 2; H. Featherstone, 3; W. Whitfield, 4; A. Haines, 5; F. Tate, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8. On Monday, April 2nd, the Pontefract society visited the tower and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by — Pierson. In the evening touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Doubles, and Bob Minor were rung by a mixed company. [The address wanted is Forward Villa, Aston, Birmingham.]

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—On Sunday, April 2nd, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Pettet, 1; G. Warner, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; W. Gilbert, 4; W. Hall, 5; W. Parker, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; H. Stubbs, 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Warner, 1; W. Pettet, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; W. Hall, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; A. H. Martin, 6; J. B. Martin, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. On

Monday, April 3rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Houghton, 1; W. Hall, 2; F. Gilbert (conductor), 3; J. B. Martin, 4; G. Warner, 5; W. Gilbert, 6; A. H. Martin, 7; J. Seemark, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Hall, 1; W. Pettet, 2; J. Houghton, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; G. Warner, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin, 7; J. Seemark, 8.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Sunday, April 9th, after evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 30 mins. I. Dear, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; E. Pye, 3; G. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. Tenor 20 cwt.

INWORTH (Essex).—Recently at the parish church a 720 in three different methods, being two 6-scores each of Oxford, Grandsire, and Bob Doubles, and 720 Stedman Doubles. D. Elliott, jun., 1; H. Evers, 2; W. Elliott (conductor), 3; E. W. Beckwith, 4; H. Elliott, 5. D. Elliott and E. W. Beckwith hail from Coggeshall; the rest from Kelvedon.

KILSALE (Suffolk).—Recently for afternoon service a 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. E. Page, 1; W. Drew (conductor), 2; G. Hardy, 3; R. Wells, 4; F. Page, 5; G. Thompson, 6; A. Bowell, 7; J. Edmunds, 8. And 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major. E. Page, 1; W. Drew (conductor), 2; F. Thompson, 3; R. Wells, 4; F. Page, 5; G. Thompson, 6; A. Bowell, 7; G. Hardy, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. A. Bowell hails from Ipswich.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Easter Monday, April 3rd, half of J. J. Parker's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 27 mins. F. Palmer, 1; W. H. Sumner, 2; T. Pritchett, 3; A. Pritchett, 4; W. Cooks, 5; W. S. Pritchett (conductor), 6; W. Palmer, 7; G. Cooper, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles). A. Keeble, 1; R. Keeble, 2; C. Parker, 3; C. Green, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; W. Green, 6. After service in the afternoon, 360 Bob Minor. F. Foster, 1; A. Keeble, 2; C. Parker, 3; C. Green, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; W. Green, 6. In the evening 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). F. Fosker, 1; R. Keeble, 2; W. Green, 3; C. Parker, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; A. Keeble, 6. A. Symonds hails from Lavenham; the rest are local men.

MORRISTON (Glamorganshire).—On Sunday, April 9th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 25 mins. H. C. Gibson, 1; L. J. Naysmith, 2; W. Jones, 3; D. J. Clarke, 4; R. C. Gibson, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, April 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Watling, 1; W. Drew, 2; R. Wells, 3; G. Thompson, 4; A. Bowell, 5; F. Watling (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

Obituary.

SAMUEL JOHNSON.

On Thursday, April 6th, at the comparatively early age of thirty-eight, Mr. Samuel Johnson passed to his rest. He joined the Duffield Society of Change-Ringers in 1884, shortly after the old peal of six in the parish church had been replaced by one of eight, since which year he was unremitting in his efforts to promote the progress of the Society. He rang, as his first peal, the tenor to a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, on January 27th, 1885. His next performance was to ring, on March 21st, in the same year, the treble in a 6000 of Bob Major. After again ringing the tenor to another peal of Grandsire Triples in the following July, he became an inside man, taking part thenceforward in nearly every peal scored by the society up to the commencement of his illness in the early part of December last. Altogether he rang in eighty-six peals, a number only surpassed by one of the society. These were rung in a large variety of methods, namely: Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Stedman Triples; Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Norwich, Duffield, Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, and London Surprise Major; Grandsire and Stedman Caters; Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Duffield Royal.

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Living within sight of the church tower, he had grown to look upon the bells as part of his life, and his interest in learning particulars of the peals attempted during his long illness was unflagging.

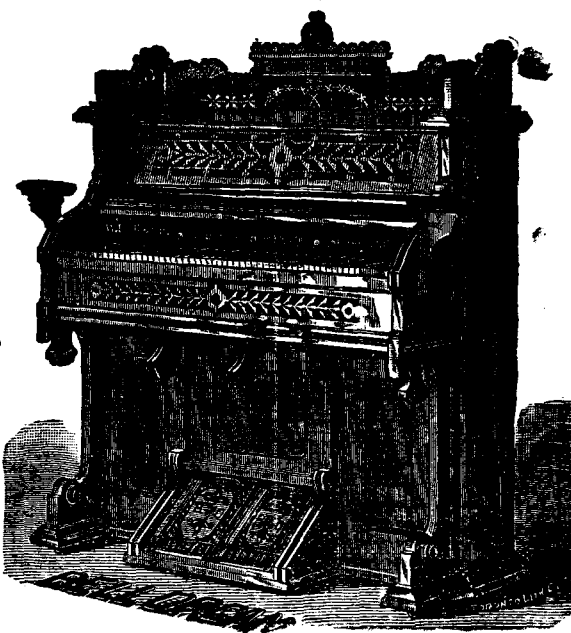
The funeral took place on Sunday, April 9th, the bearers being all ringers. The bells were rung half-muffled for both morning and evening services.

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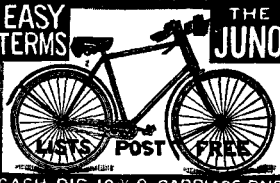
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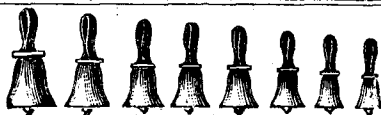
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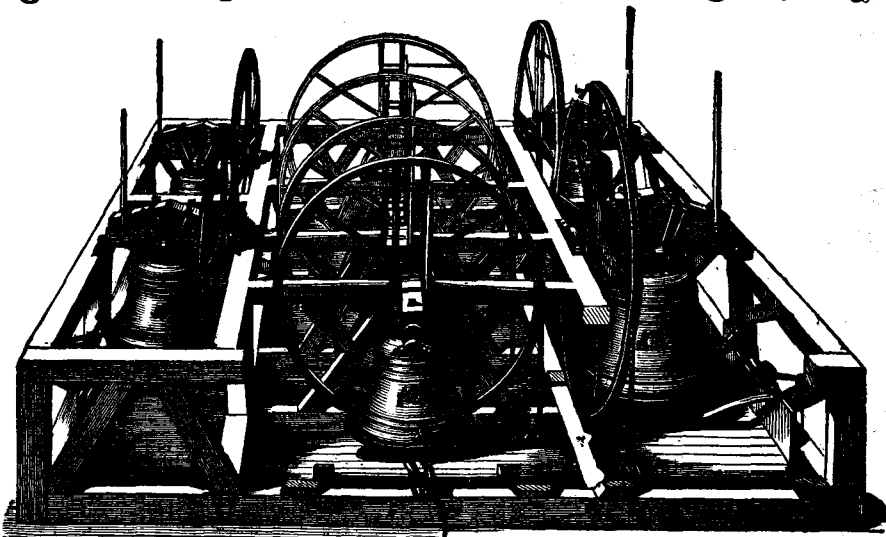
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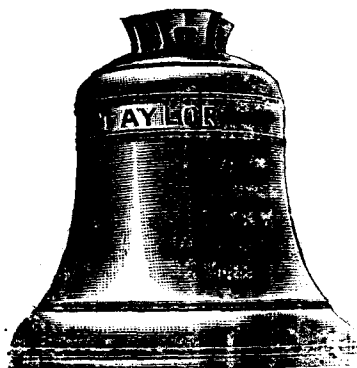
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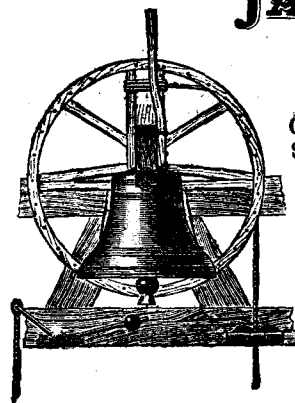
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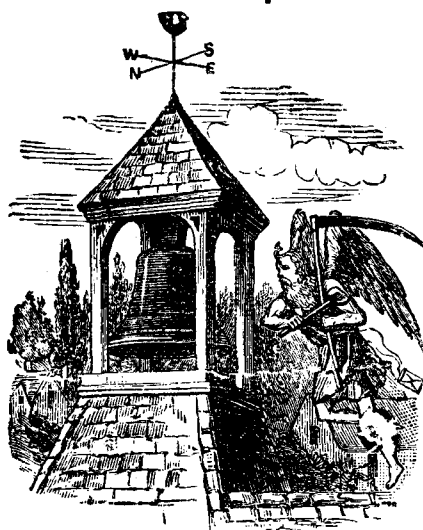
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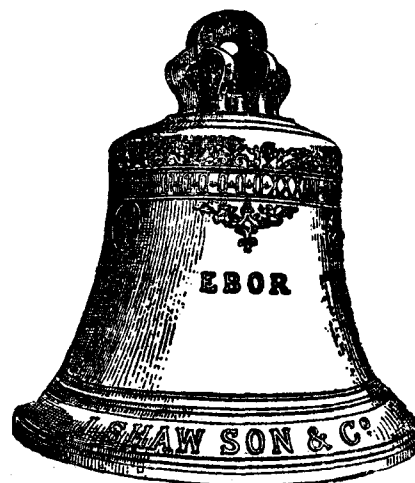
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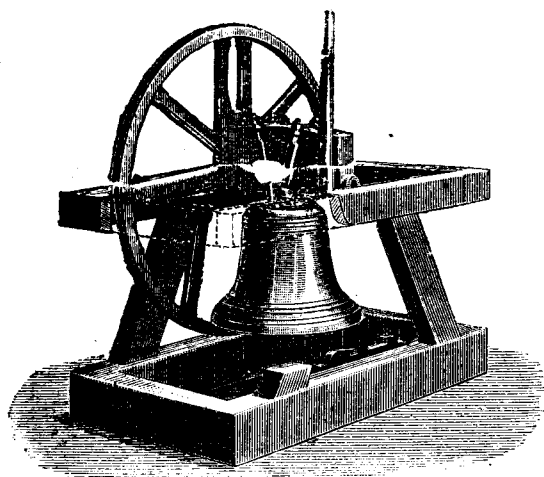
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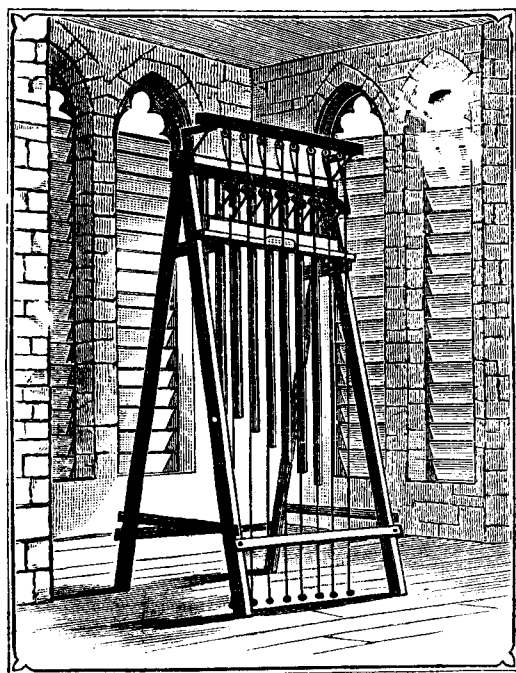
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The CHAIRMAN said the next business was to receive and consider the report of the Committee appointed: (a) to draw up a scheme for the classification of compositions of 5000 changes and upwards; and (b) to pronounce as to the call or calls to be deemed proper to each method. He thought before calling on Mr. Davies, as the convener of the Committee, to go into this matter, he ought to say that it was owing to his (the Chairman's) interference, that the classification of bells that was advertised to commence in "THE BELL NEWS" and *Church Bells* was not continued. He had written to Mr. Davies that although it appeared by the resolution that was carried at the last meeting that his Committee was requested to decide on the proper call or calls to be recommended in each method, as he (the Chairman) read the part relating to classification, the Committee was going rather beyond the duty which was allotted to it by the Council, and he thought it would be wiser if they confined themselves to a definite report on legitimate calls, and to suggesting the course that would best be followed in preparing a classification of peals. If in the opinion of the Council he had acted too rigidly in checking the work of the Committee, he begged to express his regret; but as their Chairman, he held that it was his duty to interfere when he considered a Committee were going beyond the absolute letter of that which was entrusted to them by the Council (applause). He must thank Mr. Davies and his Committee for the most kind way in which they accepted his interference.

The REV. C. D. P. DAVIES said with respect to what the President had just said as to the communication which he sent, he would say they were only too glad to be guided when they were going beyond their powers. He would express his thanks to Mr. Heywood for having pointed it out and say they gladly accepted his advice. With regard to the recommendation as to calls, the report was printed, and in the hands of members of the Council. It ran as follows:—

RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO CALLS.

The various methods naturally group themselves under four heads: (i.) Grandsire, and its derivative Union; (ii.) Plain Bob, and all its derivatives, viz.: those even-bell methods in which the treble pursues a plain hunt; (iii.) the Treble Bob and Surprise methods, in which the treble has a continuous dodging hunt; (iv.) those methods, whether for odd or even-bell ringing, in which the treble works as the other bells.

In groups i., ii. and iv. two kinds of calls, bobs and singles, have always been used; but in group iii., bobs only. The object of a call is to introduce a fresh coursing order, without disturbing the regular work of more bells than is necessary. The least number that can be thus altered without diminishing the number of changing pairs in any of the rows is three. Hence a bob should not, unless forced to do so by the nature of the method, alter the coursing order of more than three bells. Singles which put the bells out of course can nearly always accomplish their object by a simple interchange between the two bells of a pair, and should never interfere with the work of a greater number unless compelled to do so by the exigencies of the method.

There is only one plain method, Grandsire (Kent and Oxford Treble Bob labour under a like disadvantage) which of necessity causes a bob to alter the work of more than three, and a single that of more than two bells. This difficulty is owing to the fact that it is requisite to remove a bell from the hunt, which can be done only by the making of the extra 3rds place, causing the throwing forward of the work of all bells above 3rds. The common Grandsire bob and single are therefore a necessity, and being the recognised calls in this method, should be the only calls employed, so far as is possible. Acting on this principle nothing but the ordinary bob and single should ever be found in compositions on more than seven bells. But in Triples, where to obtain a peal the whole extent must be produced, composition is necessarily limited. On this account it has been customary to relax the ordinary rule, and to introduce special calls.

If this is done your Committee strongly recommend that in any one composition never more than one species of call should be used in addition to the ordinary bob; that is to say, if some call other than the usual Grandsire single be employed, then the Grandsire single should be for the time laid aside. Nor should such call used in lieu of the ordinary single be suffered to occur more often than is absolutely necessary. It will be found that for calls which do not stop the changing of any pairs of bells, e.g. a 5th's place bob, this necessity will

not arise more than once in each part; and in the case of a call, not being a common single, which suspends the flow of continuous triple changes, not more than twice in the whole peal.

If your committee may presume to make any selection of these extraneous calls they would recommend the adoption of a 5ths place bob (a plain lead of Union Triples), when the whole composition is to be produced in uninterrupted triples; and that of Holt's single (in all cases restricted to the two sets of rows:—

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when singles other than the common Grandsire single are required.

From the foregoing remarks may be gathered a general principle on which your Committee would venture to insist with the greatest earnestness in the hope that it may be adopted as an invariable rule in all composition, viz., that in one and the same peal there should never be more than two kinds of calls—the bob common to the method, and one other kind of call if required.

Coming now to Union, the derivative of Grandsire, we find an important difference. This method, though closely resembling its parent method, is, unlike the latter, perfectly conformable to the general rule in the nature of its calls. Having made mention of a "general rule" it seems fitting, even at the risk of appearing to digress, to insert here a brief definition of what is meant by this "general rule."

A reason was given for endeavouring to limit the action of a bob to three bells, and that of a single to two. In the case of a bob this is accomplished by causing a place to be made two steps distant, either behind or before, that at which a place would be made by the rule of the method. Take one or two instances.

At a plain lead in Plain Bob 2nds place is made. For a bob 4ths is made, i.e. two steps distant from and behind 2nds place. In Double London Court Major the bob is made by causing a bell to lie still in 8ths instead of in 6ths, i.e. two steps distant from and behind 6ths, where the place is made in a plain lead. Double Norwich and Stedman conform equally well to the rule, but in their case the place is made two steps before that at which it would have occurred had there been no bob. All such bobs cause bells that were previously coursing in the order A, B, C, to take either the order B, C, A, or C, A, B, all the other bells remaining undisturbed.

In all methods conforming in the matter of bobs to this general rule, the mode of making the single is most simple. Both the plain lead place and the bob place are made, the bell between them being of course forced to do likewise; so that compared with a plain lead, the work of only two bells is altered, and even one of these does bob work. This is briefly expressed by saying that the coursing order A, B, C becomes one of the three following: A, C, B; C, B, A; B, A, C; in which will be seen that always one of the three bells remains unaffected.

Returning now to Union: A bob is made by simply causing a bell to lie still in 5ths instead of in 3rds, in perfect accordance with the general rule explained above. All reasoning from analogy would lead to the supposition that the single was made by places in both 3rds and 5ths, and of course in 4ths. But unfortunately the *Clavis* published a peal of Union Triples with fourteen singles in which the bells in 2nds and 3rds lie still at a plain lead; and Shipway copied this peal into his book. There may have been some excuse for this single in those days when the diffusion of knowledge was slow, and the science of ringing comparatively in its infancy. But to perpetuate such a totally useless anomaly in the present seems to your Committee unpardonable; and, as the very peal in question can be re-arranged without even altering a single course-end in a few moments by the merest tyro in composition, it is strongly recommended that the singles in this method should conform to the only natural and scientific rule, being made thus:—

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Holt's peal of Union Triples is, like all his compositions, of such beautiful symmetry and ingenuity as to completely justify the special singles which he employs. Be it, too, carefully noted that here as always he uses two, and two only, in marked contrast to the unrestrained scattering of special calls sometimes found in modern compositions.

For the composition of peals of continuous Triples in this method we beg leave to recommend the use of plain leads of Grandsire Triples, and that such should not exceed one in each part of the peal.

Having now briefly explained their views as to the calls advisable in the methods falling under group i., your Committee feel that the calls in the methods comprised in the other three groups demand but few remarks. In groups ii. and iii., putting aside Minor, with which the present Report does not concern itself, there is no necessity for the adoption of any unusual form of call, as peals, even long ones, on eight bells and upwards can always be composed by means of the ordinary and regular calls of the method. Hence the question of special calls in the Plain Bob and Treble Bob systems and their various derivatives has never practically arisen; indeed the use of such would have been a very gratuitous violation of all law and order. Your

Committee will therefore content themselves with the one observation, that in their opinion the *position* of a special call is no excuse for its occurrence. A peal is a "round block," and the employment of a special call on starting into changes or on coming round is not a whit better than would have been its employment anywhere in the course of the peal. From this it will be seen that the causing of the bells to "go off" otherwise than by the rule of the method, or by any bells lying still on going off, or the use of a special call to bring the bells home, should all be regarded as instances of unlawful manipulation.

Under the head of group iv. there are but few methods, the chief being of course Stedman, the prince of all. In the pre-Thurstansian peals of Triples special singles were employed, or a multiplicity of ordinary singles. But with the production of Thurstans' masterpiece, and the capability which it is now shown to possess of being moulded into variations manifold, some more, some less like the original form, the necessity for special singles or for more than two in the peal, has ceased, and their revival is to be deprecated. The bobs and singles in Stedman are perfectly regular and in conformity with the general rule. This remark also applies to the methods of Duffield and Forward. The members of this group possess a great advantage in that they afford the composer more than one alternative in the manner of starting into changes and returning into rounds. For instance, in Stedman, no violence whatever is done to the method if the 1st, 3rd or 5th row of either a slow or a quick six be taken as the starting change; and whereas, if the first row in either six be chosen, it may be in the form of either a plain or bob six, there are no fewer than eight possible modes of commencing the composition. It will thus be seen that the constituents of this group are endowed with great pliancy in this respect, without the slightest infraction of the principle laid down in the concluding sentences of the preceding paragraph. It should however be stated in conclusion that though eight forms of starting are logically allowable, they are by no means recommended. If it is required to commence with a quick six, then to avoid unnecessary up-rooting of old custom it seems fitting that the changes should begin at the fifth row in the quick six, but if it is desired to commence with a slow six, your Committee are of opinion that the bells should start into changes at the beginning of the six, which may be either a plain or bob six.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.
C. H. HATTERSLEY.
J. W. WASHBROOK.

The REV. C. D. P. DAVIES moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. C. H. HATTERSLEY, in seconding the report, remarked that they were unanimous the calls should be the usual bob and single in each method, and that no other kind of call should be allowed.

Mr. WALKER said with regard to the single in Union Triples, he thought the one recommended by the Committee was deviating from the method altogether.

Dr. A. B. CARPENTER said it was a very excellent report, but in reading through it he did not see that the Committee had made any arrangement for considering Oxford Bob Triples and such methods as that. He would also like to say that it seemed to him very often useful in Stedman Caters to start with the third change of the six, so as to begin 3, 1, 2. They thus had the advantage of the treble in its natural position.

Mr. ATTREE asked if it was proposed that the suggestion should be compulsory, or was it suggested that these were the best calls, leaving it open to ringers to have other calls if they wished.

The CHAIRMAN replied that the Council were in the same position as the Archbishop of Canterbury; he might direct the clergy to do certain things, but they did not always do them (laughter). The Council gave carefully considered suggestions which they put before ringers as a body. If they chose to adopt them, well and good; if they chose to disregard them the Council could do no more.

Mr. CATCHPOLE enquired whether there was any objection to two bells lying still at the go-off in Stedman Cinques. He himself was in favour of the practice.

Mr. HATTERSLEY: The only thing we can say against it is that it is not the method. We cannot countenance two bells lying still. We must adhere strictly to the method.

Mr. DAVIES said he would take the points that had been discussed in order. First of all with regard to the single and Union Triples. He really thought that was answered in the words of the report. That single as far as they knew the history of it—and as far as one could judge—was hobbled upon. They found the bob in Union Triples happened to be the same as the Grandsire bob, and therefore the man who composed the peal, whoever he was, without scientifically looking into the

question, said to himself that the singles must be the same too. If they looked at the singles, they were not the common Grandsire single at all. He thought that formed as it were a kind of two-fold answer. If they wanted to form a single in Union Triples, they should form it according to the principles on which singles were formed in other methods, and that was a very simple principle to go by. With regard to Oxford Bob Triples, he had omitted to look into the matter, but as to Bob Triples and methods of that sort, he did not know what the feeling of the Council in general was, but he himself never liked to ring even-bell methods on an odd number of bells or the contrary. In reference to bells lying still at the go-off in Stedman Cinques, they wanted, as Mr. Hattersley had said, to make every method adhere to its proper rule, and there was no necessity for two bells to lie still.

Mr. STRANGE did not think they should ignore the method of Bob Triples.

Mr. DAVIES said they had not condemned Bob Triples, but simply they were not mentioned. It had been thought the best thing was to leave them out, and not encourage them at all.

Mr. HATTERSLEY said Mr. Davies had expressed his opinion with regard to bells lying still at the going-off in Stedman Cinques.

The HON. SECRETARY said he supposed the real effect of the report was that they would give a complete collection of peals, and the Committee or other body who took the work in hand would have regard to the recommendations of this report in order to guide them in their choice as to what peals to include and what to reject, and if they found peals composed which violated the recommendations approved by the Council, they need not include them in the collection. Of course nothing the Council could do could prevent peals being composed in which strange calls were used, or in which the method was departed from, and nothing the Council could do could prevent ringers ringing such peals, but it would be in the power of the Council to prevent such compositions being in the collection issued with their sanction.

Mr. WALKER asked if the report was accepted would the Council ignore peals of Union Triples composed with Grandsire singles?

The HON. SECRETARY: That would depend on whether the Council adopt the conclusions of the Committee.

The CHAIRMAN said he should like with the permission of the Council to hear what Mr. John Carter had to say on this point.

Mr. CARTER said he did not like the new suggestion at all. It would not work well in Union Caters and Cinques.

Mr. DAVIES submitted that the recommendation of the Committee was the only recommendation that would place Union on a real scientific basis.

The CHAIRMAN said the report was exceedingly valuable. What they had to bear in mind was that what they wanted to do was to reduce the laws of ringing to order, to put in plain words what were legitimate calls and legitimate treatment of methods, that there might be a standard of reference for future composers. They did not want to lay any unnecessary embargoes on the construction various composers might put on the rules of a method. He thought it would be wise if they left, for instance, the question of the go off in Stedman entirely alone, because Stedman admitted of the method being started at any part of a six without contravening its rules. He advised the Council to endorse this report in so far as it steadfastly laid down strict adherence to the rules of every method of which it treated. He thought it would be wise for the Committee to take again into consideration the question of the Union Single, and also the method of Oxford Bob, for the latter seemed to have been omitted from their consideration, and that would probably make the report complete, and as a completed report he would suggest that it be presented to the next Council.

The CHAIRMAN said he thought the feeling of the Council was that they would be better satisfied if no restriction was placed on the go-off in Stedman, provided there was no departure from the strict rule of the method.

The report was referred back to the Committee for revision, and ordered to be presented at the next meeting of the Council.

(To be continued.)

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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

This Association held its annual meeting at St. Albans on Easter-Monday, when some thirty or forty members attended. In the course of the day the members rang touches on the Abbey and St. Peter's bells, and at 12.30 attended a special choral service at St. Peter's. The officiating clergy were the Revs. W. C. Morgan and V. Faulkner, curates of the parish, and the Rev. Canon Wigram, of Hertford. The Rev. Canon preached an impressive sermon from the words "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."—Col. iii. 23.

On the conclusion of the service the members adjourned to the Town Hall, where they partook of a substantial dinner, supplied by Mr. Addington, of the Coffee Tavern. Mr. Leonard Proctor, of Bennington, President of the Association, occupied the chair, and he was supported by the Rev. Canon Wigram, the Rev. V. Faulkner, the Rev. C. W. Morgan, the Rev. T. T. Blockley, Messrs. E. P. Debenham, G. W. Cartmel, W. H. L. Buckingham, and others. On the conclusion of the repast a handsome marble clock and a large illuminated address were placed upon the table in front of the chair, whereupon the Rev. Canon Wigram rose, and addressing the Chairman as "Squire Proctor," informed him that a great honour had been conferred upon him, and it was to ask his acceptance from his brother-ringers of the address and clock which stood before them. The President might have older friends in that company than himself, but at all events he could claim a friendship of two generations with him and his house. For that reason he might be the most suitable man in that room to discharge the present duty, but there was another he might venture to quote. No one had tasted more of the hospitality of Bennington or tested the kindness of the Bennington belfry, or learnt more from its ringers than he had done. Neither Bennington nor its ringers had ever failed him when he wanted them, and he had always known it to be a belfry with bells second to none for their weight, and could boast of ringers second to none in the knowledge of the methods of striking, and he might add, second to none in the welcome he had always received from them. For these reasons he asked Mr. Proctor's acceptance of the gifts, not on account of their intrinsic value, although many had contributed to them, but as a tangible sign that they had not forgotten the many kindnesses they had received at his hand. In conclusion, Canon Wigram said he only hoped the President might be spared for many years to fill his place in Bennington belfry, and have round him a band of ringers of such calibre as he had had so long, and that at the end of his time he might carry the assurance of the goodwill of his ringers, and the assurance that the kindness the county had received from Bennington would not be forgotten.

The President, who was received with applause, said there were many there whom he had known for many years. He began ringing when he was thirteen years of age. He rang the great bell at Eton College for George IV.'s funeral in 1829, and he had kept it up ever since. At Bennington they had always tried to have a good company, but the changes in life and health had caused many of their men to fail them. They were always delighted to see their friends at Bennington whenever possible, and with reference to the gift, which had come as a surprise to him, and for which he thanked them from the bottom of his heart, it would be a pleasure to him to look upon it as long as his life was spared, and at the end he should hand it down to posterity as a mark of the great kindness of his fellow-ringers.

The testimonial, which was a handsome illuminated one, mounted in a dark oak frame, was read by the Secretary, Mr. Debenham, and ran as follows:—

"To LEONARD PROCTOR, Esq.—We as members of the above Association, beg your acceptance of the accompanying clock as a token of our warm appreciation of the services you have rendered to the Art of change-ringing for many years past. The Bennington band of ringers, with which you are more immediately connected, is held in high estimation, not only in Hertfordshire, but also amongst the ringers of England; and it is a signal proof of what high attainments can be reached by steady application and perseverance. We heartily rejoice that in you, as our President, we have one who is at all times ready to assist in promoting the cause which we have at heart; and it is with pleasure that we refer to your frequent attendance at the meetings of our Association as indicating the interest you take in its welfare,

and we earnestly hope that we shall have the gratification of meeting you on many future occasions in connection with our Association, and that with you at the head, it will continue to extend its scope and usefulness."

The testimonial, the Secretary stated, bore the names of about seventy-eight subscribers, both resident and non-resident members. The clock, which accompanied the testimonial, was a fourteen-day marble time-piece, striking the hours and half-hours on a cathedral gong, and was supplied by Mr. N. N. Hills, of St. Peter's Street, St. Albans, an old ringer.

A number of new members having been elected, the Secretary read his annual report, which showed that the balance in hand at the beginning of the year of £7 4s. 1d. had been increased to £9 1s. 2d., and the roll of ringing members had been maintained, there being eighty-three resident and twenty-six non-resident members at the present time, while the honorary members had also increased in number. In addition to the annual meeting at St. Albans last Easter Monday three district meetings had been held during the year, and eighteen peals had been credited to the Association, seventeen on tower bells and one on handbells. Of the tower peals, seven were rung at Bushey, five at Aldenham, two at St. Albans, and one each at Hatfield, Pinner, and Oxhey, and Mr. Buckingham, of St. Albans, conducted thirteen of them, Mr. Rowe, three, and Mr. Huntley two. He felt bound to refer to the interest taken in change-ringing by the members of the Bushey and Aldenham companies, as shown by the number of peals in which individual members of one or both of these branches had taken part, and he congratulated the first-named on ringing their first peal. He was led to hope that before next Easter several members of the band belonging to the neighbouring church of Oxhey would have scored a 5000, and that ere long there would be one or two more towers in that district in union with the Association. Passing on to individual performances, he had to record that six members had scored their first peal, and Mr. Huntley conducted his first peal on December 20th. However far and away the best performance had been a peal of 12,096 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on December 31st—the time occupied being 7 hrs. 10 mins.—in which the Revs. G. F. Coleridge and F. E. Robinson, and Messrs. Buckingham, Winny, Baker, Taylor, and Washbrook took part, and to commemorate this noteworthy performance, he had had the peal recorded in the appendix to the peal-book. He thought he ought not to close his report without saying a few words in connection with the presentation to their President. He knew of no one whose services to the Art of change-ringing deserved recognition more than Mr. Proctor's, and although this had been rather late in his ringing career, he (the Secretary) rejoiced that it had fallen to the lot of the Association to make it. As their President they had one whose best energies had been devoted to change-ringing, and in spite of a not unnatural feeling, perhaps, on his part, that with his increasing years he might resign his position at no distant date, yet he (the secretary) was sure that a strong request would be made to him to continue in office, as one and all welcomed his attendance at the meetings. It was with regret he recorded the death of Mr. Warner, a member of the Association since its commencement, and also the loss the Church had sustained in the death of Bishop Claughton who was the first President of the Association, and latterly one of the patrons of the Society. Mr. Cartmel had again very kindly acted as Assistant-Secretary, and he desired to express his warm thanks to him for the help he had afforded him. The balance-sheet was also submitted.

Canon Wigram proposed the acceptances of the report and balance-sheet, coupled with very cordial thanks to the Secretary and his assistant for the very business-like way they had conducted the business of the Association.

Mr. E. Huntley seconded, and the proposition was carried.

Canon Wigram proposed the re-election of Mr. Leonard Proctor as President, and expressed a hope that he would kindly consent to act.

Mr. Debenham seconded, and the proposition was carried with applause.

The President, in acknowledging his re-election, said so long as they chose to appoint him, and so long as his health would permit, he should be very pleased to remain in office.

Canon Wigram proposed the re-election of Mr. Debenham as

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, which was at once agreed to. Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham proposed "That a meeting of this Association be held at Hatfield on August Bank Holiday next, in addition to the four usual meetings to be held during the year." They could not hold a Saturday meeting at Hatfield, and it was only fair to hold a meeting there on some date.

The President seconded, and the proposition was agreed to.

Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, in accordance with notice, moved the following resolution: "That peals of seven 720s rung in any one or more Minor methods shall, if each 720 is called differently, be recognised by this Association, and be booked in the peal-book." He proposed it as he felt the present rule entailed a hardship on young ringers.

Mr. Lucas seconded the proposition, which was supported by Mr. Foskett, who said they would only be doing justice to their young ringers in entering their performances in the peal book.

Canon Wigram also supported the resolution, which on being put to the vote was carried.

The Association decided to hold its next meeting at Oxhey and Bushey.

The Hon. Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Wigram for his able address, and to the clergy, choir, and organist at St. Peter's for their assistance at the service that morning, and also to the Rector of the Abbey, Archdeacon Lawrence and the Rev. H. N. Dudding for the use of the Cathedral and St. Peter's towers.

The vote having been accorded, Canon Wigram replied, and said he came to that annual meeting as a ringer to speak to ringers.

Mr. H. Lewis proposed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary and his honorary assistant, Messrs. Debenham and Cartmel, and alluded to the admirable way in which they had discharged their onerous duties. He also coupled in the vote the name of the auditor, Mr. Huntley.

Mr. Hull seconded the resolution, which was supported by Mr. Buckingham, who made reference to the trouble Mr. Debenham had taken in arranging the presentation to the president.

Mr. Debenham replied in a humorous speech, and was followed by Mr. Cartmel, who remarked that so long as Mr. Debenham remained secretary he should be pleased to assist him.

Canon Wigram proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which being carried terminated the meeting.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this society was held on Saturday, March 25th, at the Old Royal Oak, Kirkgate, Leeds. The President, Mr. J. Whitaker, presided over a fair attendance of members, considering the great attraction football causes in this district. The minutes of the last meeting being read and passed, the auditors, Messrs. Naylor and Thackray, moved and seconded the adoption of the balance-sheet, which was passed as read. They also commented upon the flourishing condition of the society, both in funds and members, which latter now number 109. The usual votes of thanks to the retiring officers was followed by re-electing most of them to serve again for the ensuing year: Mr. J. Whitaker, President; Mr. J. Thackray, Vice-President; Mr. D. Yorke, Treasurer; and Mr. R. Binns, Secretary. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, churchwardens, ringers and steeplekeeper for use of bells and other kind arrangements, which were of a most complete order. An adjournment was then made to the tower, where ringing in various methods was gone through until 9 p.m. Handbell ringing brought the meeting to a close.

THE HEWETT MEMORIAL FUND.

A desire has been expressed that the presentation of this memorial should take place at the annual meeting of the Winchester Guild, and the subscription list will therefore remain open until the end of May.

** We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

MR. ARTHUR KNIGHTS, OF CHESTERFIELD.

[Vide Portrait.]

Mr. KNIGHTS was born at Brome, near Eye, in Suffolk, on December 17th, 1859, consequently he has just completed his thirty-third year. His father being a ringer, and having two uncles also among the craft, it will not be surprising to hear that he became connected with bells quite early in life. At the age of nine he used to chime at the church of his native village, the bells of which were only five in number, in such bad order that no ringing could be done on them. It was not till the year 1878, when he went to reside at the town of Diss, in Norfolk, that a fair opportunity of learning to ring presented itself to him. By the assistance of that enthusiastic ringer—the late Mr. James Rudd—and Mr. W. Ireland, and possessed of a copy of Hubbard's work, he made rapid progress, and after only four months' probation, he rang the 4th through a 1000 of Bob Major, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob soon followed. His first peal was one of 5184 Kent Treble Bob Major, rung on May 19th, 1879, which was conducted by Mr. W. Ireland.

After ringing four peals with the Diss company, in 1880 he left that town for Chesterfield, where, on July 15th, 1882, he made his debut as a conductor in a one-part peal of 5126 Kent Treble Bob Major, his own composition, and having the 6th its extent in all positions. Up to the present he has only taken part in thirty-one peals, his time and opportunities for peal-ringing being very limited. They are made up thus:—

	Rung.				Conducted.
Bob Triples	1	...	...	...	1
Grandsire Triples	5	...	...	...	3
Stedman Triples	1	...	...	...
Bob Major	1	...	...	...
Treble Bob Major	19	...	...	...	6
Grandsire Caters	4	...	...	...	2
Treble Bob Royal	1	...	...	...	1
	32				14

Of the above peals twelve were compositions of his own.

Mr. KNIGHTS is probably better known to our readers as a composer than a ringer, as he has given a great deal of time to this branch of the science. He composed his first peal, 5200 Bob Major, in five parts, at the age of 19; eventually obtaining the extent with the tenors together (13,440 changes) in four, five, and six parts, being the first peals published on their respective plans. He has also produced the extent, with the tenors together, in nearly every Major method having the treble a plain hunt. His peals of Double Norwich were the first published that could be brought round true at the sixtieth course-end. All will be of opinion that Mr. KNIGHTS has been fairly successful with the composition of Treble Bob Major with the tenors together. Perhaps among the best-known peals that he has published, is one in fourteen courses, containing the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right, only four original peals having been published on the same plan; also two peals containing the sixty course-ends, which are very rare—very few original peals having previously appeared, the peals in 21 courses being the only one published on the plan. A 7328, recently published, was the first in ten parts in this method, it also contains the greatest number of changes produced in twenty courses. In Treble Bob Royal Mr. KNIGHTS has produced peals containing the sixty course-ends, one in five parts, 13,600 changes, is second only to J. Reeves's 13,800, which is the longest peal published with the tenors together. His peal of 12,240 is the longest that has appeared on the two-part plan.

Mr. KNIGHTS is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Yorkshire Association, the Midland Counties' Association, and the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.



MR. ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
(OF CHESTERFIELD.)

Notices.

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Society of Trinity Youths.—Practice for April, 1893.—Lewisham, St. Mary, Monday 24th, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

Lancashire Association.—Fylde Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, to-day, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells open from 3 p.m. Meeting in the school at 6 p.m. The Vicar is expected to preside.
JNO. FELL.
21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Waldron, to-day, Saturday, April 22nd. Ringing from 2. Service at 5. Tea 5.30. Meeting at 6.
T. HERVEY BEAMS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
5, Clinton Place, Seaford.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Stony Stanton, to-day, Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 3.30.
HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

Notice.—On this day, Saturday, April 22nd, eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, will attempt the 13,440 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, at the parish church of St. James, Quedgeley. To start punctually at two o'clock. Three miles from Gloucester Railway Station.
H. LAW JAMES.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Quarterly meeting, Dursley, on Monday, April 24th, 1893. Short service, parish church of St. James, 11.30, address by Rev. N. W. Gresley, M.A., rector. Dinner at the Bell Hotel, at 1 o'clock, at 2s. 6d. per head. Trains from Gloucester 10 a.m. from Bristol 9.25 a.m.
REV. PITT EYKYN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The Annual meeting of this District will be held at Deal, on Monday, 24th April. The towers will be open at 2 p.m. A Committee meeting will be held in the School-room at 4 p.m., and full members then present will receive 2s. each; probationers 1s. each.
A. FOREMAN, *Local Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of the District will be held at Rochester (St. Margaret's), on Saturday, the 29th April, 1893. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m. in the vestry room.
W. A. COOKE, *Sec. Rochester District.*
2, Railway Terrace, New Brompton, Chatham.

The Middlesex Association.—A meeting of this Association will be held at St. Stephen's church, Hampstead, on Saturday, April 29th. Ringing to begin at 4 o'clock.
10, Grayling Road, PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*
Stoke Newington.

The North Lincolnshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 29th, 1893. Permission has been obtained for the following towers to be

open for ringing during the afternoon:—The Cathedral (eight), St. Peter-at-Arches (eight), St. Peter-at-Gowts (six), St. Botolph's (five). Tea will be provided in the Co-operative hall, Silver Street (by ticket, free to annual members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year), at 4.45 p.m. The business meeting will be held immediately after tea.

142, Portland Street, GEO. CHESTER, *Hon. Sec.*
Lincoln.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Drighlington, on Saturday, April 29th. Ringing from 2.30. Meeting house, the Spotted Cow. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
43, Lower Moor Side, Holbeck.

United Counties' Association.—The annual Eight-bell Cup competition will take place at St. Paul's church, Stalybridge, on Saturday, May 6th, 1893, commencing at 1.30 prompt. Local Meeting House, W. Lyne, Bnll's Head Inn, Knowl Street, Stalybridge, where refreshments may be obtained.
B. LEES, *Local Sec.*
30, Stock's Lane, Stalybridge.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—For the benefit of Job Joynes, tower keeper at St. Martin's, who has been suffering from paralysis for some months past, a Smoking Concert will be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on Saturday, May 13th. Chair to be taken at 7 p.m. All ringers in this neighbourhood are requested to take tickets, price 6d. each, which may be obtained from W. H. GODDEN, 61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Sussex County Association.—Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd, 1893. Full particulars later on. GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*
Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Will Local Secretaries kindly forward to me at once notices of peals rung by members of the Guild during 1891-2-3, for insertion in the peal book about to be printed. H. A. HEYWOOD, *Duckington, Malpas, April 17, 1893.*

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—The Honorary Secretary of this Society is Mr. John O. Lancashire, 22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT ROMFORD.—First peal by J. Dale, who hails from Hornchurch; W. H. Doran from West Ham, and this is his first 5040 for over five years, it being nearly five years since he has been able to follow any employment, but we are pleased to see him again able to take part in a peal with some of his old ringing friends.

NOTE TO THE HANDBELL PEAL RUNG AT NORWICH.—The average age of the ringers of this peal is but 17½ years, and is the first peal rung upon a higher number than six bells by so young a band. First peal rung in the method double-handed in Norfolk by the Association. Only two records of Bob Major on handbells in Norfolk remain at all, one each at Diss and Norwich about 1831. Rung at the fourth attempt, the previous ones coming to an end after 3020, 2000 and 3150 changes had been rung. It is supposed to be the quickest peal of Major yet rung.

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5088.

2 3 4 5 6

2 4 3 5 6	s6
6 5 2 3 4	1 2 7 10
5 2 6 3 4	6
3 6 2 5 4	1 6
6 2 3 5 4	6
5 3 2 6 4	1 6
3 2 5 6 4	6

Five times repeated with bobs for the single except in the fourth part.

This composition, which was rung for the first time at Duffield, on April 15th, and conducted by its composer, has the tenors parted for five leads in each part to obtain a six-part peal with the sixth place bell fixed through each part, a quality otherwise unobtainable in so short a number of changes.

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5184.

1 2 3 4 5 1 B O

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

Eleven times repeated; Single for Bob at o in the eighth course of the sixth and twelfth parts.

Contains the 4th and 5th twenty-four times in 5-6.

5184.

1 2 3 4 5 1 B O

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

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1893.

THE members of the Hertfordshire Association were parties to a most appropriate and happy ceremony on Easter Monday last. That renowned member of the Exercise, who is known to most ringers in the civilized world as "THE SQUIRE," was on that day the recipient of a testimonial at the hands of his ringing brethren of Hertfordshire. A happy and consistent recognition of a long life practically spent among bell-ringers.

Our younger readers will scarcely have heard of Mr. LEONARD PROCTOR, "the Squire" of Bennington, Herts. They have doubtless been told about another gentleman, named POWELL, who in his park in the Isle of Thanet erected a tower with a ring of twelve bells, and caused all his men-servants to become ringers with himself. Of this gentleman tradition says that though he understood some of the most difficult problems in composition, he could ring nothing but the tenor behind, and this while having at his beck and call no less a person than the great SHIPWAY, to coach him. Though there may be some points of resemblance between the late Mr. POWELL and Mr. LEONARD PROCTOR, there are none whatever when their positions as practical ringers are considered. Mr. PROCTOR is eminent as a performer, and has every one of the most difficult methods at his fingers' ends, so to speak. The village of Bennington owes what popularity it has among ringers to him and his band. Many if not all of them are his men-servants, and the greater part of them are, like himself, extraordinary ringers. The time was when "the Squire" and his band were to be seen at

almost every important ringing meeting, though the difficulties of the journey across country were not trifling. But "changes in life and health" militates against perpetual activity, and the worthy Squire has to yield, like the rest of us, to the inroads of time. We congratulate the members of the Hertfordshire Association on the compliment they have paid their president, and join with them in the sincere hope that his connection with the ringing Exercise may long be preserved.

The Provincess.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 3, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

KERRIE PAYNE Treble	CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 5.
PERCY HIND 2.	THOMAS PAYNE 6.
CHARLES FOWLER* 3.	WILLIAM BASTON 7.
ALBERT DUBBER* 4.	WILLIAM J. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM J. WASHBROOK.

*First peal in the method.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, April 12, 1893, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. W. TROLLOP,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

I. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 1-2.	GEORGE P. BURTON .. 5-6.
JOHN E. BURTON 3-4.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 7-8.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP and Conducted by
CHARLES E. BORRETT.

Umpire—Mr. Edward Francis, who ticked off the lead-ends as they were rung
First peal in the method by all and first peal of Major by the ringers of the first three
pairs. *First peal as conductor. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 14, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
JAMES DURRANT 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in sixths place, the 2nd and 3rd
never being there; and now rang for the first time

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 15, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	WILLIAM HICKLING 5.
JOHN HOWE 2.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 6.
WILLIAM CLARKE 3.	JOHN FLOWER 7.
HENRY W. WILDE 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

This peal, now performed for the first time, was rung with the bells half-muffled as
a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Samuel Johnson, for many years an active member
of the company. The figures of this peal will be found on another page.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM NASH Treble.	WILLIAM H. DORAN 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	ACKLAND J. PERKINS 6.
ERNEST PYE 3.	MARK L. MYHILL 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	*JOHN DALE Tenor.

Conducted by ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

*First peal. J. Dale was elected a member of the Essex Association at a previous
attempt. A note concerning this peal will be found on another page.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 15, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH HANDS Treble.	GEORGE ESSEX 5.
EDWIN MENDAY 2.	ARTHUR W. PIKE 6.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 3.	HENRY SMITH 7.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

*First peal in the method by all except the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and rang at the
second attempt.

TONBRIDGE.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT† .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE† .. 2.	WILLIAM LATTER 6.
WILLIAM STEED* 3.	WILLIAM COLLISON 7.
EDWARD MANKELOW 4.	GEORGE RABBITT Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. †First peal as conductor. Messrs. Groom-
bridge, Mankelow, Latter and Collison hail from Tunbridge Wells; the brothers
Lambert from Horsmonden; Steed and Rabbit belong to the local band. W. Col-
lison was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal. The
ringers wish through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar, the Rev. T.
Howard Gill, for so kindly granting the use of the bells.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

KEITH HART Treble.	*GEORGE SMART 5.
CHARLES SMART 2.	GEORGE GATLAND 6.
GEORGE BAKER 3.	WILLIAM COLLISON 7.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich. This is the first peal of Double Norwich on the
bells. In this peal the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th's place at a course-end.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

GEORGE ATKINSON Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
ERNEST E. BEWICK 2.	WILLIAM STORY 6.
ROBERT S. STORY 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES 7.
THOMAS CLARK 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK J. HARRISON and Conducted by
WILLIAM HOLMES.

First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. Clark belongs to Ripon, and this is his
first peal of Double Norwich. This is a one-part peal in forty-six courses, containing
all the most musical combinations in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time,

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 16, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ERNEST E. BEWICK Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.. 2.	THOMAS CLARK 6.
WILLIAM HOLMES 3.	FRANCIS LEES 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON.. .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HOLMES and Conducted by
FREDERICK J. HARRISON.

This peal is in one part of forty-six courses, and is now rung for the first time.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.

On Monday, April 17, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
ANNABLE'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. H. SUMNER Treble.	*THEODORE PRITCHETT .. 5.
GEORGE HANDS† 2.	*WILLIAM COOKS.. .. 6.
ALFRED BARNES* 3.	WILLIAM PALMER 7.
W. S. PRITCHETT 4.	†J. S. PRITCHETT.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. S. PRITCHETT.

*First peal in the method. †First peal. ‡First peal as conductor in the method.
First peal of Major by the Guild.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, April 17, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. in F#.

HENRY BASTABLE Treble.	THOMAS VERRY 5.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 2.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 6.
GEORGE W. BALDWIN .. 3.	WILLIAM VERRY 7.
THOMAS WESTWOOD .. 4.	RICHARD FAUX Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

ROTHBURY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM HOLMES Treble.	ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.. 2.	WILLIAM STORY.. .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY 3.	FRANCIS LEES 7.
THOMAS CLARK 4.	FREDERICK J. HARRISON.. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK J. HARRISON and Conducted by
WILLIAM HOLMES.

This peal, which is the same composition as that rung at Newcastle the previous Saturday, was rung after the dedication of the new peal in this tower. A paragraph about the opening will appear in next week's issue.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 18, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

KERRIE PAYNE Treble.	WILLIAM BENNETT 5.
PERCY HIND 2.	THOMAS PAYNE 6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW.. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES FOWLER 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

ROCHDALE.—On Wednesday, April 5th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. R. Greenwood, 1; S. Kershaw, 2; A. Ingham, 3; T. Buckley (conductor), 4; A. Dearnley, 5; J. Buckley, 6; J. Kershaw, 7; E. Chadwick, 8. Longest touch in any method by the 2nd and 3rd ringers.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, March 4th, in St. Paul's belfry, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 55 mins. H. Sharp, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; I. Hills, 7-8. Composed by E. E. Vinen, of London, and taken from "BELL NEWS" same day. On Thursday, April 6th, a 1893 of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. and 12 mins. (same composition). H. Cullip, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; S. Constant, 3; C. West, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Sharp, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. H. Cullip and R. Shimmans' longest length. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

GARSTON (Lancashire).—On Thursday, April 6th, for practice, at the parish church, a date touch of 1893 changes of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 8 mins. E. W. Kneen, 1; T. Jennions, 2; G. Hislop, (conductor), 3; R. Green, 4; J. Edwards, 5; J. Knowles, 6; T. Kay, 7; J. Schofield, 8. Composed by J. Aspinwall. G. Hislop, J. Edwards, and T. Kay hail from Woolton, the rest belong to the local band. This is the longest length ever rung by the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th men.

QUEDGELEY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, April 9th, for Divine Service at the church of St. James, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. A. Harris, 1; W. Brown, 2; W. H. Brunsdon, 3; J. Austin, 4; F. Knight (conductor), 5; H. Ford, 6; C. Lyes, 7; W. Townsend, 8. Taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of March 4th. Messrs. Austin and Brunsdon hail from Gloucester, the rest belong to the local company.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 9th, for Divine Service at St. Giles's church, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 2 mins., being the quickest on the bells. W. Johnson (composer and conductor), 1; G. Aston, 2; B. Hodson, 3; J. Adams, 4; S. Dace, 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Appleby 7; M. Kibble, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, April 10th, for practice at the Cathedral, 468 Grandsire Caters, with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Melville, who died at Rome on Sunday, April 9th. B. Hill, 1; F. Owen, 2; G. Hinton, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Powell, 5; L. Longney (conductor), 6; W. Bradford, 7; R. Horton, 8; E. Davies, 9; W. Pudge, 10.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—Recently for practice at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. J. Tucker (first 500), 1; C. Giles (conductor), 2; F. Tarrant, 3; A. Osborne, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; J. Maskell, 6; J. Swain, 7; L. Rolfe, 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, April 9th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Smith, 1; G. Essex, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; E. Pottinger, 6; A. W. Pike (composer and conductor), 7; T. Newman, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, April 2nd, for early celebration at St. Michael's church, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; C. H. Howard, 6. For morning service 720 Double Court Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Dyson, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. And for evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; A. Huckson, 6. On Saturday, April 8th, for practice, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, and Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; A. Huckson, 6. On

Sunday morning, April 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Double Court Bob (twenty-two singles). T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard (composer and conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday morning, April 2nd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Butcher, 1; F. Rudkin, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, April 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; C. Bearman, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, March 26th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 London Surprise in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Wells Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, April 2nd, for morning service, 720 Durham Surprise, 4th the observation. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, April 5th, for practice, 720 Chichester Surprise, 5th the observation. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 York Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 London Surprise, 5th the observation. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, April 9th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise (nine bobs) in 25 mins. Composed by N. Spindlow of Ducklington. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service 360 College Exercise. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Friday, April 7th, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled, after the usual whole pull and stand, 810 Grandsire Caters. A. Deards, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; E. Lucas, 3; J. P. Bradley, 4; G. Pye, 5; H. Randall (conductor), 6; W. H. Doran, 7; G. Pearl, 8; W. Pye, 9; F. Searle, 10. This was rung on the day of the interment of the late F. W. Waites, who was a member of the above Association, also of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Deceased was thirty-two years of age, and had been brought up in belfry from childhood, but had never rung a 5000. He had also rang on three separate occasions at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia, and at numerous other churches in various parts of this country.

THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, April 2nd, after Divine Service, a 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Pardoe, 1; B. Dalton, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; J. George, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. On Friday, April 7th, with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. H. Roden, of Penn, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, being ten and a half 6-scores called differently, in 48 mins. B. Dalton, 1; W. Pardoe, 2; T. Rowe, 3; J. H. Rowe, 4; J. E. Groves (conductor), 5; J. Snape, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lbs.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Friday, March 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Spittle, 1; W. Priest, 2; J. Pearson, 3; C. W. Bassano, 4; T. H. Smith, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6.

PENN (Staffordshire).—On Sunday afternoon, April 2nd, six members of the Coseley society visited this place, and by the permission of the vicar (Rev. H. Cole-Webb), rang three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Henry Roden, of Penn, who died on Good Friday. W. A. Jeavons, 1; J. G. Fellows, 2; F. G. Horton, 3; H. Milner, 4; A. Jones (conductor), 5; W. Jeavons, 6.

COSELEY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, April 8th, an attempt was made to ring Biddlestone's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to late Mr. H. Roden, of Penn, he being a member of the above Association; but after ringing to the end of the fourth part, it unfortunately came to grief

after ringing 1 hr. W. Jeavons, 1; W. Pardoe, 2; A. Jones, 3; W. R. Small, 4; W. Cheshire (conductor), 5; B. Gough, 6; J. Goodman, 7; H. Milner, 8. W. R. Small hails from Tipton; Goodman from Dudley; the others belong to the local company. On Sunday evening, April 9th, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Minor. W. A. Jeavons, 1; J. Roberts, 2; A. Jones, 3; H. Milner, 4; T. G. Horton, 5; B. Gough (conductor), 6. And 350 Grandsire Triples. W. A. Jeavons, J. G. Fellows, J. Roberts, H. Milner, A. Jones, F. G. Horton, B. Gough (conductor), A. E. Law.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, February 26th, at the parish church, 503 Grandsire Triples. C. Chasty, 1; W. Hall, 2; H. Cullip, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, March 5th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Chasty, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. West, 3; P. Howard, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 265 Grandsire Triples. T. Spencer, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; H. Cullip, 3; H. Sharp, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; P. Howard, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, March 19th, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; P. Howard, 4; C. West, 5; I. Hills, 6; S. Constant, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And 265 Grandsire Triples. W. Davidson, 1; F. Keech, 2; H. Cullip, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; H. Sharp, 5; I. Hills, 6; P. Howard, 7; W. Lightfoot, 8. On Monday, April 3rd, 503 Grandsire Triples. T. Foote, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; E. Coleman, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; Cyril Herbert, 6; I. Hills, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 336 Bob Major. E. Herbert, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Wilde, 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; E. Coleman, 5; Cyril Herbert, 6; I. Hills, 7; P. Howard, 8. Also 408 Stedman Triples. W. Shimmans, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; E. Coleman, 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Sharp, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. P. Howard, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; E. Coleman, 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Sharp, 7; R. Fox, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. P. Howard, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, 3; W. Hall, 4; E. Coleman, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; C. W. Clarke, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; P. Howard, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Sharp, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 8.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Sunday, March 9th, at Christ Church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. G. Kingham, 1; F. Skuse, 2; C. Goodenough, 3; W. Wells, 4; W. Eames, 5; H. Wotton, 6; C. W. Bell (first in the method as conductor), 7; J. Smith-Flower, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, April 9th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 40 mins. A. Pheasant, 1; T. Deal, 2; A. Bedwell, 3; G. Daynes (composer), 4; T. Chandler, 5; W. Bedwell, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; A. Aviss, 8.

BOLTON-ON-SWALE (Yorks).—On Tuesday March 21st, 720 each of Bob and Grandsire Minor. E. Cox, G. J. Lungley, R. B. Wilson, G. W. Park, J. W. Lynn, G. Park (St. Cuthbert's, Darlington), and G. Overton (conductor). And 240 Bob Minor, with T. Lungley at the 3rd. Tenor 11 cwt.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, April 2nd, 720 Plain Bob. W. Shilcock, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; W. Huxley, 4; J. Barber, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (twelve bobs). W. H. Barber, 1; W. Boughton, 2; C. Boughton, 3; W. Huxley, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. W. Shilcock, 1; J. Smith, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (composer and conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Shilcock, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; W. Boughton, 3; W. Short, 4; T. J. Salter (conductor), 5; J. Barber, 6. And 360 of Grandsire. W. Boughton, 1; W. Shilcock, 2; T. J. Salter (conductor), 3; W. H. Barber, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber, 6.

CODDINGTON (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, April 9th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. R. Trehern, 1; H. Joan, 2; C. Edwards, 3; F. Voyce, 4; C. Greening, 5; D. Greening, 6. In this 720 the 3rd is never above 4th place at a bob or single, and the 2nd is behind the 3rd at every call throughout. Composed and conducted by C. Edwards.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, March 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. T. Elcock, G. Davies, J. Pagett, T. Salter, W. Wakeman, A. E. Parsons (conductor). Also 570 Grandsire Triples on handbells. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Wakeman, 3-4; T.

Salter (conductor), 5-6; A. E. Parsons, 7-8. Parsons hails from Old Hill; Pagett, Wakeman, and Salter from Kidderminster; Elcock from Arelay Kings; the rest are of the local company.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Tuesday, March 21st, for practice at Holy Trinity church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. H. Armstrong, 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; R. B. Wilson, 3; W. Kingdon, 4; E. Cox, 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6. This is W. Kingdon's first 720 away from the treble. On Easter Sunday, April 2nd, another 720 of Bob Minor. H. Armstrong, 1; J. W. Lynn, 2; T. Lungley (first 720), 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; R. B. Wilson, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ELHAM (Kent).—On Monday, March 27th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; J. Whitnall, 3; E. Bush, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 10th, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. G. Shepherd, 1; E. Bush (conductor), 2; J. Whitnall, 3; C. Richards, 4; A. Castle, 5; E. Smith, 6. This was rung on the back six. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Bush, 3; E. Potter, 4; J. Whitnall, 5; J. Andrews, 6; A. Tanton (conductor), 7; J. Prebble, 8.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—On Saturday, April 8th, 672 Bob Major. *J. Seemark, 1; W. Pettet, 2; W. Hall, 3; G. Burton, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin, 7; A. H. Martin (conductor), 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Seemark, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; *S. Middleton, 3; J. B. Martin, 4; W. Pettet, 5; W. Parker, 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; G. Brown, 8. *First touch in the method.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, March 5th, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Salter, W. Wakeman, G. Salter, T. Bennett, A. E. Parsons (conductor), J. Crane, J. Smith, and T. Walters. On Sunday, March 12th, 504 in the same method. T. J. Salter, G. Davies, J. Pagett, G. Salter, T. Bennett, J. Crane (conductor), W. Wakeman, G. Walters.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, April 1st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. Prebble, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Castle, 3; J. Whitnall, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. And 600 Grandsire Minor. J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; J. Whitnall, 3; J. Andrews, 4; C. Laker, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. On Saturday, April 8th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Whitnall, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Friday, February 24th, Haley's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. A. E. Parsons (conductor), 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; A. H. Bassano, 3; H. Mason, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; O. Pearson, 6; T. H. Smith, 7; G. Parish, 8. On Sunday, April 2nd, two courses of Stedman Triples. A. H. Bassano (conductor), 1; W. Priest, 2; A. E. Parsons, 3; H. Cartwright, 4; H. Mason, 5; C. W. Bassano, 6; T. H. Smith, 7; O. Pearson, 8. Also 544 Treble Bob Major. W. Priest, 1; A. H. Bassano, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; O. Pearson, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; C. W. Bassano, 6; H. Mason, 7; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 8. On Sunday, April 9th, three courses of Stedman Triples. T. H. Smith, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 3; W. Priest, 4; A. H. Bassano, 5; O. Pearson, 6; H. Mason, 7; G. Parish, 8.

QUEDGELEY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, March 26th, for evening service at the church of St. James, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Cox, 1; W. Brown (composer), 2; A. Harris, 3; H. Ford, 4; F. Knight (conductor), 5; S. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; W. Townsend, 8. On Sunday, April 2nd, for 8 a.m. service, 504 Grandsire Triples standing as above. In the evening a date touch was started for but came to grief after ringing about 900 changes, after which 504 was rang to make up the time.

WILBURTON (Cambs).—On Sunday morning, April 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. Also a few short touches of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Markwell, 1; A. Hazel, 2; A. Markwell (conductor), 3; H. Markwell, 4; Herbert Markwell, 5; H. Sharp, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLEDEN (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, March 14th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). J. Tennant, 1; A. Tennant, 2; J. Jakeman, 3; R. Kilby, 4; W. Dixon, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6.

WOLLASTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, March 5th, 720 Oxford Bob in 23½ mins. W. Shinton, 1; J. Pagett, 2; J. Smith, 3; W. F. Hartshorne, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6.

Obituary.

HENRY RODEN.

On Good Friday, March 31st, the above-named ringer passed through the valley of the shadow of death into the glory of life everlasting, at the age of forty-five years. Deceased was born at Penn, where his father was clerk for many years. He learned to ring a bell

when very young, and became a member of the local company (whose aspirations never exceeded call changes), and when the St. Peter's Guild was formed in 1891, he was elected a member of the Committee, and always did his best to make it a success. Although starting change-ringing late in life, he was able to ring the treble, and studied patiently the inside work with fair results, whilst as a heavy tenor man few could excel. He rang about twelve peals, including seven 720s upon seven bells (the only one rang there), also the tenor at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, 4½ cwt., to a peal of Grandsire Caters, and was to have taken the tenor in the attempt for the long peal of Grandsire Caters at Wolverhampton on Easter Monday. Those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance will ever remember his cheerful hospitable disposition. On Tuesday whilst at work he caught a chill, pneumonia set in on the Thursday, and he passed away at noon next day, leaving a widow and five children to mourn his loss. One of the band called to see him on the Thursday evening, and he asked that his best wishes for success should be conveyed to them whenever the peal was attempted, and as he felt himself passing to eternity, would they kindly ring a muffled peal on the Monday instead, and also come over to Penn and ring there. When meeting for the peal on Monday, some of the band were much affected to hear of the sad event, when the wishes of the deceased were made known to them. A start was made for a 800g of Grandsire Caters, which was accomplished in 5 hrs. 11 mins. Afterwards some of the band walked to Penn and attended the funeral, which service was performed by the vicar, the Rev. H. Cole-Webb, assisted by the choir. The rev. gentleman made some touching allusions to the deceased. Six of his brother-ringers carried him to his last resting-place, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by B. Dalton, 1-2; J. Carter, 3-4; R. Cartwright, 5-6; J. George, 7-8. Also a 720 of Bob Minor upon the tower bells. W. Jasper, 1; B. Dalton, 2; W. R. Small, 3; J. Carter 4; R. Cartwright, 5; J. Groves, 6. Ringers also attended from around the district to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory.

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. ATTREE'S ANALYSIS.

SIR,—In your issue of April 8th, I notice an amendment of Mr. Attree's analysis of peals by Mr. Story. But if Mr. Attree has made too much of quantity at the expense of quality, Mr. Story seems to have gone too far the other way. Under the present arrangement a young company by ringing a peal of Bob Minor or Grandsire Triples has the satisfaction of knowing that they are doing something, however small, to better the position of their Association; but if Mr. Story's proposals were carried out, not only would their peal do the Association no good, but it would actually do it harm because their peal would lower the average number of points. Or again, a society that rang a peal of Superlative would stand higher than a society that rang a peal of Superlative and a peal of Double Norwich. It is certainly only fair quality should be considered, perhaps more than at present, but quantity should not be lost sight of. J. A. TROLLOP.

THE PEAL AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

SIR,—In the note to the Wolverhampton peal on Easter Monday, the writer states that it was supposed to be the longest peal rang with new ropes. Now I beg to state that the 13,440 of Canterbury Pleasure Major rung at Warnham on March 1st, 1889, was rung with entirely new ropes, and was supplied by Nicoll, of Bermondsey, London, and did not stretch in the least. HENRY CHANDLER.

The Gardens, Warnham Court.

AN APPEAL.

SIR,—May I earnestly solicit the help of the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" in repairing the ancient bells of the historic abbey of Croyland, otherwise Crowland. I have only £18 18s. od. to meet a total outlay of £248. This sum would be easily raised if every reader of "THE BELL NEWS" sent a small donation. I will not further trespass on your space, as I have appended a report. Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough, has inspected and reported on the very dilapidated condition of the Croyland bells, works, and fittings. All donations forwarded to the rector will be thankfully received and acknowledged. Pray help us. T. H. LE BOEUF.

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For the benefit of the Saddleworth Public Baths scheme the Saddleworth Friendly Societies promoted a contest on handbells at the Mechanics' Hall, Uppermill, on Easter Monday evening. Taking into consideration the fact that it was Easter Monday and an exceptionally fine day the attendance was very good, the body of the hall being fairly patronised, whilst the gallery was crowded. The chief prize in the competition was a silver challenge cup, value ten guineas, presented by Mr. James Hollingworth, and offered for the best two courses, one of Grandsire Triples and one of Grandsire Major. There were also other prizes of £2, £1, 10s., and 5s., besides a contest on ten bells for the best course of Grandsire Caters, first prize, 15s., second prize, 5s. In the first competition seven sets competed in the following order and with the following result:—1, Liversedge Seniors, ninety-four faults; 2, Almondbury, sixty-four faults, 3rd prize; 3, Huddersfield, seventy-four faults, 4th prize; 4, Liversedge Juniors, thirty-eight faults, 1st prize and cup; 5, Hyde, seventy-six faults; 6, Besses-o'th'Barn, sixty-three faults, 2nd prize; and 7, Saddleworth, seventy-eight faults. In the second competition on ten bells, Huddersfield rang first with one-hundred-and-one faults; Hyde won the 1st prize with seventy-six faults; and Liversedge Juniors were second with ninety-three faults. Messrs. Pickering, of Almondbury, and Jos. Wood, of Ashton, were the judges, and the awards, which were given at the close, were very well received by the audience, who also greatly appreciated the efforts of the ringers. The programme was interspersed with songs by Messrs. T. Maude, tenor; and F. Radcliffe, baritone, of the Manchester Cathedral; glees by Messrs. Maude, Radcliffe, Bower, and Brierley, of the Mendelsshon quartette, who were well received; solos on the violin by Master Meal, a juvenile of eight years (accompanied by Mr. Hugh W. Wood), which was wonderfully well executed and loudly applauded, as was the pianoforte solos by Mr. Wood. Humorous sketches by Mr. Butterworth made up a very pleasing entertainment. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. James Hollingworth, Mr. James Lawton, of St. Chad's, presided. The winners of the cup hold it for one year, and the competition is to be annual.

BATTLE RINGERS AT BURWASH, SUSSEX.

On a recent Saturday evening a trip to Burwash was made by the following members of the Battle branch of the Sussex Association, viz: W. Franks, H. Franks, F. Mathis, J. Mathis,

W. Thomas, R. Curtis and H. Elliott, accompanied by their honorary member, Mr. Saker, of Hastings. Arriving at Burwash at 7.20, a visit was at once paid to the parish church, where they were met by the local band, and the Battle men went for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, which was brought round in 25½ mins. This was the first 720 which has been rung on these bells. H. Elliott, 1; R. Curtis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; J. Mathis, 4; H. Franks, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6. A 108 Grandsire Minor was afterwards rung, F. Mathis taking the treble from H. Elliott. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was then rung. S. Saker, 1; F. Mathis, 2; J. Mathis (conductor), 3; R. Curtis, 4; H. Franks, 5; W. Thomas, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. The bells were raised and lowered in peal. Having thanked the local band for their courtesy, the visitors by the kind invitation of the Rev. C. F. Maude, adjourned to the rectory, where light refreshments were partaken of. The company thanked the rector for the use of the bells, and that gentleman expressed himself as highly pleased with the ringing and his pleasure at their visit. The proceedings were very enjoyable.

DEDICATION OF SIX BELLS AT HARWORTH, NOTTS.

On Friday, April 7th, a special dedication service, which was well attended, took place at 3 p.m., a large number of clergy being present. The Rev. Canon Gray, Vicar of Blyth and Rural Dean, performed the dedication service. The Blyth ringers were invited to open the bells by the vicar, the Rev. E. J. Huntsman, which they did in a satisfactory way. Before the afternoon service a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 23½ mins. After service a 720 Kent Treble Bob. For evening service a 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob in 47 mins. After service a 360 of Oxford. The bells have been cast and hung by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, Loughborough, and are of beautiful tone, which was distinctly heard four miles away. J. Swinburn, 1; J. Hind, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; G. Clayton, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6. The ringers were entertained at the Vicarage at various times during the day. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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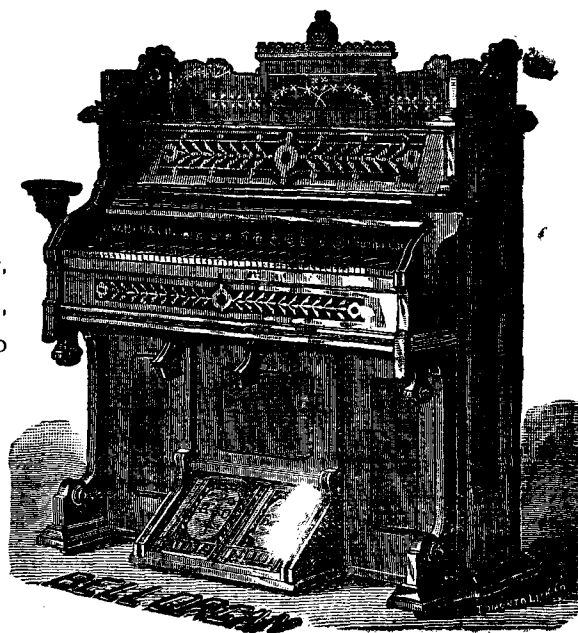
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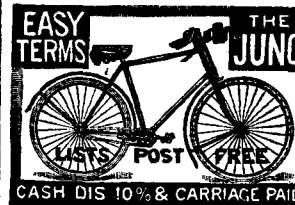
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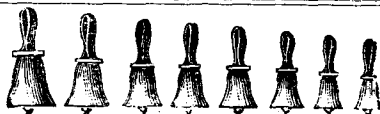
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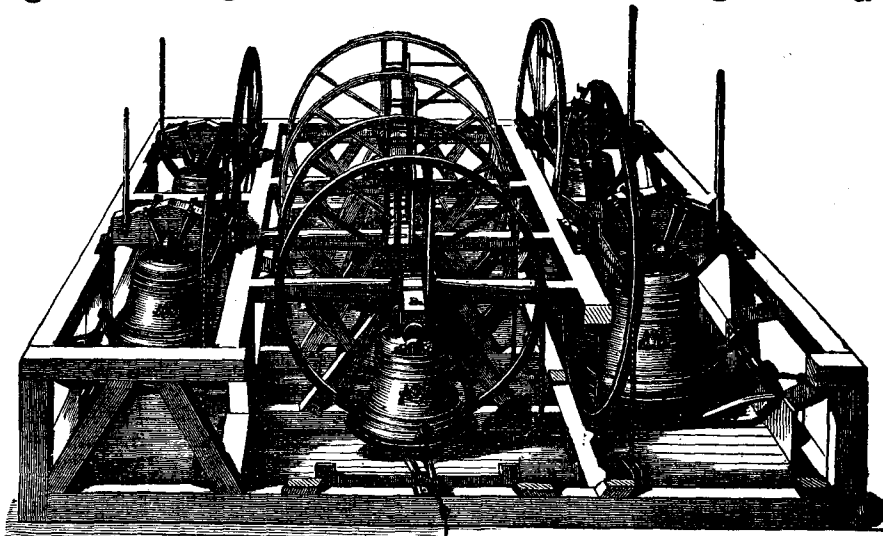
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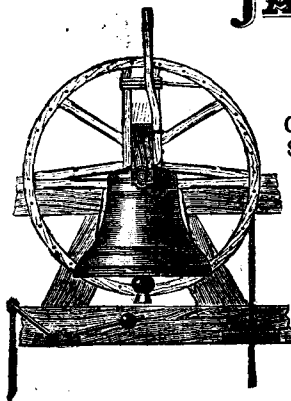
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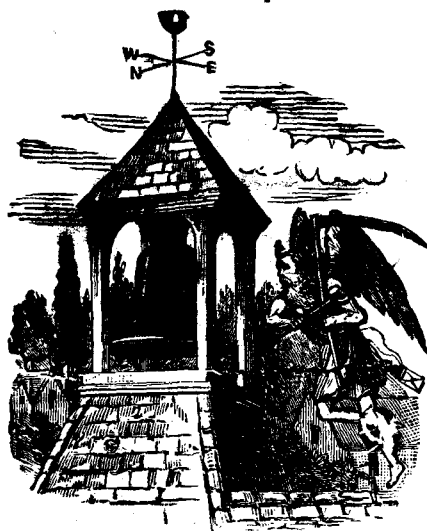
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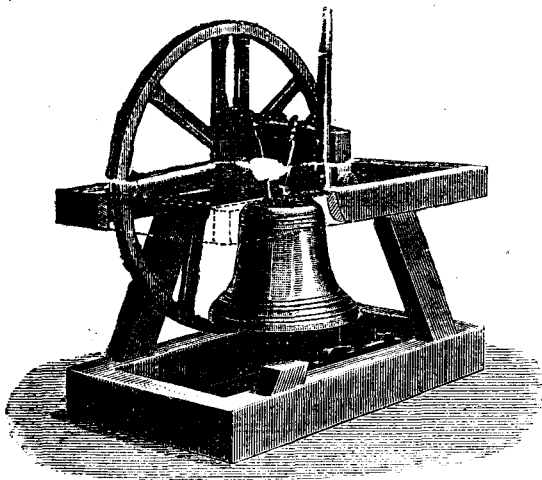
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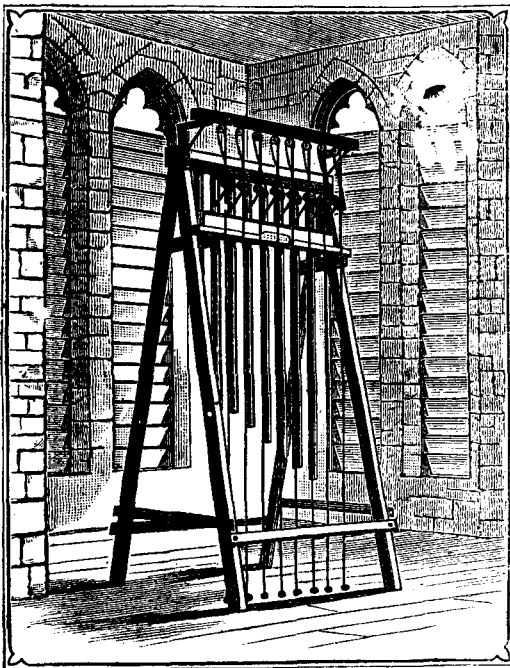
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The CHAIRMAN said he would now call on Mr. Davies for the second part of his motion.

Mr. DAVIES said the Council had the printed recommendations before them, and the part he had now to deal with was written. He thought it better to put it in the form of a paper than a speech.

The lines on which your Committee venture to think that a collection of peals can be best formed is indicated with tolerable clearness by the terms of the notice which appeared a few weeks back in the ringing papers. The object of the present paper is therefore to explain as briefly as possible the reasons which led to the adoption of the particular views virtually implied in the notice. Perhaps the best way to clear the ground will be to state what seem to be the inherent difficulties or disadvantages of what broadly speaking seems the only alternative scheme. And here we at once avail ourselves of the kind permission of the Hon. Sec. of the Council to make what use we please of what he has said. In one of his letters he speaks of "the task of collecting, examining and sorting the hundreds of compositions of all sorts which are floating about." We have quoted this phrase as hitting off exactly the vision of horrors to be most carefully avoided. From the connection in which this occurs it would be unfair to interpret it as implying that this is what he recommends. But he certainly seems to regard it as a phase through which the work would have to pass; and in a later communication he enlarges on the scheme, with the careful and reiterated proviso that it would take time. Well, time is indefinite, and comparative in its application. It is our firm conviction that no Committee of moderate dimensions could be found to undertake such a task—at all events your present Committee would be sorry to be members of it. It would take more time than any body chosen from an Exercise composed almost wholly of men who have to work otherwise for their living could possibly devote to it. We are now speaking of the task of first collection and bringing up to date. And on these lines the labour of annual revision would prove a load of which any Committee must in two or three years at the most be sick and weary. Again, one of the chief incentives to caution and painstaking in composition is furnished by the publication in the ringing papers of the peals of all the various composers who hesitate to send peals for insertion without some proof of their truth for fear of the discomfort of having to cry *peccavi*. If a Committee were empowered to receive unpublished contributions, this body could not possibly spend the time or the money in postcards to enter into correspondence, and a false peal would simply go into the waste-paper basket; and the composer would be left without that help to progress in the science that he would have had, had the mistakes and its causes been pointed out; not to mention the fact that heart-burnings might conceivably arise from the imagination that his composition had been set aside for no other reason than to make room for that of a more favoured contributor. Further, one of the great benefits arising from contemporaneous publication of peals week by week, is that thereby the *qualities*, as well as the truth, of various peals become susceptible of comparison, and progress is made in what may be termed the *taste* of composition. This great advantage would be lost if composers could not see one another's work, or could see it only so partially as would in all probability be the case if a Committee were to open its arms to unpublished contributions. These are one or two of the many considerations which might be mentioned as urging your Committee to advise very strongly that no peal should be accepted that has not appeared previously in public print. In the private correspondence that ensued on the publication of the notice it was asked once, if not oftener, whether the peals printed in Reports of Diocesan or County Associations were admissible. This is a point of less importance, but as these Reports are of limited circulation, and as moreover composers who are members of Associations which do not print the figures of their peals would be placed at a disadvantage in this respect, it seems advisable on the whole not to admit compositions published only in such Reports.

Coming next to the question of sorting already published compositions, one instance will shew the possibility of endless labour and probable confusion that would result were the Committee to act without help from the composers themselves. One of our correspondents in referring to a peal of Grandsire Cinques explained that as first published it was false, but that he had subsequently written to shew how it might be rendered true. With the reference to both the peal and the correction before us, the work of rectifying the figures was comparatively easy, but the Council will understand the enormous amount of labour that would be involved if the Committee had to search not only the peal columns but the columns of subsequent correspondence running out sometimes continuously, sometimes, with intermission of a week or two, to several weeks, if not months.

The two or three points that have been thus briefly brought forward are, we think, calculated to shew, if not the impossibility, at any rate the inadvisability of entering on the terrible task of endeavouring to collate wholesale peals true, false, long, short, bad and indifferent, from the four winds of heaven.

Let us turn to the more congenial task of advocating the policy which we do recommend. This, as has been already said, is virtually set forth in the notice lately published. In that notice two points are fairly obvious. First, co-operation is sought from without; second, the beginning contemplated is small, and preference is given to the peals of composers who take the pains of giving references to their compositions, rather than to those who are content to sit still and let everything be done for them. In this way the Exercise in general is invited to take an active part in the progress of the work, in which it becomes correspondingly interested. By making the beginning a small one we should avoid the labour, expense, and disappointment that would ensue if it were afterwards found necessary to alter the plan, or curtail, or perhaps abandon it altogether. If the collection is to be, as I am sure we all hope it will be, a popular and indispensable work, it is surely far safer to let it make itself such. Take for example *Whittaker's Almanack*. We do not pretend to know the actual history of that work, but we are surely safe in saying that, in order to commence it, no one man, or committee of men, ever sat down to collect, sort, and test the hundreds of items of information, statistical, parliamentary, military, naval, clerical, astronomical, that were floating about. No; the book was probably issued in a modest form, and found to supply a want. It therefore *grew*. That is what we suggest in the present instance. We would recommend that the Council should be content to issue at first a book containing say about 100 peals comprising some of the best compositions published before the end of the previous year. It should be of a size to be carried comfortably in the breast-pocket, that is about four or five inches by six or seven. By payment of a small extra sum it should be procurable in an interleaved form, or with ten or twenty blank pages prefixed or affixed. A work of this sort would form a compendious and handy book of reference. In short it would, we feel sure, be the ringers' *Vade Mecum*, and a very acceptable one too.

Then for the few following years—say four—let the Council draw up an Annual Appendix, and in each fifth year let the whole be collated, pruned if necessary, and re-edited as a compact whole. Time and experience, and they only, will shew whether there should be one volume continuously growing more and more bulky, being the *omnium gatherum* of all that has gone before it, or whether volume should succeed volume each containing only the best of what has appeared since the issue of its predecessor. In one respect our opinion is an emphatic one, viz.: that the book should advance with the advance of the science, and should be not so much dead monument of the past as the living voice of the living mind of the Exercise. Though in the future the volumes which by that time have become old will doubtless find their way to the library shelf, we wish to find the last of the series the indispensable companion of the bob-caller in his home, in his journeys, and in the tower.

From what has been advanced it will be evident that looking at the wording of the resolution which called your Committee into existence we regard the words "classification of peals" as being a phrase having little or no correspondence with existing facts. That the Council seems to have expected that there would be many in number is evidenced by their having appointed a Committee to report on their classification. But it should be remembered unless the number in contemplation is counted by thousands they really classify themselves. The case finds no parallel whatever in the classification of such things as animals or plants, where, not to speak of the vast number of species, the one merges into the other, and the plan of division into genera becomes a serious question. Peals divide themselves among methods which are perfectly distinct from one another, and among the different numbers of bells for which they are composed. In the dim ages of futurity when the collection has reached to fifty folio volumes, or to the expanse of an encyclopaedia, it may be necessary to start a large office with a retinue of clerks, and the enterprising bob-caller of the tower to which two new trebles have just been added to make a peal of ten will forward a letter addressed somewhat as follows: "To the Controller, Grandsire Cater Department, Tittums Division, section of 5th and 6th only behind the 9th, Central Council Catalogue Office, London." But to be serious, though this may be an overdrawn picture, it differs only in degree, and not in kind from the picture which the phrase "classification of peals" really and not unnaturally suggests. We are sure if the Council will be content to begin in a tentative fashion with a 3d. or 6d. book consisting of a good nucleus, such a work would justify itself, and would prove acceptable and in time renders itself not only a success every way, but an indispensable item of the furniture of every bob-caller. Here, in Oxford, we are very familiar with the initials C.C.C., but we hope ere long to see ringers familiar with them as the initials of a valuable "Central Council Catalogue."

The CHAIRMAN said he thought they would agree with him

that no more practical and more weighty report had it ever been their good fortune to hear (loud applause). He had listened to reports good, bad, and indifferent, but he had never listened to one that gave him so much practical information than the one they had just listened to, and he thought they were sincerely indebted to Mr. Davies for putting his very practical thoughts into such very practical language. He thought it showed a very good reason why they should agree with him in allowing the Committee to adopt the basis on which they had proposed, and in fact had started, to collect peals. He thought if Mr. Davies would propose, and one of the members of the Committee would second its adoption, members would be in a position to express any further opinions they might think well.

The REV. C. D. P. DAVIES proposed, and Mr. Hattersley seconded, the adoption of the report.

The CHAIRMAN asked whether the Council might take it that the Committee would be prepared to undertake that work which they kindly began, and which he, perhaps somewhat discourteously, though conscientiously, checked during the past year. If the Committee would be prepared to continue it this year, he thought the Council would be exceedingly grateful to them, if they would allow themselves to be re-nominated in order to carry it out (hear, hear).

The Committee assenting, the Chairman continued:—

Then it was understood that the Committee consented to be re-appointed. Was there any suggestion that any member of the Council would like to put forward in this matter. It seemed to him there could hardly be two opinions as to the system which was proposed.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The CHAIRMAN: Will some gentleman kindly propose that the same committee be re-appointed—the Rev. C. D. P. Davies Mr. Chas. H. Hattersley, and Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

The REV. F. E. ROBINSON proposed, and Dr. Carpenter seconded, the re-appointment of the committee, which was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN said he thought he might on their behalf thank Mr. Davies and his coadjutors for the two very valuable reports they had brought before them (hear, hear). They evidenced an amount of care and thought and hearty earnestness put into the consideration of the subject for which the Council ought to be in the highest degree grateful, and they ought to be proud to have among their members those who had so energetically devoted themselves to the cause (applause).

The REV. T. L. PAPILLON said they probably had noticed in the agenda that on the presentation of the report attention would be called to a point which was the subject of a little correspondence which had passed between Mr. Henry Dains, the Hon. Secretary, and himself as to the expression of some feeling in several quarters that the Council might do something to urge upon the various Associations the recording in their reports of the figures of any new peals the performance of which they chronicled. The fact that some did and some did not give the figures of such peals had been noticed by Mr. Davies in the report he had just read. He thought Mr. Davies was right in intimating that they would hardly consider the evidence of the annual reports of individual Associations sufficient for them to act upon in stamping the composition with the authority of the Council. Yet he thought it was equally true that if all the Associations that had regularly published annual reports had been careful to give the figures of all the new peals chronicled by them, the difficulties to which Mr. Davies alluded would not be as great as they are at present. He wished simply to call attention to the fact that in many cases in the first report of a peal they would see [at the foot, "This peal, which is now rung for the first time, etc."] In many cases afterwards there were no means of getting the figures of such peal except by writing to the conductor himself. If Associations were all as careful as some were to publish in their reports the figures of these new compositions, reference to the report would be sufficient. He had not ventured to propose any resolution on the subject, because, of course, it was a delicate matter in a body like the Central Council, which, as the President had already pointed out, had the power to suggest but no power to enforce its suggestions to act in. It was an equally delicate matter to do anything that seemed to interfere with the liberty of individual Associations, and the discretion which the officers of those

Associations exercised in the preparation of their reports, but he thought that possibly the expression of some opinion as to the desirability of such records of figures of new compositions in the annual reports might strengthen the hands of the officers of individual Associations, who wished to bring before their own members the desirability of in future adopting such a practice.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you propose any resolution?

MR. PAPILLON said if it was the opinion of those present, or the opinion of the Chairman that it would be desirable that any resolution should be proposed he should be prepared to do so.

The CHAIRMAN said it was a matter rather for the Council. It was certainly a very desirable thing, especially when peals in which they took an interest were published, that they should know what the figures were, and it was distinctly right and proper when any peal was questioned that the figures should be forthcoming, in order that the validity of the peal might be decided. Personally, he should be exceedingly sorry to put his name to any peal as conductor in which the figures were not put before the public in some form or another. He would not be satisfied unless his Association printed every peal he conducted, and in regard to any record peal he should not be satisfied without at once sending the figures to "THE BELL NEWS" and having them printed there. But he did not know what the feeling of the Council generally was about the matter. It rested with them either to accept a resolution on the subject or not.

MR. GRIFFIN said while on this subject there was a peal he wished to bring before the notice of the Council, namely 7072 Superlative Surprise Major rung on December 3rd last, the figures of which had not been published but which were in his possession. The peal was rung in two methods, three courses in the Burton Variation, and the rest in the Superlative method proper, and he thought this peal could not claim to supplant the extent of 6720 rung at Burton in the method proper. If a resolution was proposed in connection with publication in the future he should be glad to second it.

MR. STRANGE: Is this in order?

The CHAIRMAN said he thought it was, as Mr. Griffin had called attention to a point which illustrated the subject under discussion, because here was a matter which had given rise to some acerbity of feeling which would have been obviated if the figures had been published. They would not go into the question of the propriety of that peal or otherwise, because it was not their province. Had Mr. Papillon a resolution?

MR. PAPILLON said as the President invited him to put a resolution before the Council he would do so in this form; it was purposely left rather vague in terms so as to avoid the appearance of in any way dictating to individual Associations. It was:

That in recording the performance of peals not previously rung it is desirable to record at the same time the figures of such peals unless they are already accessible in printed form, in which case the reference should be given."

MR. GRIFFIN seconded.

MR. COCKEY asked if it should not include some reference as to where the figures were published.

MR. ATTREE asked if it would not be rather misunderstood if left in such form. Did it mean publication in "THE BELL NEWS." If the paper printed all the peals, there would be little room left for news. He thought the proposer meant in the Annual reports of the Associations.

MR. PAPILLON said he thought it might go first to "THE BELL NEWS" if preferred. He did not mention the Annual Reports for fear of seeming to dictate to the Associations.

The CHAIRMAN said the point really was that they wanted to know the figures of all interesting performances.

MR. PAPILLON said his own personal view in proposing it was to get some expression of opinion that Associations should always insert such figures in their reports.

The SECRETARY suggested that it should read in this form: "That it is desirable that Societies should record at the same time the figures of such peals."

MR. STRANGE said possibly a peal might be rung by an independent band which would not be recorded in the books of any Society at all.

The SECRETARY said that they could not control that in any way.

MR. W. D. SMITH thought even in that case the figures might be published in "THE BELL NEWS" when an important peal was rung.

Mr. WILLIAMS suggested that they should take a lesson from the Midland Counties' Association. He had a report, and the figures of their performances could always be referred to.

Mr. HATTERSLEY said as far as the Yorkshire Association was concerned they were very particular on that point, and if the figures had appeared in any of the previous reports, they gave references to them as to where they should be found. If they had not been printed, they would print them, and he thought all Associations ought to do the same.

Mr. S. REEVES suggested that the resolution should read: "That the report of a peal should be accompanied by the figures."

THE CHAIRMAN said that perhaps the motion as before the meeting would best express the feeling of the Council.

The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

(To be continued.)

SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday the annual meeting of the above was held at Spalding, when representatives from Stamford, Morton, Hough-on-the-Hill, Sleaford, and Spalding were present. The ringers after reaching Spalding made their way to the parish church, raised the bells, and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. Afterwards a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. C. Collins, 1; J. Alford, 2; C. Harper, 3; R. Mackman, 4; F. Dennison, 5; Rev. H. Law James (conductor), 6. A start was then made to St. Paul's church, when after the bells were raised, a service was held, and a very appropriate address delivered by the Rev. R. G. Ash, Vice-President. After the service a business meeting was held, the Rev. G. Ash, in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. W. W. Layng (Rippingale), President, being voted to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting was read by the Secretary, Mr. J. Alford, and on the proposition of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Hoyes, they were duly confirmed. A report of the proceedings of the year was then read by the Secretary which was very satisfactory, showing a balance of £11 15s. 11d. in hand, also a very good increase of skilled members. The accounts were audited and found correct by Mr. Collins and Mr. Hoyes. The Rev. W. W. Layng, President, T. A. Sissin, Esq., Treasurer; Mr. J. Alford, Secretary, were unanimously re-elected, and the Rev. H. Law James (St. Martin's, Stamford), was added to the list of vice-presidents; Mr. J. Stow, Mr. W. Cawtin, Mr. J. Heald, and Mr. N. Moxon was also re-elected on the Committee, Mr. C. Collin and Mr. C. Harper being added to the same. It was then decided to have a summer meeting to be held on the last Saturday in June at Denton near Grantham. Mr. J. W. Duff (Stamford), was then elected a skilled member of the Association. A vote of thanks by Mr. J. Alford to the Rev. R. G. Ash for presiding and for his very able address, and the use of the bells, terminated the meeting, the rev. gentleman suitably acknowledging the same.

The members and visitors then adjourned to The Pigeon inn, where an excellent dinner was provided by host Croxford, grace being said by the Rev. H. Law James. After dinner the members returned to St. Paul's belfry to spend the remaining hours of the day with such a pretty little ring of bells that is seldom met with.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, April 8th, at St. John's church, Longton, and was attended by upwards of thirty members from the following towers: Longton, Bucknall, Hanley, Keele, Leek, Stoke, Tunstall, and Wolstanton. A capital tea, which had been provided by the ringers of St. John's, Longton, was partaken of in the church schoolroom, the rector, the Rev. W. J. Smith, presiding. After tea the rev. gentleman proposed "Success to the Association," and said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the Association to Longton, and that he was very pleased to hear that the Association was in a prosperous condition, and he hoped it would still go on improving, as he believed it was doing a good work in the Archdeaconry.

A vote of thanks to the ringers of Longton for so kindly entertaining the Association to tea, was proposed by the secretary,

Mr. Twigg, of Bucknall, which was responded to by Mr. G. Woods, of Longton. A vote of thanks to the ladies who had so kindly waited upon them was also proposed.

The members then proceeded to the tower and rang a short touch of Bob Major for evening service, at which many of the members were present. The rector in a brief address founded upon the words—"Go quickly and tell his disciples that He is risen from the dead," St. Matthew xxviii. v. 7, spoke of the duties and responsibilities of ringers. After service the ringers again adjourned to the tower, when touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Triples, and Treble Bob Major were rung. At ten o'clock the bells were lowered in peal, every one having thoroughly enjoyed the outing, and agreeing that this was the most successful meeting that the Association had held for a long time.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW PEAL OF BELLS.

On Easter Eve, April 1st, a most interesting ceremony was held at the ancient, picturesque, and historical church of St. Nicolas at the above place, which is situated about two miles from Eastleigh, and four from Southampton, when the Right Rev. W. W. Perrin, D.D., Bishop of Columbia, dedicated a new peal of six bells, presented by G. Y. Mercer, Esq., of Bassett. The church was beautifully decorated for the Easter festival, and a large congregation gathered to witness the dedication at 6 p.m. The clergy and choir with their banner met the Bishop at the lych-gate, and the rector, the Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne, intoned the prayers. After the third collect, the Bishop spoke from the lectern, alluding to the additional responsibility laid upon the parishioners by the gift of a peal of bells, and as to the altered condition of the church. He then proceeded to the ringing-chamber, the ringers meanwhile having taken up their position, each by his bell rope, and on a signal being given, the bells were set in motion, and the choir sang the hymn "Upward raised an ancient tower."

The church has undergone a thorough restoration work, including a new altar and organ by Bevington, the cost in all being £2,000, which has made it one of the most complete and beautiful in the Deanery.

The bells (consisting of three old and three new), are a light musical peal, tenor 7½ cwt., tuned in the key of A, supplied by J. Taylor and Sons, Bell Founders, Loughborough, and are hung in a pitch-pine frame, with cast-iron headstocks, each bearing a Latin inscription, the date on one of the old bells being 1623. The "go" of them is all that can be desired, and give great satisfaction in every way.

After the service the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang several touches of Grandsire Doubles: Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (Hon. Sec. of the Guild), J. Batts, W. J. Sevier, W. H. George, T. Groves, and J. W. Whiting; conducted by Messrs. Batts, Sevier, George, and Groves, respectively. On Easter Day before evening service, the following members of the Guild rang six touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and after service two more touches of Grand-Doubles, all called differently: J. Batts, W. J. Sevier, C. Tribe, T. Groves, W. H. George, and W. C. Lampard; conducted by Messrs. Sevier, George, and Groves. An attempt was made to ring a 720 of Bob Minor, but in consequence of the new ropes stretching very much, it had to be abandoned.

A meeting of the Subjects Committee of the Church Congress was held at Birmingham on Monday, under the presidency of the Bishop of Worcester. The revised programme was approved. There will be three meetings for working men, and the subjects for these include "The Work of the Church amongst Artizans," "Licensing Reform," and the "Church's Connection with the State." At the Congress proper, questions of Church reform, "The Relations of the Church of England towards other Branches of the Anglican Communion and towards Religious Bodies not of the Anglican Communion," "Home Missions," "The Financial Position of the Clergy," and a series of labour questions will be debated.

* * We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The monthly meeting in connection with the above took place at Farnworth, near Widnes, on Saturday, April 8th, when upwards of twenty members attended from Garston, Hale, Walton, Warrington, Woolton, etc., in addition to the local company. The tower was open for ringing at three o'clock, and shortly after that time the bells were set in motion. At six o'clock the ringers adjourned to the old schoolroom, and sat down to a substantial tea, kindly provided free of cost by the local band. After tea the company were photographed by Mr. A. Carter, of Farnworth, but it is doubtful whether it will be a success, owing to the good humour which prevailed. The business meeting was held shortly afterwards, when the Rev. J. Wright-Williams occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Wigan were read and confirmed.

The rev. chairman gave the Association a very hearty welcome, and was pleased to see such a large gathering. He said he was quite ignorant of the art of change-ringing, but thanks to Mr. Johnson, the conductor of the Farnworth ringers, he had had his first lesson on how to handle a bell. At one time he had bought a book on the subject, but all the terms used were "Dutch" to him. However, he hoped that in a short time he would know more about it, and be in a position to speak with authority on the matter. He would like to see the peal of six in the parish church increased to eight, and asked the local company to get all information as to whether eight could be conveniently placed in the tower, and what would be the probable cost, etc.

At the conclusion of the above remarks, the rev. gentleman was handed a copy of the Report issued by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Mr. C. E. Wilson also said how pleased he was to see such a large number present, and hoped that future meetings would be as well attended. He did not purpose taking up their time by making any lengthy remarks, but there was one thing he would like to draw their attention to. As far as six-bell ringers were concerned, they were very much below the average in ringing a variety of methods, when compared with some Associations, and he would like to see if something could not be done to induce ringers to take more interest in ringing, and not be merely content with ringing one method. With this object in view, he and Mr. Somerville had got a number of small leaflets printed, relating to various methods, and he hoped that members would take advantage of it, and with the easy explanation that was given, there ought not to be any difficulty in mastering them. He had also great pleasure in shewing them the new certificate, which in his estimation was far superior to the old one. They could be had at a charge of threepence each, and members desirous of obtaining them as well as the leaflets, could do so after the meeting.

Mr. T. R. Somerville also spoke of the good work that was being done, and urged those that were present to attend the next meeting.

Eleven new members were elected, as follows: two from Garston, three from Farnworth, and six from Warrington. The next meeting is to be held at Southport, on Saturday, May 6th. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and also to the local company for the admirable way in which they had contributed towards carrying out the arrangements, brought a very pleasant and successful meeting to a close. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, and Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at the headquarters, Clay Cross, on Esster Monday. The tower was open for ringing at nine o'clock in the morning, the bells being in good ringing order, which was taken advantage of before ten o'clock by the ringers of various churches belonging to the Association. Band after band followed one another till the inhabitants began to wonder and ask one another what the bells were being rung for, and not a few answered in the affirmative that the ringers were ringing for prizes, as several of the members when leaving the church were asked how they had got on,

one or two of them jocularly remarking "Oh! I think we've about won." But as a rule there was plenty of discord, with ringers being mixed, one band with a man or two short being made up from another band. But taken on the whole some ringing was well worth listening to, the bells striking so evenly that they might have been drilled. Grandsire, Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were the order of the day, a great number of 6-scores being rung. Two 720s of Bob Minor were also rung, one by the local company, which was looked forward to with interest, as it was their first 720 at a meeting either quarterly or annually, since the Association was formed, and great credit is due to them. Ringers at the other churches have also made progress, some of them more so than the Clay Cross band, and it is earnestly hoped that others may do the same, seeing the number of young men in various quarters who are taking an interest in ringing. At four o'clock some forty or fifty of the members attended Divine Service, at which the Rector (the Rev. H. S. Oldham) preached an able sermon. After service the parish schoolroom was the next scene of operations, an ample spread being prepared therein by Mrs. Smith, Confectioner, of Clay Cross, to which ample justice was done.

The members, between forty and fifty, then adjourned to another room for the meeting, at which the rector of the parish presided. The accounts, which had previously been audited, and the minutes of former meetings were passed as satisfactory, and then the officers were elected for the ensuing year, which were as follows: *Treasurer*—Rev. H. S. Oldham; *President*—Rev. Canon Massey; *Secretary*—J. J. Cook, High Street, Clay Cross. The quarterly meetings for the year were then decided: June 1st.—Ault Hucknall; September 2nd.—South Normanton; December 3rd.—Tibshelf. A resolution was then passed expressing regret at the death of an honorary member, the Rev. Canon Cottingham, of Heath, who in September last at the quarterly meeting gave such an able and useful address on bells and bell-ringers—it being his first meeting in contact with a society of change-ringers—and which will be remembered by the members who were present. A vote of thanks were then given to the rector for presiding, and also for the use of the schoolroom and bells, which brought the meeting to a close. Another adjournment was made to the belfry, and ringing was indulged in till nine o'clock, thus bringing an eventful day to a close.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24th, the quarterly meeting was held in the interesting old Gloucestershire town of Dursley, preceded as usual with a short service in the parish church of St. James, which possesses a light and not very musical ring of eight. The Rector, the Rev. N. W. Gresley, gave a very interesting and practical address from the chancel step, and afterwards presided at the dinner which took place at the Bell Hotel, when thirty-two members from various parishes dined together, including the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Vicar of St. Augustine's, Bristol, Honorary General Secretary, the Rev. C. H. Joberns, Rector of St. Stephen's Bristol, Honorary Assistant Secretary, the Rev. R. C. Lynch Blossse, Vicar of Stinchcombe, the two assistant curates of the parish, Mr. F. K. Howell, local secretary, etc.

After dinner the usual toasts were given from the chair, and then the business was proceeded with.

The Rev. Pitt Eykyn apologised for the absence of the Master, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, who was away from home, and stated that some members had asked that the next meeting should be held at Chepstow, which was not in the Diocese. He had consulted the Master on the point, and he had given a decided negative to the suggestion which he (the speaker) thoroughly endorsed, out of no disrespect to Chepstow, but from the simple fact that though the Association had been fifteen years at work, it had not yet covered its own large and scattered diocese.

Eventually it was decided to visit Northleach, in the next quarter, a rather difficult place of access, and one which the Honorary Secretary suggested had better be taken in the summer months.

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Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of the District will be held at Rochester (St. Margaret's), to-day, Saturday, the 29th April, 1893. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m. in the vestry room.

W. A. COOKE, Sec. Rochester District.
2, Railway Terrace, New Brompton, Chatham.

The Middlesex Association.—A meeting of this Association will be held at St. Stephen's church, Hampstead, to-day, Saturday, April 29th. Ringing to begin at 4 o'clock.

10, Grayling Road, PERCY HOWARD,
Stoke Newington. Hon. Sec.

The North Lincolnshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln to-day, Saturday, April 29th, 1893. Permission has been obtained for the following towers to be open for ringing during the afternoon:—The Cathedral (eight), St. Peter-at-Arches (eight), St. Peter-at-Gowts (six), St. Botolph's (five). Tea will be provided in the Co-operative hall, Silver Street (by ticket, free to annual members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year), at 4.45 p.m. The business meeting will be held immediately after tea.

142, Portland Street, GEO. CHESTER,
Lincoln. Hon. Sec.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Drighlington, to-day, Saturday, April 29th. Ringing from 2.30. Meeting house, the Spotted Cow.

43, Lower Moor Side, R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.
Holbeck.

United Counties' Association.—The annual Eight-bell Cup competition will take place at St. Paul's church, Stalybridge, on Saturday, May 6th, 1893, commencing at 1.30 prompt. Local Meeting House, W. Lyne, Bnll's Head Inn, Knowl Street, Stalybridge, where refreshments may be obtained.

B. LEES,
30, Stock's Lane, Stalybridge. Local Sec.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—For the benefit of Job Joynes, tower keeper at St. Martin's, who has been suffering from paralysis for some months past, a Smoking Concert will be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on Saturday, May 13th. Chair to be taken at 7 p.m. All ringers in this neighbourhood are requested to take tickets, price 6d. each, which may be obtained from W. H. GODDEN, 61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Hon. Sec. Birmingham.

The Sussex County Association.—Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd, 1893. Full particulars later on. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec. Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Will Local Secretaries kindly forward to me at once notices of peals rung by members of the Guild during 1891-2-3, for insertion in the peal book about to be printed. H. A. HRYWOOD, Duckington, Malpas, April 17, 1893.

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for May, 1893—Greenwich, St. Alfege, Tuesday 2nd, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting afterwards to make arrangements for summer meeting. Lee, St. Margaret's, Wednesday,

10th, 7.45 to 9 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary, Monday 29th, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, Hon. Sec.

10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Kingsley, on Saturday next, May 6th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to the Rev. H. E. Beech, Kingsley, not later than Wednesday, May 3rd.

REV. J. H. ALSTON, } Hon. Secs.
W. TWIGG, }

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ church, Southport, on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open at 3.0. Meeting in School-room at 6.30., at which the Ven. Archdeacon Clarke will preside. The new Certificates will be on view, and members desirous of obtaining them can do so after the meeting. Members travelling by the following trains will be able to get at the reduced fare of 1s. 6d. for the double journey. Central Station, Liverpool, 2.22; Gateacre, 2.38; and West Derby, 2.45. The same facilities will also be granted by the L. and Y. Railway, from Tithebarn Street, Liverpool, by the train which leaves at 2 o'clock, calling at intermediate stations. Members can return by any ordinary train same day.

C. E. WILSON, } Hon.
12, York Street, T. R. SOMERVILLE, } Secs.
Walton.

The Devonshire Guild.—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Tiverton, on Saturday, May 13th. Tea at the Drill Hall 4 p.m. Annual meeting, Drill Hall, 4.30. Service in parish church, 5.30 p.m. Permission has been obtained for members to ring at Tiverton, Bampton, Bukleigh, Thorverton, and Silverton. Tickets at reduced fares will be issued to members with permission to break the journey at the above mentioned places, on application to the various station masters. A grant of 1s. will be made for travelling expenses to any member attending the meeting.

The Vicarage, REV. M. KELLY,
Ottery St. Mary.

New Society of Change Ringers.—The Birmingham Friendly Society of Change Ringers. Secretary, Mr. R. HUNT, 123, Tenant Street, Broad Street.

The Kent County Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, June 5th, in the Isle of Thanet. Particulars later on.

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Will those conductors, who have not yet done so, kindly send the figures of peals called by them during the years 1891 and 1892, or give references to published works in which they may be found?

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—The Honorary Secretary of this Society is Mr. John O. Lancashire, 22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT YATELEY.—This was the outcome of the Diocesan Guild holding their District Meeting at Yateley for the first time, Mr. H. White attending to represent the Basingstoke band, agreed with the Yately band, who are all his pupils, to stay the night and try for a peal the next day; Mr. H. F. de Lisle kindly offering to come over from Heckfield and ring if there was a spare rope, which he did, and also conducted the peal, which was pronounced by several competent persons who were listening to have been a well-struck peal throughout.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal be desired One Shilling additional must accompany such a request.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By YORK GREEN, College Youths.

5152.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

4 5 2 3 6 - -
2 4 5 3 6 - -
5 2 4 3 6 - -
6 4 2 3 5 - -
2 6 4 3 5 - -
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4 3 5 2 6 - -
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A ½ PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By HENRY E. PARKER, Barking, Essex.

1260.

2 3 4 5 6 7

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

Five times repeated.

Single instead of bob at the third and sixth part-ends.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1893.

At a meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, held on the 24th instant, at Dursley, the Honorary Secretary (REV. PITT EYKYN), stated that some members had made a request that the next meeting should be held at Chepstow, a place outside the Diocese. The suggestion we find, did not approve itself to the Executive, because though the Association has been established fifteen years, it has not succeeded in covering by its operations the large and scattered Diocese from which it takes its name. This reason for negating the proposal will be deemed sufficient. There is plenty of work to be done in the above-named Diocese before any consent is given to foreign ground being opened. In fact we think the approval of the Master and Secretary to such a request would have established a precedent which would in time have led to some embarrassment. The constant admixture of societies' titles, when the ringing of peals is concerned—alluded to by MR. ATTREE at the meeting of the Central

Council—affords a splendid illustration of the worth of the saying that “every tub should stand upon its own bottom.” The application of such an adage to ringing associations is pertinent just now. Not only should they retain their individuality in the manner alluded to by Mr. ATTREE when peal-ringing is in question, but also in such cases as the one we are now dealing with. Their influence and purview should in our opinion be confined to their territorial or diocesan spheres. If not, then we may just as well abolish all their distinctive titles, and let their separate organizations follow.

The town of Chepstow is situate in, but at the outside edge of the Diocese of Llandaff. It therefore belongs to one of the Sees whose existence is threatened by a measure now before Parliament. This fact should not be in the way of a movement to establish a ringing Guild for the Diocese, which we think would be successful. The clergy would be likely to welcome in the Diocese such a bulwark as a numerous body of Church Bell Ringers would present to the enemy at the gate. The hint is worth a thought, surely. The Dean of Llandaff is not altogether unknown to ringers, as our elder brethren of Doncaster are aware. If his patronage and co-operation could be secured all the rest would be easy. The Cathedral has a ring of eight bells in good order, erected only a few years ago. Here the first Welsh ringing Guild could be commenced under favourable auspices. Who among our brethren in the diocese of Llandaff will be the first to move in the matter?

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2.	ARTHUR TENNANT 6.
GEORGE CONYARD 3.	ALBERT PITTAM 7.
ARTHUR JACOB 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSOM.

W. F. Meads was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

The Provinces.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 19, 1893, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HERBERT Treble.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. 5.
A. W. MATHEWS 2.	A. JACQUES 6.
J. SHARPE* 3.	*WILLIAM DEXTER 7.
W. H. INGLESANT 4.	*CHARLES CLARKE Tenor.

Composed by E. B. JAMES, of Gloucester, and Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

*First peal.

YATELEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 20, 1893, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY WHITE Treble.	ROBERT HILTON 5.
SIDNEY RIDDLE† 2.	JAMES R. BUNCH 6.
WALTER FILMORE* 3.	*WILLIAM TICE 7.
HIRZEL F. DE LISLE, ESQ. 4.	*JOHN HILTON Tenor.

Conducted by HIRZEL F. DE LISLE, ESQ.

†First peal with a bob bell. *First peal. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 20, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 20½ cwt. in Fb.

WILLIAM SHARDLOW Treble.	HARRY CHAS. WOODWARD 5.
THOMAS ALTON 2.	CHARLES DRAPER 6.
CHARLES DOWELL 3.	CHARLES HART 7.
SAMUEL MASKREY 4.	*BENJAMIN ROBOTHAM Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY CHARLES WOODWARD.

This peal is a variation of the late Henry Johnson's twelve-part peal of Oxford Bob Triples, and is the first peal in the method by the whole of the band, also the first peal of Court Bob rung by the Association. *First peal.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE STANSTED BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 19, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT SURPRISE METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:

London Surprise, Wells Surprise, York Surprise, Durham Surprise, Worcester Surprise, Chichester Surprise, and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt,

GEORGE JORDAN Treble.	GEORGE GRAY 4.
ISAAC HAMMOND 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS 5.
JOHN LUCKEY 3.	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

This is the first 5040 in seven Surprise Methods by all the band; first on the bells; first by the above Association; and first 5040 in seven Surprise Methods ever rang in the County of Essex, and rang at the second attempt. This makes the conductor's fiftieth 720 of Cambridge Surprise.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine and a ½ minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HOLMES Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
HENRY H. LINDSEY 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. 7.
FRANCIS LEES 4.	WILLIAM STORY Tenor.

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

This is the first peal in the method by all the above, by the Association, and on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. Not one of the band had rung more than 400 of the method before. This was Mr. Heywood's well known "No. 1" composition in this method, and great credit is due to Mr. Holmes for calling it from a non-observation bell, as he had never called a touch in the method before.

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(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHAPEL, OF ST. JOHN, DERITEND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES SPARKES* Treble.	GEORGE HITCHMAN 5.
JAMES JONES 2.	JOHN T. PERRY 6.
JOHN JENNINGS 3.	JOHN CARTER 7.
GEORGE WALKER 4.	FRANCIS H. JAMES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

*First peal of Stedman.

BUSHLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 22, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

5040 CHANGES OF DOUBLES;

Being Forty-two 6-scores: ten of Grandsire, and thirty-two with Extremes.

DANIEL WILKES Treble.	ALFRED NICHOLS 4.
ARTHUR BLOXHAM 2.	F. WALKER 5.
CHARLES JONES 3.	JOHN NICHOLS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JONES.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Tenor.	R. W. STANNARD 5.
G. M. RASHBROOKE† 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 6.
F. L. BUMPESTEAD* 3.	A. J. LINCOLN 7.
H. J. BUTTON 4.	W. GOBBETT Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL MARSH of West Bromwich, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

†First peal. *First peal on eight bells. First in the method on the bells. The above was intended to have been rung by the same company as rang in the 10,604 of Bob Major at Leiston five years ago, but at the last moment, Mr. Tillett of Ipswich, and Mr. Button, of Colchester, could not meet, W. Gobbett and G. M. Rashbrooke kindly filling up their respective places. Messrs. Motts hail from Ipswich; Button and Lincoln from Leiston; Gobbett from Wingfield; the rest from Colchester. Messrs. Rashbrooke and Bumpstead were elected members before starting.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

G. E. HARDY* Treble.	T. H. COLBURN 5.
J. HARDY 2.	E. READER 6.
W. H. INGLESANT 3.	A. JACQUES 7.
J. SMITH 4.	*C. H. HARRIMAN Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

*First peal.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 22, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

SIDNEY MACEY Treble.	CHARLES H. WATTS 5.
ALFRED PEARCE 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 6.
THOMAS F. STEVENS 3.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS 7.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER 4.	WILLIAM C. DAWE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH)

On Monday, April 24, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TWELVE-PART PEAL. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN PRICKETT* Treble.	*WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT 5.
CHARLES SPARKES 2.	JAMES JONES 6.
JOHN CARTER 3.	GEORGE WALKER 7.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT* 4.	*FRANK MUMFORD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is now rung for the first time, and is the first ever rung upon the bells in the method. *First peal in the method.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

GEORGE F. ATTREE Treble.	GEORGE PAICE 5.
GEORGE BAKER 2.	GEORGE GATLAND 6.
GEORGE A. KING 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
GEORGE SMART 4.	GEORGE B. BLEACH Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Stedman ever rung with a band all of the same christian name, and was rung at the first attempt. Messrs. Gatland and Smart hail from Steyning, Paice from Crawley, the remainder from Brighton.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 19, 1893, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM J. PIPER† Treble.	ALFRED TARBUN 5.
ARTHUR EDWARDS 2.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 6.
GEORGE SORRELL* 3.	ARTHUR SPELLER 7.
ABRAHAM SHUTTLEWORTH 4.	EPHRAIM HOUGHTON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PIPER.

†First peal as conductor, and rung at first attempt. *First peal with a bob bell

MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Monday, April 24, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford Bob, College Single, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Bob Minor.

Tenor 6 cwt.

JOSEPH TARRANT Treble.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 4.
HENRY W. BOLDRY 2.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 5.
JAMES DURRANT 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

ALBERT LONGHURST Treble.	THOMAS SPARKS 5.
WILLIAM EDWARDS 2.	PETER ETHERIDGE 6.
GEORGE STAPLEHURST 3.	FREDERICK WICKENS 7.
STEPHEN KENWARD 4.	†THOMAS BUCKETT Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WICKENS.

This peal was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of April 1st, and was composed by J. J. Parker of Farnham Royal, Bucks; now rung for the first time. †First peal

Date Touch.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, April 17th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. H. Spink, 1; T. H. Clark, 2; J. Hilton, 3; W. Dickinson, 4; S. C. Skinner (composer and conductor), 5; F. T. Holmes, 6; E. Houlden, 7; W. Priestley, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Miscellaneous.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

WOLSTANTON.—On Sunday morning, April 9th, before Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. S. Holden, 1; W. Fitchford, 2; T. Miller (composer and conductor), 3; F. Grocott, 4; J. Goodhead, 5; C. Ollier, 6; W. Miller, 7; W. Slater, 8. Rung on the occasion of the newly-appointed vicar officiating at his first service in this church.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PETERSFIELD (Hants).—Recently at St. Peter's church, 1176 Grandsire Triples. Rev. Cyril Edwards, 1; H. White, 2; W. Butler, 3; T. Cole, 4; W. Wilkinson, 5; C. H. Doughton (conductor), 6; G. Barnes, 7; A. Hendy, 8.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Tuesday, April 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Bagshot, 1; G. Best, 2; E. Hinton, 3; E. Waters, 4; T. Best, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; H. Preston, 8. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey hails from Portsea, the above being arranged for him.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Thursday, April 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Hilton, 1; S. Riddle, 2; W. Filmore, 3; W. Tice, 4; R. Hilton, 5; J. Bunch, 6; G. Hawkins (conductor), 7; H. Hilton, 8. First quarter-peal by a local band. At the house of G. Hawkins, on handbells, 360 Bob Minor. W. Boyles, 1; S. Riddle, 2; W. J. Trussler, 3; J. Bunch, 4; B. Hawkins, 5; G. Hawkins (conductor), 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WELLS (Norfolk).—On Saturday, April 15th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. W. Green, 1; W. Flaxman, 2; W. H. Savory, 3; C. Alderton, 4; A. E. Redding, 5; J. Skinner (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. This is the first 720 rung by a Wells company for upwards of fifty years. Time 30 mins.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Saturday, April 1st, a peal of Treble Bob Major was attempted at St. Mary's church, but unfortunately lost after 30 mins. ringing. E. Smith, 1; F. Barkway, 2; A. W. Brighton, 3; C. Clarke, 4; E. Powell, 5; C. T. B. Price, 6; F. Smith, 7; H. Smith, 8.

ALBURN (Norfolk).—On Monday, April 3rd, Holt's ten part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at the parish church, but lost after 4200 changes had been rung in 2 hrs. and 20 mins. through the breaking of the second rope. E. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Bentley, 2; G. Prime, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; C. T. B. Price, 5; C. Clarke, 6; F. Smith, 7; E. Powell, 8.

NORWICH (Norfolk).—On Monday, April 3rd, ten members of the above association attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, which was lost after 2½ hrs. E. Ward, 1; C. E. Borrett, 2; R. Stackwood, 3; J. Smith, 4; G. Howchin, 5; P. Sadler (conductor), 6; G. Moy, 7; F. H. Knights, 8; F. J. Howchin, 9; F. Knights, 10. Also at the church of St. Gregory, 720 of Double Court Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Blyth, 1; C. E. Borrett, 2; A. W. Brighton, 3; G. Howchin, 4; F. Knights (conductor), 5; W. Bales, 6. And on Sunday, April 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Blyth, 1; G. Howchin, 2; A. W. Brighton, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Bales, 5; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 6.

BRANDESTON (Suffolk).—Recently in March, for practice, at the parish church, C. H. Howard's 720 Double Court Bob (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles). E. Wightman, 1; H. W. Baldry, 2; J. Durrant, 3; A. S. Wightman, 4; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6. A 720 each of Cambridge and Woodbine Treble Bob and 360 Double Stedman Slow Course, with G. Wightman, 3, and S. Wightman, jun., 6, the rest as before. And a 720 Double Stedman Slow Course. A. S. Wightman, 1; G. Wightman, 2; J. Durrant, 3; E. Wightman, 4; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6. This is the first 720 of Double Stedman known to be rung in the County. On Monday, April 17th, 1140, being 420 Double Court Bob, 240 each of Woodbine Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and a 360 Double Stedman Slow Course. E. Wightman, 1; H. W. Baldry, 2; J. Durrant, 3; G. Wightman, 4; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, 6.

MONNEWEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 16th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. G. Wightman (conductor), 1; J. Durrant, 2; S. Wightman, jun., 3; H. W. Baldry, 4; E. Wightman, 5; A. Hatcher (Otley), 6. An attempt for a 720 Double Stedman Slow Course came to grief after ringing 620 changes. J. Tarrant, 1; W. H. Baldry, 2; J. Durrant, 3; E. Wightman, 4; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 5; G. Wightman, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Easter Sunday, April 2nd, for Divine Service in the evening, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Hibbert, 1; H. Mills, 2; A. Bosley (longest touch of Stedman), 3; T. East, 4; D. Napper, 5; J. Sawyer, 6; A. Thomas (conductor), 7; A. Windus, 8.

WITTENHAM (Berks).—On Easter-Monday, April 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. T. Hibbert, 1; H. Mills, 2; T. Short, 3; T. East, 4; D. Napper, 5; A. Bosley (conductor), 6. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday evening, April 16th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. H. Parker, 1; A. Deards, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; W. Pye, 4; E. Lucas, 5; F. Norris (composer and conductor), 6; A. Whight, 7; E. A. Davies, 8.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 2nd, touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were rung for the various services at St. Peter's and St. Gregory's churches during the day by the local company. On Monday, April 3rd, 5024 Treble Bob was attempted at St. Peter's church, by a band of the Association, but after an hour's good ringing it unfortunately came to an untimely end. A. J. Clarke, (Stanstead), 1; R. Brett (Stanstead), 2; F. Wells (Glemsford), 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor, Sudbury), 4; S. Slater (Glemsford), 5; H. Harper (Sudbury), 6; O. Garwood (Glemsford), 7; R. Gowers (Stanstead), 8. Composed by J. Thorp. On Saturday, April 8th, the bells were rung deeply muffled on the occasion of the funeral of George Cardinall, an old and respected inhabitant of the town. A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung with the tenor open at hand-stroke as the funeral procession wended its way to the church, where the first part of the service was taken. As the body was being carried from the church to the cemetery, a touch of 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Cross, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; F. Tolliday, 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Brackett, 8. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled touches of Bob Major and Grandsire being rung, both before and after the evening service.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, April 15th, at the house of Mr. F. Wells, New Cut, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Z. Slater, 1-2; *C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 3-4; S. Slater (conductor), 5-6. *First 720 in the method double-handed.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HADLEY (Middlesex).—On Monday, April 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Burrows, 1; R. Bevan, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Cawley, 4; J. Nixon, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob. J. Sumpter, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Nixon, 3; G. Smith, 4; W. Tubb, 5; W. Burrows (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Saturday, April 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cawley, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Nixon, 4; N. Alderman, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Martin, 1; J. Nixon, 2; J. Cawley, 3; R. Bevan, 4; N. Alderman, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday, April 2nd, for morning service at the parish church, 3004 Plain Bob Minor. H. J. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Wednesday, April 5th, in honour of a wedding, 720 Grandsire Doubles. C. H. Martin (conductor), 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. Crampton, 5; F. Kirby, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (forty bobs and two singles). H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin (composer), 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. H. Martin (conductor), 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also 360 College Single. H. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Crampton (conductor), 5; F. Kirby, 6. Also 240 and 120, conducted by H. Martin and F. Pratt respectively. On Wednesday, April 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Pratchett, 1; C. Crampton, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; G. Smith, 5; F. Carroway, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. Handbell Ringing.—Recently 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; H. J. Martin, 5-6. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles. H. J. Martin, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; W. Church (first 120), 5-6. Also 360 Plain Bob. F. Jones (longest touch of Minor), 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; H. J. Martin, 5-6.

BARNET (Herts).—On Monday, April 3rd, an attempt for a peal came to grief. Afterwards some short touches were rung, including a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; J. Nixon, 3; R. Bevan, 4; J. Cawley, 5; C. H. Martin, 6; G. Smith (conductor), 7; F. Blondell and E. Dolton, 8. The ringers wish to thank the rector for kindly granting the use of the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Wednesday, March 29th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. C. Cushion, 1; T. Suart, 2; T. Watson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson (conductor), 1; C. Cushion, 2; J. Burrows, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Watson, 5; T. Suart, 6. First 720 of Canterbury Pleasure and first 720 of Bob Minor with a bob bell by C. Cushion. On Sunday, April 16th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and two bobs), in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Suart, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BEESTON (Notts).—On Saturday, April 15th, on the occasion of the monthly meeting of the Nottingham District, 420 Stedman Triples (fifteen bobs). H. Abbot, 1; R. Hexter, 2; W. E. White, 3; A. Coppock, 4; E. W. Holroyd, 5; E. Robinson, 6; J. Barrow (conductor), 7; W. Clifford, 8. And 322 Grandsire Triples. W. E. White, 1; W. Hexter, 2; W. Clifford, jun. (aged 17), 3; F. Ricketts (aged 15), 4; J. Woolley, 5; A. Coppock (aged 16, conductor), 6; W. Clifford, sen., 7. And 294 Union Triples. W. Clifford, jun., 1; F. Ricketts, 2; J. Hickman (conductor), 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; W. Clifford, sen., 5; A. Coppock, 6; W. Hexter, 7; S. Wesley, 8.

DERBY.—On Thursday, April 13th, eight members of the St. Andrew's society rang a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples in 46 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; T. Alton, 2; C. Dowell, 3; S. Maskrey, 4; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 5; C. Draper, 6; C. Hart, 7; B. Rowbotham, 8. The above was rung as a token of respect to the retiring churchwardens, Messrs. A. L. Charles and W. Litherland.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Wednesday, April 12th, at the parish church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the occasion of the marriage of H. G. Glover, Esq., and Miss L. Johnson, of South Hill, Bromley. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. F. Harmau, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; F. Sanders, 6; H. P. Harman, 7; W. James, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

FARNWORTH, NEAR WIDNES.—On Saturday, April 8th, at St. Luke's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. J. Marriott, 1; J. Large, 2; A. Oxley, 3; G. Bebbington, 4; W. Brammer, 5; E. Edwardson (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CHESHUNT (Herts).—On Sunday evening, April 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. C. Clarke (first 720), 1; F. Jelf, 2; W. Johnson, 3; G. Green, 4; H. James (first 720), 5; G. Maxim (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 that has been rung on these bells for over twenty years. Messrs. Maxim, Green, and Jelf hail from Waltham Cross. Tenor 21 cwt.

CLOPTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 16th, after morning service, through the kindness of the Rev. S. Hooke, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. Groom, 1; G. Thompson, 2; H. Burch, 3; F. Clark, 4; C. Parker, 5; A. Bowell (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Tuesday, April 19th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. R. B. Wilson, 1; T. Lungley, 2; G. W. Park, 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; G. A. Overton (conductor), 5; E. Cox, 6. And another 6-score with G. Park (St. Cuthbert's), 2; the rest as before. First 6-score of Stedman by all, and the first on the bells.

FISHERTON ANGER (Wilts).—On Tuesday, April 18th, 720 Bob Minor. T. F. Stevens, 1; A. Pearce, 2; S. Macey, 3; W. W. Gifford, 4; C. H. Watts, 5; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 6.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday, April 16th, for practice at the house of Mr. Heffer, sen., 1024 Bob Major. J. Heffer, jun., 1-2; W. Flory, 3-4; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 5-6; E. Clayton, 7-8. And a 336. E. Clayton (first attempt with a bob bell), 1-2; W. Flory, 3-4; W. G. Crickmer, 5-6; J. Heffer, jun., 7-8.

GRUNDISBURGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 16th, at the parish

church for morning service, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Last (conductor), 1; G. Lancaster, 2; C. Parker, 3; H. Burch, 4; G. Thompson, 5; A. Bowell, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Tuesday, April 18th, for practice at the parish church, 756 Court Bob Triples. R. Dale, A. Cripps, A. Feist, H. Manse, E. Quick, J. Brown, F. W. Cripps (conductor), H. Waller. And 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Dale, 1; A. Feist, A. Cripps, J. Brown, H. Burstow, F. W. Cripps, H. H. Chandler (conductor), J. Tomsitt. H. H. Chandler hails from Warnham; Cripps and Feist from Lower Beeding; the rest belong to the local band.

HASKETON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 16th, after the afternoon service, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. C. King, 1; H. Burch, sen. (conductor), 2; A. Bowell, 3; H. Burch, jun., 4; W. King, 5. Also some 6-scores of Grandsire and Plain Doubles. C. King, 1; H. Burch, sen., 2; W. Burch, 3; A. Bowell, 4; G. Thompson, 5. Tenor 10 cwt. A. Bowell hails from Ipswich, G. Thompson from Kelsale, H. Burch, jun., from Halesworth, and the rest are local ringers.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Friday, April 14th, for practice, 644 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, conducted by J. Basden. And 322 conducted by W. Meaton, and 504 conducted by the Rev. H. Shears. The following, in addition to the above, took part in the ringing: T. Beadle, G. Ilsley, E. J. Walsom, W. Etherington, W. Fenwick, W. Bishop, and W. Stanney.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, Stoke Newington, 720 Grandsire Minor in 35 mins. C. Potecary, 1; F. Bedley, 2; C. Messenger, 3; A. Williams, 4; J. Higgs, 5; T. Hockinson (conductor), 6. First 720 of Grandsire by all.

LOWER BEEDING (Sussex).—On Friday, March 3rd, for practice, 720 Court Bob (twenty-two singles). T. Cheal, E. Comber, A. Feist, A. Cripps, M. Steer, F. W. Cripps (conductor). On Monday, March 6th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Mitchell (first 720), 1; the rest standing as before. On Sunday, March 12th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. T. Cheal, J. Cheal, E. Comber, A. Feist, A. Cripps, F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, 720 College Single. J. Cheal, E. Comber, A. Feist, A. Cripps, M. Steer, F. W. Cripps (conductor). On Sunday, March 26th, 720 Oxford Bob. E. Comber, J. Cheal, A. Cripps, A. Feist, M. Steer, F. W. Cripps (conductor). On Saturday, April 15th, three courses of Kent Treble Bob. J. Cheal, E. Comber, A. Feist, A. Cripps, H. H. Chandler, F. W. Cripps. On Sunday, April 16th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (forty-two singles). E. Comber, A. Feist, A. Cripps, M. Steer, F. W. Cripps, H. H. Chandler (conductor). H. H. Chandler hails from Warnham, the rest belong to the local company.

MANUDEN (Essex).—On Tuesday, April 18th, for practice, a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, being six 6-scores and 60 changes of Grandsire Doubles, and four 6-scores of Antelope. J. Harvey, 1; James Harvey, 2; G. Harvey, 3; A. M. Key, 4; F. W. Tharby (conductor), 5.

OSWESTRY.—On Sunday afternoon, April 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 336 Grandsire Triples. R. Evans, 1; G. Whitfield, 2; M. J. Morris (conductor), 3; W. H. Jones, 4; R. Martin, 5; G. Woodhall, 6; T. Rogers, 7; R. Edwards, 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Evans, 1; G. Whitfield, 2; M. J. Morris, 3; R. Martin, 4; T. Jones, 5; G. Woodhall (conductor), 6; T. Rogers, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8. Also on handbells, 518 Grandsire Triples. R. Evans, 1; G. Whitfield, 2; M. J. Morris, 3; W. H. Jones, 4; D. Davies, 5; G. Woodhall (conductor), 6; T. Rogers, 7-8.

RAMSGATE (Kent).—On Friday, April 7th, at St. Laurence's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. D. Larkin, 1; G. Ralph, jun., 2; G. H. Bowden, 3; J. B. Gibbs, 4; S. R. Port, 5; H. Wellard, 7; R. Goodbourn (conductor), 7; H. W. Saunders, 8. R. Goodbourn hails from Canterbury; G. H. Bowden from London. This is the longest length by the local band; assisted by two outsiders.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—On Monday, April 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. West, 1; W. Pettet, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; *C. Green, 4; J. Martin, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. And 216 Bob Minor. J. Bailey, 1; C. West, 2; J. B. Martin, 2; W. Pettet, 4; G. Burton, 5, A. H. Martin (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Kent Treble Bob.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Wednesday, April 19th, at St. Martin's church, 1260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans'). A. W. Barkus (conductor), 1; A. Pearce, 2; T. F. Stevens, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; C. W. Watts, 5; S. Macey, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; W. Dawe, 8.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 2nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). R. Gowers, 1; G. Smith, 2; R. Theobald, 3; C. Clarke, 4; A. Clarke, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. For morning service, 720 Oxford. A. Papworth, 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. Clarke, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. And 360 Plain Bob. R. Gowers, 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. Clarke, 4; R. Brett, 5; A. Clarke (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. R. Gowers, 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. Clarke, 4; R. Brett, 5; A. Clark (conductor), 6.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Sunday, January 1st, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. E. Jacobs, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; C. Apps, 3; J. Osman, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 12th, a 720 Bob Minor. H. Griffin, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; J. Osman, 3; E. Jacobs, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 16th, for evening service, a 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Plaskett, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; J. Osman, 3; W. Barber (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. W. Barber hails from Wickham.

TREETON (Yorks).—On Wednesday, April 12th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26½ mins. A. Wooffenden, 1; T. Walker, 2; W. Lambert, 3; T. Sadler, 4; W. T. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lbs. This is the first 720 on the bells by the local band, and was conducted by T. Sadler. On Sunday morning, April 16th, for Divine Service, an attempt for a 720 Oxford Treble Bob proved a failure after ringing to the second course-end. A plain course of the same method was afterwards brought round. W. Lambert, 1; W. T. Nicholson, 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Sadler, 4; A. Wooffenden, 5; W. Lambert, 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"

A CRITIQUE ON "FREE LANCE."

SIR,—After reading "Free Lance's" notes in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 1st, I could not help but smile, and say to myself, well, this points to our company, but I will wait a week to see if the cap fits anyone else, but as it does not, I will offer an explanation to his notes. "Free Lance" starts and styles us a perfect specimen of a company.—"thanks for the honour done us"—but seems to have forgotten the number of communicants, also the number which have been choir boys "if they are not choirmen now" and which number "Free Lance" could easily have got to know, but this he overlooked, hence his remarks. He then goes on about the scions belonging this "perfect band" not being new to the work when becoming members of this band, but forgets to explain why they left him and his merry men to join this perfect band. However, I will tell you. They left because "being ambitious, as he says, they were not content to ring Plain Bob and nothing else for ever but Plain Bob, but mind you, having left them and got settled, they go in" as "Free Lance" says, for other methods and learn them, but at the same time they do not forget their old friends, on the contrary, they get the practice exten-

ded for a month belonging this perfect band, to try and make their old friends perfect but with what results. Well, these youthful scions take the trouble to write them out a Plain course along with method before hand, so that they could be learning the methods. But he says, when their practice nights, 'as I call them, came round, about three turned up out of about a dozen, and these three not knowing their methods off. Well we make a start, "some ringing belonging this Perfect Band, others standing behind these three," and after trying a time or two, one of them asked what we were ringing, and after being told, said he did not know, still at the same time he had the method and a plain course in his pocket, so this is how we forget our learning days" as "Free Lance" makes out. He then says if a stranger from some other town calls to have a ring, he must think himself highly honoured if he be permitted to settle a bell. This we deny, as we ask all strangers if they will have a pull, except it be that we are practising for a peal, and have made arrangements for the practice before hand. He then states that since his last visit they have dwindled down just to the number of the bells. "This dwindle down is from eleven to ten," and that should another leave, there will be a smash. Even if one should leave, we shall be better off than "Free Lance" and his merry men, who out of a membership of about fourteen, raise on a Sunday about four and five, and sometimes six, whereas we should have eight left, beside four learners which we have in hand. Hoping that after these few remarks "Free Lance" will see his merry lot before throwing stones again.

A YOUTHFUL SCION.

[This is published as written.—Ed.]

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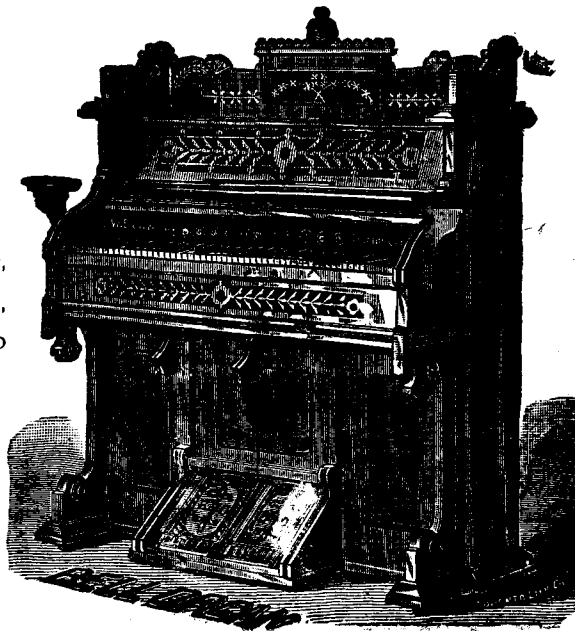
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DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The report of a peal rung at Carshalton, Surrey, sent for insertion in this number, has no date or time of performance mentioned, consequently it cannot be inserted. Perhaps our correspondent will forward an amended report in time for the next number.

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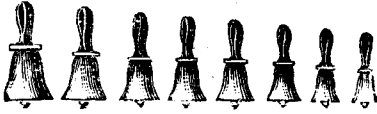
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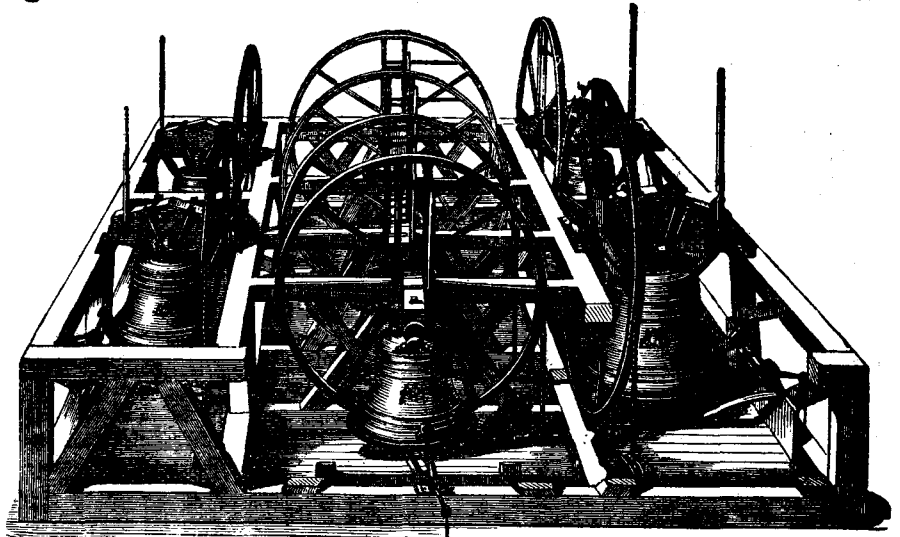
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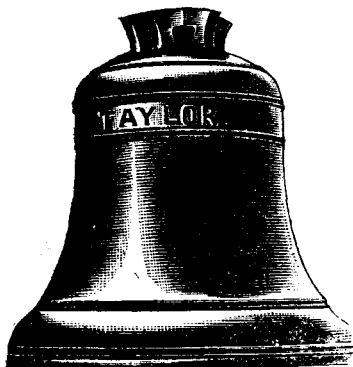
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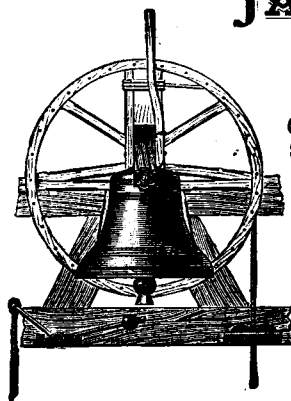
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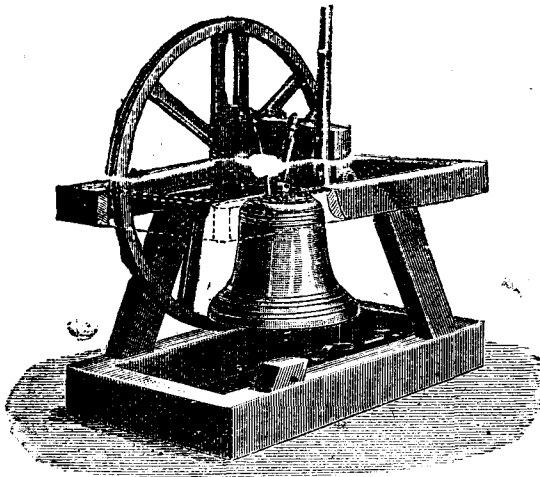
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REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING (Concluded).

The HON. SECRETARY said that he gave notice at the last meeting that he should move an addition to the definition of a peal on seven bells, with a view to discountenancing such peals being rung without a covering bell. He therefore fulfilled that promise by moving the addition of the following words to the Council's definition of a peal on seven bells:—"Nevertheless, a performance on seven bells (without the addition of a covering bell) is to be discountenanced and is unworthy of record." He did not think there was anything in the wording of the addition which at all traversed the previous definition of a peal on seven bells, and it would only put on record the feeling of the Council that peals on seven bells without the addition of a covering bell ought not to be performed, although as a matter of theory such a peal would be a valid peal.

The REV. F. E. ROBINSON seconded.

Mr. ATTREE said he would move an amendment to the proposition, to strike out the words after "discountenanced." He thought if a peal was rung, whatever the difference of opinion might be, it surely was worthy of record. It might be very strongly felt by a great many of them that peals of that sort ought to be discountenanced; he felt it himself, and he had no doubt the majority in that room did also, but at the same time he thought it was simply putting in a few extra words which would cause a good deal of strong feeling among those gentlemen who thought otherwise. Therefore, he should like to move that these last five words be struck out.

Mr. STORY seconded the amendment very heartily.

Mr. STRANGE said he should like to say that he entirely agreed with the spirit of the resolution as amended by Mr. Attree, but he thought the words were altogether out of place in relation to this definition. He should like to move an amendment, leaving out all reference to the definition of peals, and making it an abstract resolution on its own merits.

Mr. PRISTOW thought the idea of the tenor bell covering the peal was for musical effect, and that if they studied musical qualities and the listeners' tastes they would have the tenor covering. He would move that the words "without the addition of a covering bell" be struck out in the original definition.

The CHAIRMAN said he must refuse to accept another amendment until the one before them was disposed of. He quite agreed with Mr. Attree in his remarks, and although nobody disliked more than he did the idea of a peal on seven bells only, yet, considering that it was agreed by a majority of two to one at their Council meeting in London two years ago, they would, he thought, be acting unwisely if they adopted any amendment which in any way invalidated the decision to which that meeting came. Therefore he thought if they passed any resolution in reference to the definition it ought to be in the direction of Mr. Attree's amendment. He was open to a little doubt whether there was any wisdom in passing an amendment to the original definition at all. He thought it was generally allowed that a peal on seven bells was not attractive from a musical point of view. Such an amendment might cause irritation to those who had a strong feeling on the question, for they would remember there was some soreness of feeling exhibited on this subject at their meeting in London. He would put Mr. Attree's amendment, and if they did not agree either with the amendment or the motion they of course would vote against both.

The HON. SECRETARY said he would save a division, if Mr. Robinson consented, by adopting Mr. Attree's amendment. He was not particular about the last words, except that he thought they were rather an assistance to understanding what the object of the addition was, but if they were likely to cause any ill-feeling he would withdraw in favour of the amendment.

Mr. ROBINSON acquiesced.

The CHAIRMAN said that Mr. Attree's amendment now became a substantive motion. They would bear in mind it was not so much a question of the justice of the motion as of the desirability of adding anything at all to their definition of peals as previously settled.

Mr. STRANGE begged to move as an amendment, that the whole of the resolution up to and including the word "nevertheless" be omitted therefrom. The effect of his amendment would simply

be to take it away from the rules altogether, and let it stand on its own merits as an abstract resolution. He did not think, as he said when he spoke before, that a statement of fact, such as these definitions were, was a proper thing for that Council to add an expression of opinion to.

Mr. ATTREE asked if this was not a direct negative to the motion.

Dr. CARPENTER said the point was that if the second amendment was accepted it interfered entirely with the spirit in which the first amendment was proposed.

The CHAIRMAN said it seemed to him that there was great force in the argument of Mr. Strange, but that it would seem a better course to reject the motion altogether, if Mr. Strange thought it out of place in the position which was proposed to be assigned to it.

Mr. STRANGE said he would withdraw his amendment and accept the Chairman's view. At the same time he wished it to be distinctly understood that in voting against the resolution he was not voting against the spirit of it, but against the interpretation.

The CHAIRMAN said he would put it to the meeting as to whether it was desirable that the motion should be added to the definition of peals as laid down by the Council at the last meeting.

The motion down to the word "discountenanced" was then put and carried.

The CHAIRMAN said he did not know whether they thought it of such importance that they ought to have a record of the voters.

Mr. W. D. SMITH thought it was desirable that the names should be taken, in the same way that they were on a similar motion two years ago in London.

The CHAIRMAN said that in matters of this kind what was suggested, should, where important, by the rules of the Council be carried by a majority of two to one, and where there was the slightest doubt, or any dissentients, the rule was to take the names and publish them in order that the various Societies might know how their representatives had voted. If they considered this matter a sufficiently important one to make it desirable to take the names they should be taken. It was a question whether it was not almost an abstract matter, a simple expression of opinion, which everybody admitted the justice of (hear).

Mr. S. REEVES said it seemed to him that the addition of these words upset the resolution passed in London altogether. Was that the case?

The CHAIRMAN said certainly not. Having read the definition referred to, he said the motion was a rider to this, worded as follows:—That a peal on seven bells without the addition of a covering bell is to be discountenanced. He thought that if any member of the Council was desirous that the names should be taken, it ought to be done.

Mr. W. D. SMITH said he desired it, and he would make a proposition to that effect.

The vote was then taken, when there were for the motion—Messrs. Attree, Davies, Bulwer, Carpenter, Pitstow, Baker, Tyler, Wakley, Papillon, Catchpole, Smith, Newton, Story, Elsee, Walmsley, Richards, Walker, Robinson, Coleridge, Cockey, Willett, Cooper, Ward, Phillott, and Newson—25. *Against*—Messrs. Strange, Rees, Bastable, Reeves, Lucas, White, Cocks, and Griffin—8. *Neutral*—Messrs. Washbrook, Dains, Hattersley, H. A. Heywood, Williams, Hounslow, and Taylor, jun.—7.

The motion was therefore carried, by a majority of 3 to 1.

The CHAIRMAN said he believed Mr. Snowdon was to propose the next motion, but he did not know whether any member would do it for him in his absence. The motion was as follows: "That an addition be made to the definition of a peal on six bells, allowing of fourteen 360s, or any greater number of true Minor methods, no two being the same."

Mr. STORY proposed the motion.

Mr. WILLIAMS seconded.

The CHAIRMAN said that the motion meant that instead of ringing seven true 720s they might ring fourteen true 360s. Perhaps it would help matters forward if he explained what no doubt was at the bottom of this. As many of them knew, it had been the custom in the north to ring 5000s in a very large number of different Minor methods, and it was in order that

those companies, who learn a vast number of methods, might count as legitimate peals performances consisting of fourteen 360s instead of seven 720s, that this resolution was suggested. He was bound to add, if they admitted this, he did not see what limit they were to put to repetition. When they had rung one 720 they could not ring any more true changes; when they had rung seven 720s they had done the very best they could to get the very truest peal possible on six bells. If they rang it in fourteen 360s, they admitted possibly just double as many repeating changes as would have been rung if the peal had consisted of seven 720s. It seemed to him that in consenting to the motion, the Council would be lowering their standard for these particular ringers. He objected to sanction anything which was an unnecessary repetition of changes as against the standard which the Council were endeavouring to set up.

Mr. STORY said he hardly thought the motion was going to get justice. He believed it was much more difficult to ring 5000 in fourteen different methods than it was to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples or Treble Bob Major. He was convinced of this from his own experience, and if one band of men were able to ring so many as fourteen or more Minor methods, they were worthy of a great deal of credit, more so than those men who could ring only seven methods. For that reason he thought a peal consisting of fourteen 360s should be admitted, and should have more value given to it. He was very sorry that Mr. Snowdon was not there to speak on the motion, as he would have been a more able person to do so than he was.

Mr. STRANGE suggested that they should defer the question.

The CHAIRMAN said it would be rather unfair to exclude it in Mr. Snowdon's absence, and he feared he would be disappointed if it was not discussed.

Mr. PAPILLON thought it would be a pity to defer it, and he thought the Council had better finish the question of the definition of peals, as it had already taken three years.

Mr. STORY said he thought it would be only fair to the Yorkshire ringers, under the circumstances, to withdraw the motion.

The CHAIRMAN said that Mr. Papillon had suggested that it would be hardly right to let it be withdrawn. Perhaps it would be the more simple course to proceed with it, and if rejected, to let Mr. Snowdon propose it again if he thought well before the new Council. This would be quite in order. Those who were in favour of proceeding with the motion would kindly hold up their hands.

Eighteen were held up in favour of proceeding, and sixteen against.

The CHAIRMAN asked if any one had further remarks to make. He thought it was understood that the Council regretted Mr. Snowdon's absence. He considered there was force in Mr. Papillon's argument that they had better complete their work, and it would be possible for Mr. Snowdon to bring the matter forward again.

The motion was lost by a large majority.

Mr. ATTREE said the next motion on the agenda was, "That it is desirable when a band of ringers belonging to more than one Association meet to ring a peal, they shall decide beforehand to which Association such peal shall be credited, and that for the future no peal shall be published under the name of more than one Association." This matter, in the early days of bell-ringing, was not of such serious consequence as at the present time, and he thought if they looked at it from a common sense point of view, in no other science or sport of any kind would such a thing as at present allowed in bell-ringing Associations be tolerated for one moment. If they took any other society or club of any kind, the members must belong to that one society, and if they took a Cricket or Football Club, the members could only play for that one society at one time. They never heard of the Sussex and Surrey Cricket Clubs playing against the "Kids" and Yorkshire. It was very well for gentlemen to belong to as many Associations as they possibly could, but though he himself belonged to some eight or ten of them, he certainly could not say that because six or eight of them belonged to these six or eight different Associations, a peal ought to go down as six or eight performances. It was only one performance, one peal, and it ought to be credited to the one Association which organised the peal, and be settled before the peal was rung.

Mr. HATTERSLEY seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

Mr. ATTREE called attention to the prevalent system of electing Association members in the tower, and to the desirability of limiting elections to occasions on which a business meeting of the Association is held. This was a matter, he said, on which he had felt very strongly for some time past. When he first began ringing, he thought almost one of the first peals he started for opened his eyes to the farce, as he might put it, of the mode of elections to Associations. He thought it ought to be a matter above suspicion that all members who took part in an Association peal were legitimate members of that Association. They might not be resident members, so long as they were duly elected at a properly qualified meeting. At the present time, on the occasion of which occurred in Brighton, in a very large parish church, they were going to start for a peal, and two College Youths were present. It was the custom among them to get as many peals as they could, but at the same time he did not think it was quite the right way. There were two present, and there were six others who had never joined any Association at all, and just before the word "go" was called, it was suggested that they should make a College Youths peal of it. The six were elected by the two as College Youths (laughter), and all went well for about an hour and a half, when a sudden smash came (laughter), and from that time until now he had never been a College Youth. It was to have been a College Youths peal, but it did not "come off," and they were none of them elected College Youths, in fact they were shortly afterwards properly elected Royal Cumberlands. That sort of thing went on every day, and he was not exaggerating. He could tell them of a worse case in which when a third of a peal had been rung, when one or two who were College Youths or Cumberlands called out to the others, "Will you all be content to be made College Youths or Cumberlands?" They all said "Yes," and were proposed and seconded while the peal was going on, and that peal was actually published in the peal-books of the society. He thought such a thing as that, now that change-ringing had got to such perfection as it had, ought to be done away with entirely. Of course, they could not say that Associations should be bound to elect in a proper way; Associations might go on electing in any way they liked, but he thought there ought to be a strong recommendation from that Council that the thing should be fair and square, and that Societies or members wishing to take part in Association peals, should provide that they were duly elected beforehand, and should not wait until they got into the tower. He could not tell at all what the feeling of the Council might be, but he thought the present was one of the loosest ways of electing members, when six could be elected in the way he had described. They could never tell, when the names might be sent up, but that some one might object to them; he had known in his own Association members proposed and objected to, and there was no reason why this should not often occur. When he had been going out to ring peals, he had always taken the trouble, and it was not much, to get elected at a duly recognised meeting, and he thought if gentlemen would not take the trouble to be elected properly, they ought either to ring independent peals, or else forego the pleasure of ringing when they went out for their holidays.

The CHAIRMAN said that Mr. Attree had not made a definite motion, but he thought he should be expressing the feeling of the meeting if at that late hour he suggested that they should draw up carefully before their next meeting a resolution on this subject. It was one that might give rise to a considerable amount of discussion. He himself agreed thoroughly with the principle of the motion, and he certainly recognized that very great abuses existed. But he thought that the point as to whether they should give up altogether electing members in the tower was open to much debate (hear, hear), because their might be cases where seven or nine members were present of an Association and one who was not, and it seemed a little hard perhaps, if the one could not be elected in the tower. He thought the matter might be postponed, and in the meantime members might do their best to ascertain what the feelings of their Associations were on the question. It was too important a subject to be brought on so late (hear, hear).

Mr. ATTREE said he thought the manner in which he had brought the subject forward would be the better way of ventilating it, and at the next meeting, as the Chairman had suggested,

if he should be elected a member of the Council he would give notice of a definite resolution.

THE CHAIRMAN took it that this course would meet the wishes of the Council. There were two small matters of business that he wanted to say a word upon. The publication of the rules was left last year in the hands of the Standing Committee, who decided in order to embark on as little expense as possible, to ask the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" to reprint the rules, and also to strike off 250 slips from the same type. That had been done, the rules had again appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," and the Honorary Secretary was in possession of the 250 copies, and any member who wanted one could have it, but they did not want unnecessarily to give them away. Those who had copies would perhaps be good enough not to ask for more. Then there was another very important matter to which he would ask their close attention, and it was this: strictly speaking, that Council continued to exist until the meeting of the new Council, because the President remained in office until the new President took his seat, and the Honorary Secretary remained in office until the end of that meeting, after which the new Secretary took his seat. Therefore, presumably the whole of the Council remained in office until the new Council were installed by their meeting, notwithstanding that the election of the new members had already taken place, otherwise they would be in a difficulty in case an emergency meeting was required. That being so, they would see that the Committees also continued to exist during the existence of the Council which appointed them, but as the Council which appointed them ceased to exist at the moment of the meeting of the new Council, these Committees were thus unable, strictly speaking, to report to the new Council, because the body which appointed them, having ceased to exist, they also ceased to exist, although they existed up to the very doors of that Council. He would propose at the next meeting an addition to the rules, to the effect that all members of Committees whose work was not completed should be allowed to sit at the first meeting of the new Council, even though they were not still members of the Council, in order that the Council might not lose the benefit of their report. He only gave notice now; the wording would be carefully drawn out, and he should submit it for their consideration at the next meeting, they would see its necessity in order that they might not lose the year's work of their Committees. He called their attention to it in order that when he brought it forward they might have thought the matter carefully over, and might be able to grasp the exact bearing of it.

THE HON. SECRETARY said he had sent a copy of the definitions of peals to the Editors of "THE BELL NEWS" and *Church Bells*, with a request that in future they would record only such peals as agreed with these definitions. He did not have any personal reply from either paper, but the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" put in a notice in the succeeding number and printed the letter, and expressed his willingness to comply with the resolution of the Council. He had brought some copies of the rules with him, for those who had not got one.

THE REV. H. A. COCKEY asked if it was possible for the Secretary or Officers of the Council to make some application to the different Railway Companies throughout the country to obtain cheaper tickets for ringers. The Kent County Association had got very good terms with the South Eastern and the London, Chatham and Dover, and the Brighton Company also, he believed gave very good terms to the Sussex Association. They had attempted to get them with the Midland, but could only get terms for parties of eight. He would suggest that if it was laid before the Railway Companies by the Central Council they might be more likely to get what they wanted. On the South Eastern a ringer could get a ticket for a fare and a quarter by handing in a certain paper, and it would be a great advantage to those who went about for instruction or practice. The Essex Association got a single fare and a quarter for any number of persons, on the proviso that the station from which they travelled should be mentioned a few days beforehand. The Midland and the Great Western had refused to do more than allow the usual pleasure party tickets to eight people.

THE CHAIRMAN said this was a very important matter indeed, and he carried on with the Midland Company a correspondence extending over six months, and all the concession that had been obtained was that they would allow fare and a quarter tickets to any number not less than eight. The essential point was to

have the tickets issued to any number at any time on production of a certificate of membership.

MR. ATTREE said perhaps the Chairman did not keep on with the Midland long enough (laughter).

THE CHAIRMAN said he only took up the correspondence in its latest stage, when it had already extended over a long time.

THE REV. H. J. ELSEE said he had obtained a concession for a party of not less than eight, but they found out it was a business meeting and they recalled the concession, and it was only after some trouble that he got it re-established, but he could not get it for a party of less than eight.

THE CHAIRMAN said that it was on that question that their tickets were refused to their annual meeting on the ground that it was a business meeting, and he had had much ado to satisfy the Midland Railway Company that the quarterly meetings of their Association could not fairly be termed business meetings. He was perfectly willing, if Mr. Cockey desired it, to begin the war afresh on wider grounds, or perhaps they would like to appoint a committee, for they would obtain recognition only by dint of perseverance.

MR. COCKEY said if a representation came from the Central Council it would act with more weight.

THE CHAIRMAN suggested that Mr. Cockey should get some gentleman to act with him.

MR. GRIFFIN and MR. STORY signified their willingness to assist, and they with Mr. Cockey were appointed a committee to see what they could do in obtaining reduced rates from the Railway Companies.

MR. W. D. SMITH proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding (applause).

THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON seconded.

The proposition was carried by acclamation.

THE CHAIRMAN, in reply, said he thanked them very heartily for their kindness in according him a vote of thanks, and he wished to take that opportunity of expressing to them his gratitude for the kindly courtesy with which they had allowed him to preside over their meetings during the past three years, and for the kindness with which they had put up with his failings ("no, no"), and had suffered any opinions he might have put forward to have weight with them. He was a man of very strong opinions—but he assured them he had done his very best as far as he could, to keep his own opinions in the back ground.

The meeting then came to a conclusion.

Subsequently a large number of the members and their friends dined together at the Clarendon hotel, after which a considerable proportion adjourned to the various towers, which had been courteously thrown open by the authorities at the request of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, to whose excellent arrangements much of the success of the meeting was due.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above Association was held at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on Saturday, April 29th. The meeting was very fairly attended, and some Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung. A short business meeting then took place, at which Messrs. E. Dolton, J. D. Matthews (Barnet), and J. Charlish and S. Tothill (Hendon), were elected members. The next meeting was decided to be held at Finchley on or before the second Saturday in June. The meeting then terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; also to Mr. Prior the steeple-keeper.

AN APPEAL.—We are asked to bring before the Exercise the case of Mr. David Rhodes, of Guiseley, Yorks., who has been unable to work for the last ten months, owing, as our correspondent says, to having a bad arm, being unable to use it. He has undergone an operation in the infirmary, but no improvement is manifest, or likely to be. He has been a ringer at Guiseley church for more than twenty years, and a member of the Yorkshire Association since its commencement. It is intended by the Guiseley local company to open a relief fund on his behalf, and they hope all brother-ringers will help by kindly contributing. A list will be published in "THE BELL NEWS," of all moneys received. Subscriptions to be sent to Mr. J. Yeadon, near the church, Guiseley, Yorks.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 3rd, the members of this Association held their annual meeting at the picturesque little village of Norton. The weather was all that could be desired, being more like Midsummer than Easter, and the meeting was well attended. Members were present from Wingfield, Staveley, Dronfield, Killamarsh, Anston, Eckington, Sheffield, Bradfield, and Norton. The bells were raised at 9.30, and 720 of Tulip rang. J. Emsen, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; E. James, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Tarlton, 5; C. Severn, 6. And 720 Duke of York. W. Price, 1; T. Bettison, 2; E. James, 3; C. Severn, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Slater, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; A. Brearley (conductor), 5; J. P. Tarlton, 6. And 720 Superlative Surprise. F. Hancock, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; — Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. And 720 Violet. A. Slater, 1; J. Atkin, 2; E. James, 3; A. Brearley, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. And 720 Oxford. F. Hancock, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; D. Brearley, 3; G. Burnham, 4; — Turton, 5; H. Tarlton, 6. After the ringing an excellent dinner was partaken of at the Bagshawe Arms. After dinner the Rev. G. W. Hall took the chair, and was supported by the Rev. H. E. Ferry. The minutes having been confirmed, the Secretary read the statement of accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1892, which shewed that the Association after paying all accounts was able to place a small sum to the reserve fund. The membership being the same as last year, it may not be out of place to remind members who are in arrear that it is not too late to pay. Times may be bad, but come, it's only a penny a month. The number of peals rang during the year was seven. The Rev. H. E. Ferry was re-elected President.

The rev. gentleman thanked the members for electing him for the third time, and with a few well-chosen words reminded them what an important part of church work they had to perform; not only ringing for the congregation who attended the service in God's House, but to the thousands of careless and indifferent, who never thought of entering a place of worship. Still, on a Sunday morning, when wandering through the fields, they could hear the bells pealing forth their word of grace, which may find a tender part of some lost sinner, and be the means of once more bringing him back to the fold. But they should also remember that when inviting others to that great feast they should not walk away themselves, but be like the men of Blyth, about which they had all read, he hoped, in "THE BELL NEWS."

Mr. G. Marsden and Mr. C. Severn were elected vice-presidents.

Mr. H. Madin proposed, and Mr. J. Allen seconded, that Mr. H. Allen be re-elected Treasurer.

Mr. J. Harris proposed that Mr. T. Lunn be elected to that post of honour. Mr. J. P. Tarlton seconded, and on it being put to the vote Mr. Lunn was declared elected.

Mr. Harris proposed, and Mr. Marsden seconded, that Mr. E. James be re-elected Honorary Secretary, which was carried.

The Rev. H. E. Ferry moved, and Mr. G. Marsden seconded, that the printing of the reports be left in the hands of the Secretary.

The next meeting will be held at Anston, on the last Saturday in June. Five new members were elected, including Mr. T. Hattersley, of Sheffield, who was a member of the Association when it was first founded twenty-three years back. Mr. Smithson, of Sheffield, was also elected a member, and now that the Association has extended its radius so as to include Sheffield, it is to be hoped that more of our talented strings from the various towers of this city will follow in the wake.

The Rev. H. E. Ferry proposed, and Mr. Tarlton seconded a vote of thanks to the Rev. G. W. Hall for presiding.

The rev. gentleman in reply said what pleasure it gave him to preside over so important a gathering as the present one, and how pleased he should always be to welcome the Association to Norton, and hoped that they would still continue to prosper in the good work they had taken in hand, and before leaving the meeting he should feel it his duty to propose a vote of thanks to all the officers of the Association.

Mr. C. Severn proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. E. Ferry, which brought the business to an end.

The bells were soon ringing out their merry peals again to the tune of Primrose, a 720 being rung by E. Hancock, 1; T. Betti-

son, 2; D. Brearley, 3; G. Burnham, 4; C. Severn, 5; A. Brearley (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Cambridge Surprise Surprise. A. Brearley, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; — Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. And 720 of Kent. C. Severn, 1; — Fowler, 2; E. James, 3; — Turton, 4; — Smith (conductor), 5; J. P. Tarlton, 6. This concluded the day's ringing, when taking into consideration that nine 720s were brought round in eight different methods, the inhabitants of the village would not be sorry when they heard the bells falling down the hill to rest, and I myself had then been on the post for twelve hours, but not being content, I must return to the Bagshawe Arms to wish a few old friends adieu, when I found that there was more ringing being done there than had been accomplished at the tower, and touch after touch was rung until the big man called out that often heard method of "Time gentlemen, please," the same being welcome news. E. J.

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."

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—A glance at your last instalment of the above Report shewed me that a troublesome mistake had crept in in the putting into type of the suggestions of our Committee for the formation of the projected Catalogue of peals. Owing to pressure of work before Easter, I found it impossible to make a fair copy of more than about half of the paper embodying the suggestions. Those who were present may have noticed that in the course of reading it (in fact, in the middle of a sentence), I put down one MS. book and took up another, the latter being the foul copy. In handing the two MSS. to the reporter, all this was fully explained, and a conspicuous mark of reference was placed in the foul copy indicating the place where the letter was to be taken up on the falling short of the fair copy. My disappointment therefore may be imagined when I found that the foul copy had been employed throughout. I accordingly write to point out that though of course the whole is in the main identical with what was read, the verbatim report of the paper commences only at the ninth or tenth line in the second column. For the future I shall be wiser than to leave a possibility of any such mistake as the present.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—Having read the report of the last meeting at Dursley by the above Association, I am sorry to see that the suggestion to visit Chepstow is at present not possible. Being a member of the above Association, and therefore much interested in ringing matters, I should have indeed been glad to have welcomed here a band of ringers who may have come with the intention of ringing a peal. I may also add that our vicar would at any time do all in his power to make things pleasant during a stay here. I quite agree with the decision of the respected Master and Secretary, viz., that there is much ground in their own diocese yet to be covered by the efforts of the above Association before operating in another, but at the same time I fail to see how, or why, a visit to Chepstow should at any time open out to a position which may be correctly designated embarrassing; but my object in now writing is not to dictate to, or question the conclusion arrived at, but to be, if not the first, one of the earliest to move in the matter, respecting the great necessity for a ringing Guild in South Wales. I feel sure that such an object once started, will be highly successful, as indeed it deserves to be, tending as it would to extend and promote the science of campanology, and also to bind together in good fellowship, the numerous bands of ringers in our diocese. Now that the subject is opened, will some of my brother-ringers launch their opinions and views on the matter? there being many who are better qualified to deal with the matter than myself, though at any time my hearty co-operation is at command. J. MORLEY.

DOUBLE STEDMAN SLOW COURSE.

SIR,—In last week's "BELL NEWS" there is a 720 Double Stedman rang at Brandeston, Suffolk, supposed to be the first in the county. I venture to say this method was rang by the Wilby ringers on February 28th, 1792, with several other methods, by a band of six Chenerys. Earl Soham. W. G. CRICKMER.

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Notices.

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United Counties' Association.—The annual Eight-bell Cup competition will take place at St. Paul's church, Stalybridge, to-day, Saturday, May 6th, 1893, commencing at 1.30 prompt. Local Meeting House, W. Lyne, Bnll's Head Inn, Knowl Street, Stalybridge, where refreshments may be obtained. B. LEES, 30, Stock's Lane, Stalybridge. Local Sec.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—For the benefit of Job Joynes, tower keeper at St. Martin's, who has been suffering from paralysis for some months past, a Smoking Concert will be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on Saturday, May 13th. Chair to be taken at 7 p.m. All ringers in this neighbourhood are requested to take tickets, price 6d. each, which may be obtained from W. H. GODDEN, 61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham. Hon. Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd, 1893. Full particulars later on. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec. Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Will Local Secretaries kindly forward to me at once notices of peals rung by members of the Guild during 1891-2-3, for insertion in the peal book about to be printed. H. A. HEYWOOD, Duckington, Malpas, April 17, 1893.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Kingsley, to-day, Saturday, May 6th. REV. J. H. ALSTON, Hon. Secs. W. TWIGG,

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ church, Southport, to-day, Saturday, May 6th. Tower open at 3.0. Meeting in School-room at 6.30., at which the Ven. Archdeacon Clarke will preside. The new Certificates will be on view, and members desirous of obtaining them can do so after the meeting. Members travelling by the following trains will be able to get at the reduced fare of 1s. 6d. for the double journey. Central Station, Liverpool, 2.22; Gateacre, 2.38; and West Derby, 2.45. The same facilities will also be granted by the L. and Y. Railway, from Tithebarn Street, Liverpool, by the train which leaves at 2 o'clock, calling at intermediate stations. Members can return by any ordinary train same day. C. E. WILSON, Hon. 12, York Street, T. R. SOMERVILLE, Secs. Walton.

St. James's Society, London.—The above society will meet at St. Clement's, for practice, on Monday next, the 8th inst., at 8 o'clock p.m. E. A. YOUNG, Hon. Sec.

The Devonshire Guild.—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Tiverton, on Saturday, May 13th. Tea at the Drill Hall 4 p.m. Annual meeting, Drill Hall, 4.30. Service in parish church, 5.30 p.m. Permission has been obtained for members to ring at Tiverton, Bampton, Bukleigh, Thorverton, and Silvertown. Tickets at reduced fares will be issued to members with permission to break

the journey at the above mentioned places, on application to the various station masters. A grant of 1s. will be made for travelling expenses to any member attending the meeting.

The Vicarage, Ottery St. Mary. REV. M. KELLY.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Ramsbottom, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. A free tea will be provided to all who send in their names to J. Wolstenholme, 33, Crow Lane, not later than Tuesday, May 9th. Meeting after tea. J. B. TAYLOR, Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Milnrow, on Saturday, May 13th, 1893. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. 60, Starkey Street, Heywood. JNO. MILLETT, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting of the above will be held at Worsley parish church on Saturday, May 13th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m. A short service will be held in the church at 7.30 p.m. WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec. 54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—There will be a meeting of this branch at Ratcliffe-on-Trent, on Saturday, May 13th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock. 29, Heathcote Street. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The Annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Ormskirk, on Saturday, May 20th. Full particulars by circular. REV. W. T. BULPIT, Hon. Secs. W. BENTHAM,

Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association.—The annual meeting will, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Dun, take place at Higham Ferrers, on Whit-Monday, Divine Service at 1 p.m. followed by dinner and business meeting. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec. Wellingborough.

Essex Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. Divine Service at St. Mary's church, at 11.0 a.m. Business meeting at 12.0 p.m., in the Charity School. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. Tickets price 1s. each to members, who signify beforehand their intention to be present. The towers of St. Mary's, Chelmsford (ten bells), Galleywood (eight), Great Baddow (eight), Widford (eight), Writtle (eight), and Springfield (six) will be open for ringing during the day. Return tickets to Chelmsford at reduced fares will be issued by the G.E.R. The receipt for the current year's subscription must be shown at the booking office; and notice must be sent to me, or to the Assistant-Secretary (Rev. H. T. Eyre, Great Totham, Witham), on or before Wednesday, May 17th, from what Station members propose to start. T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec. Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Fressingfield, on Whit-Tuesday, May 23rd; nearest Railway Station, Harleston. Lunch at 1.30, hon. 2s., performing members, 1s. 3d. Leave to ring at neighbouring towers will be sought. Notice of members who will attend, and station of departure to reach the Hon. Sec. by Tuesday, May 16th.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec. Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

The Kent County Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, June 5th, in the Isle of Thanet. Particulars later on. FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Will those conductors, who have not yet done so, kindly send the figures of peals called by them during the years 1891 and 1892, or give references to published works in which they may be found? FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

The Central Council.—Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that a fresh election of Representatives should take place before the end of the current year. H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

NOTE TO PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE AT QURDGELEY.—This is the first peal in the method by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, also the first peal in the method by all the band except the conductor, and the first in the method on the bells. It was rung at the second attempt, the first coming to grief after 1700 changes had been rung. It is the conductor's 100th peal, F. Hart's 50th, and W. C. Jones 25th. Mr. Austin's peals are made up of the following methods:—London Surprise, 7; Cambridge Surprise, 9; Superlative Surprise, 13, conducted 1; Cumberland Surprise, 2; Double Norwich Major, 14, conducted 3; Duffield Major, 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Treble Bob, 2, conducted 1; Bob Major, 3, conducted 3; Bob Triples, 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples, 16; Grandsire Caters, 5, conducted 3; Grandsire Triples, 17, conducted 12. On handbells, 5; Seven Minor Methods, 1; Five Minor Methods, 1. Total 100.

A CORRECTION.—Mr. Stannard of Colchester, writes:—"In the account of the peal rang at Ardleigh in last week's issue, it should read 10,304 instead of 10,604, and the peal was composed by W. Estcourt and not S. Marsh as published."

FALSE COMPOSITION.—The quarter-peal by Mr. H. Parker, of Barking, Essex, published last week, is false.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1893.

NEXT Wednesday, as almost every one is aware, the building known as the Imperial Institute will be opened by Her Majesty. In the tower of the building is a grand peal of ten bells cast by TAYLOR AND CO., which will be opened by a band of ringers from various parts of the country; ringers of eminence it may be said, among whom will be the President of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. The official programme of the day's proceedings informs us that the ringers at a period arranged beforehand will ring out fifty changes, that number corresponding with the Jubilee of Her Majesty; and from the same source we learn that later on "the ringers will execute a grand peal." We hope by the latter phrase is meant what our readers would understand it to be, and that a truly grand peal may be achieved under the leadership of the gentleman above alluded to. Such an important national occasion as the one in question demands not only the highest skill, but the

presence of the most influential members of the Exercise, and in the Company selected to take part in this auspicious event, every one will have the most complete confidence.

Whether the bells of the Imperial Institute will be allowed to be frequently used after the opening day or not is purely a matter of conjecture. The probabilities are that they will only be heard on national occasions of ceremony or joyfulness; but in any case it will be necessary that some care-taker should be appointed for them. If this should be determined upon, the authorities will be deluged by applications for the office from all sorts and conditions of men. It is to be hoped that very great care will be exercised in the selection, and that each candidate's credentials may undergo a severe scrutiny.

KEMPSTON.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 23rd, six members of the Biddenham band visited the neighbouring parish of Kempston, and rang for evening service a 720 of Bob Minor. W. West, 1; A. Ingam, 2; W. Davison, 3; H. King, 4; C. West, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 on the bells. The old peal of five, of which the treble, third, and fourth were cracked, were practically unringable. Mr. Harter, of Kempston, instructed Messrs. Taylor, who recast the old treble, third, and fourth, and added a new treble, and rehung the old second and tenor. The present peal of six are well in tune, and are a very fine ring of bells. Every credit is due to Messrs. Taylor, as the "go" of the bells is simply excellent. The tenor bell has always been acknowledged as the best bell in the county; its weight is nearly 19 cwt. Great thanks are also due to Mr. Harter for his munificence.

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On Saturday, April 15, 1893, 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.

JOHN HOLDEN Treble.	JOHN A. LAWTON 5.
FRED RHODES 2.	JAMES RADCLIFFE 6.
JAMES H. SHAW 3.	SAMUEL WRIGLEY 7.
SAMUEL H. COOPER 4.	HARRY MANNS Tenor.

Composed by the late W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by JOHN HOLDEN.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

SIDNEY MASON Treble	ALBERT CHILCOTT 5.
JOHN PUGSLEY 2.	WILLIAM W. THORNE 6.
JAMES HUNT 3.	JAMES GRABHAM 7.
THOMAS ELLIOTT 4.	*WYNDHAM LOCKYER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN PUGSLEY.

*First peal. First peal as conductor, and the first peal conducted in St. Michael's tower by a native of Minehead.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

On Monday, April 24, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

5040 CHANGES IN FOUR DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being two 720s each of the following:

Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Oxford Single; and one of Grandsire.

JOHN WALTER Treble.	JAMES DILLON 4.
STANLEY STRONG 2.	WILLIAM WILCOX 5.
GEORGE R. ROGERS 3.	JOHN R. PRITCHARD Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILCOX.

This is the first 5040 on the bells, and first in four methods by all the band, also the first in four methods by the Guild. These are the first 720s of Canterbury by James Dillon. All the above are members of the Chester Guild, with the exception of J. R. Pritchard. Messrs. Strong and Rogers hail from Wallasey; Dillon from Bromborough; Pritchard from Liscard; the others belong to Bidston.

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On Tuesday, April 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM WALMSLEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. STEEL 5.
FRANK STONELY 2.	JOHN MINSHULL 6.
WALTER HENSHALL 3.	JOSEPH NORBURY 7.
WILFRED MATTHEWS .. 4.	WILLIAM GAYES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WALMSLEY.

First peal with a bob bell by W. Matthews, who is only 17 years old, and the 2nd 6th and tenor ringers, only 19 years each.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

FRANCIS LEES Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
HENRY H. LINDSEY 2.	*THOMAS HUDSON, SEN. .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON 7.
THOMAS HUDSON, JUN.† .. 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL WOODS, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal. †First peal of Major. Messrs. Hudson belong to Sunderland; T. T. Gofton to Whitley, the rest to Newcastle. This peal is in one part of fifteen courses, and contains the 6th her extent in 5-6, 5th her extent right, and the 4th nine times each way in 5-6. This is T. Hudson's sen. first attempt for a peal.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

College Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES PRESTON Treble.	JOHN E. WHEILDON 4.
WILLIAM WHEILDON 2.	GEORGE HOBBS 5.
ROBERT WM. TWIGG 3.	WILLIAM TWIGG Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM TWIGG.

This is C. Preston's first 5040, and also the first 5040 of Treble Bob by all the others; also the first 5040 of Treble Bob ever rung in North Stafford.

** We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

(ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 27, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES WILLIAMS Treble.	JOHN BROWN 5.
WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS .. 2.	JAMES BOOTH 6.
EDWIN BOOTH 3.	WILLIAM BOOTH 7.
ROBERT WILLIAMS 4.	THOMAS HAMMOND Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD and Conducted by WILLIAM BOOTH.

First peal in the method by all; also first peal in the method rung in Lancashire, and rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Earl of Derby.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

J. SMITH Treble.	E. W. CARTWRIGHT 6.
J. HARDY 2.	T. H. COLBURN 7.
A. W. MATTHEWS 3.	E. ROBINSON 8.
W. H. INGLESANT 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. 9.
W. WILLSON 5.	T. GRUNDY Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY and Conducted by
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

Mr. Robinson hails from Nottingham; Mr. Willson from Leicester.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Friday, April 28, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES* .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON† .. 2.	*WALTER T. BENNETT .. 6.
EDWARD B. JAMES* .. 3.	*WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 7.
FRANCIS E. HART* .. 4.	*REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*First peal in the method. †First peal of Major. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1893, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5104 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST EDRIDGE .. Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT 6.
WILLIAM J. REEVE .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
EDWARD F. COLE .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	GEORGE PAICE 5.
KEITH HART 2.	JAMES SEARLE 6.
JOHN JAY, SEN. 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS of Chesterfield, and Conducted by
GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This composition has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th place, the 2nd never being in 6th place at a course-end.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BASINGSTOKE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 29, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HENRY WHITE Treble.	THOMAS CURTIS 5.
CHARLES HOLDAWAY* .. 2.	JOHN BALLARD 6.
FREDERICK WILSON 3.	GEORGE GASSON 7.
CHARLES HANSFORD .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal with a bob bell.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 29, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 26 cwt.

EDWARD I. STONE .. Treble.	GEORGE ROBINSON 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. 2.	HARRY WAKLEY 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 7.
LEONARD BULLOCK .. 4.	THOMAS HOLMES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the ninth anniversary of the death of Mr. M. T. Bass, founder of St. Paul's church and parish.

CARSHALTON, SURREY—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

W. POLE-ROUTH .. Treble.	JOHN HARDING 5.
EDGAR BENNETT 2.	CHARLES BANCE 6.
ROBERT SEWELL 3.	GEORGE WELLING 7.
FRANK HOLDER 4.	JAMES TRAPPITT Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE
ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, April 29, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt.

SAMUEL PALMER* .. Treble.	SAMUEL PRICE 5.
WALTER WORTHINGTON .. 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6.
SAMUEL SMEDLEY* .. 3.	JOHN HARRIS 7.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 4.	HENRY MOTTERSHALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal in the method. This peal was rung to commemorate the birthday of W. Worthington.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, EXMOUTH, DEVON.—THE
DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM DRAKE .. Treble.	FRANK DAVEY 5.
FERRIS SHEPHERD 2.	THOMAS MUDGE 6.
CHARLES CARTER 3.	JAMES MOSS 7.
EDWIN SHEPHERD .. 4.	EDMUND SARGENT Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

First peal on the bells. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ferris Shepherd, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, April 29, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in B.

FREDERICK LOWE Treble.	THOMAS BREWIS 4.
JONATHAN W. NICHOLSON* 2.	WILLIAM BREWIS 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. J. HARRISON.

*First 5040. This is the first 5000 rung in Jarrow. Messrs. Brewis and Lowe belong to Tanfield; Nicholson to Whickham; Holmes to Newcastle, and Harrison to Jarrow.

Date Touches.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

GAWSWORTH (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, April 26th, a date touch of Minor, being two 720s of Grandsire Minor, and 453 Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. Matthews, 1; J. Minshall, 2; F. Stonely, 3; C. Postles, 4; J. Hammond, 5; W. Henshall (conductor), 6. Messrs. Matthews, Minshall, and Stonely belong to Macclesfield. Longest touch on the bells since their restoration a few years ago.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 29th, at St. Margaret's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. H. J. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; S. Wolfe, 3; C. Sampson, 4; C. Lincoln, 5; G. Wilson, 6; J. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield. All the above are members of the local company, who started for a peal in the method, which was brought to an abrupt termination owing to the 4th rope breaking, and as time could not permit of a fresh attempt, the above was rung instead.

WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).—On Saturday evening, April 22nd, for practice at the Abbey church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. H. James, 1; G. Green, 2; G. Peace, 3; G. Maxim, 4; F. Jelf (conductor), 5; G. Thurgood, 6; D. Tarling, 7; T. Mitchell, 8. Longest touch of Grandsire by G. Green. Tenor 19½ cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, April 27th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. W. S. Pritchett, 1; G. Hands, 2; A. Barnes, 3; T. Pritchett, 4; W. Cooks, 5; J. Barber, 6; J. S. Pritchett (conductor), 7; G. Cooper, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, April 15th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. E. Hammond (conductor), 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; E. Carter, 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, on Sunday, April 16th, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; A. Hucksion, 6. And on Sunday, April 23rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 384 Kent Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. And for the evening service, 720 New London Pleasure (twenty-one bobs). T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F. E. Carter hails from London.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Thursday, April 27th, at the church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, for practice, 1008 Bob Major (taken from N. J. Pitstow's three-part peal). R. Potter, 1; W. Dyer, 2; T. Nicholls, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; T. Sadler, 5; D. Elliott, sen., 6; E. Beckwith, 7; W. Elliott, jun., 8. Also 560 in same method. R. Potter,

1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; W. Elliott, jun., 5; W. Elliott, sen., 6; E. Beckwith, 7; T. Sadler, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, April 30th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, being the last quarter of Holt's Original, in 46 mins. S. James, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; B. Keeble, 3; W. Watson, 4; E. Pye, 5; W. Nash, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; G. R. Pye, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, April 16th, for evening service at St. Lawrence's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Harrison, 1; F. Ricketts, 2; A. Ricketts, 3; W. R. Hexter (conductor), 4; W. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. Bailey (longest length in the method), 7; J. R. Ward, 8. On Sunday, April 23rd, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Harrison, 1; F. Ricketts, 2; A. Ricketts, 3; W. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon (conductor), 6; J. Bailey, 7; J. R. Ward, 8. On Saturday, April 22nd, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1008 changes "stand" was called owing to a change course. J. Harrison, 1; W. Hexter (conductor), 2; A. Ricketts, 3; A. Ricketts, 4; J. E. Hexter, 4; J. Poxon, 6; J. R. Ward, 7; J. Bailey, 8.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOOLHOPE (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, April 23rd, at the parish church, two 720s of Minor, the first being 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. F. Somers, 1; C. Layton, 2; F. Young, 3; F. Voyce, 4; C. Greening, 5; C. Edwards (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. F. Somers, 1; C. Greening, 2; C. Edwards, 3; F. Voyce, 4; C. Layton, 5; H. Young (conductor), 6. This is the first Minor ever attempted on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Monday evening, April 24th, for practice at the parish church, 252 Plain Bob Triples. *W. Willis, 1; E. Bridges, 2; *C. H. Drake, 3; *J. P. D. Barnes, 4; E. Holladay, 5; H. Burling (conductor), 6; F. Hunt, 7; S. Croucher, 8. *First touch of Bob Triples.

DOVER (Kent).—On Sunday evening, April 30th, for Divine Service at St. James' church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; J. Whitnall, 3; E. Potter, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the fiftieth birthday of E. Potter, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Thursday, April 20th, for practice at the Cathedral, 630 Grandsire Triples, on the back eight. A. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; *C. J. North, 3; J. Batts, 4; *W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. *Longest touch.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Monday, April 3rd, at the abbey church, five 120s of Grandsire Doubles. A. Newman, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; C. Tribe, 3; T. King, 4; T. Cole (conductor), 5; C. Cole, 6; J. Walker, 7; G. Saint, 8. The above was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. F. Russen, one of the local ringers, his brother-ringers wishing him long life and happiness. T. King hails from Southampton.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Recently for practice at Holy Rood church, three 120s of Grandsire Doubles. E. Ellis, 1; C. Cook, 2; J. Martin, 3; T. King, 4; C. Tribe (conductor), 5; J. Bridal, 6; C. Bridal, 7; C. Bailey, 8. On Sunday, April 9th, for Divine Service, two 120s of Grandsire Doubles. C. Cook, 1; C. Tribe, 2; H. Martin, 3; T. King, 4; S. Russell (conductor), 5; C. Bridal, 6; J. Bridal, 7; —, George, 8. Also at St. Michael's church, 120 of the same method by the same band.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT MALVERN (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, April 26th, for practice at the Priory church, 1134 of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Ten-Part. W. Burston, 1; A. Layton, 2; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 3; G. Peacey, 4; C. Layton, 5; H. T. Knowles, 6; D. Greening, 7; T. Gunnell, 8.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, February 4th, at Christ Church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Foden, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; E. Horne, 3; —, 4; W. Rigby, 5; J. Johnson, 6. On Saturday, February 11th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Whitmore, 1; the others as before. Both conducted by J. Johnson. On Saturday, February 25th, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Foden, 1; E. Horne, 2; G. A. Smith, 3; W. Harratt, 4; W. Rigby (conductor), 5; J. Johnson, 6. On Monday,

March 6th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Whitmore, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; E. Horne (conductor), 3; W. Harratt, 4; W. Rigby, 5; J. Johnson, 6. On Monday, March 13th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Foden, 1; W. Rigby, 2; G. A. Smith, 3; W. Harratt, 4; E. Horne, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. On Monday, March 27th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Whitmore, 1; E. Horne, 2; G. A. Smith, 3; W. Harrett, 4; W. Rigby, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. On Easter Sunday, for Holy Eucharist at 6.30 a.m., 360 Oxford Bob. For the Choral Celebration at 10.45 a.m., 360 each of Grandsire Minor and Canterbury Pleasure. For the children's service at 3.0 p.m., 360 Bob Minor. For service in the evening, 360 each of Grandsire Minor and Oxford Bob. After service 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Foden, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; W. Rigby, 3; W. Harratt, 4; E. Horne, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. On Thursday, April 6th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. A. J. Bickley and Miss L. H. Hall, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Whitmore, 1; G. A. Smith (conductor), 2; E. Horne, 3; W. Harratt, 4; W. Rigby, 5; J. Johnson, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, April 3rd, ten members of the above Association attempted a peal of Stedman Caters at the Cathedral, but lost it through a change-course after 1 hr. and 50 mins. good ringing. F. Lees, 1; K. S. Story, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; T. Denton, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6; W. Story, 7; F. J. Harrison, 8; W. Holmes, 9; G. Dixon, 10. Tenor 37½ cwt. And on Thursday, April 6th, a peal of Stedman Triples was essayed at All Saints', but came to grief at 3234 changes. W. Holmes (conductor), 1; F. Lees, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; T. Denton, 4; S. Power, 5; J. Simm, 6; E. Wallis, 7; R. Simm, jun., 8. Tenor 19 cwt. On Sunday, April 16th, at St. John's, 504 Stedman Triples, for morning service. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; H. Ferguson (Scarboro), 2; W. Holmes, 3; H. H. Lindsey, 4; F. Lees, 5; E. J. Lincoln, 6; R. Welsh, 7; H. Pearson, 8.

WHICKHAM (Durham).—An attempt was made on Saturday, April 22nd, for 5040 changes in seven different methods on six bells, but the breaking of the treble rope brought it to an untimely end in the middle of the sixth 720. W. S. Custance, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; W. Holmes, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson, 6. On Saturday, April 8th, the above rang a touch of 1680 changes, in seven different methods of Minor, as practice for the 5040, being 240 of each method. Tenor 8 cwt.

CATTERICK (Yorks).—On Monday, April 3rd, the St. Hilda's (Middlesbrough) branch of the above Association, paid a visit to this place where they rang several touches, including a 720 Plain Bob Minor, 504 Grandsire Triples, 1260 Grandsire Triples, and 336 Bob Major; the following ringers taking part:—Messrs. Bradley, Borrowes, Blakiston, Passman, Jones, McFarlane, Nicholson, Walker, and R. Mack of the local band. On Sunday, April 9th, at St. Hilda's church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. M. Bradley, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; J. H. Blakiston, 3; R. Alcock, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. W. Passman (conductor), 6. And on Monday, April 10th, 1512 Grandsire Triples. M. Bradley, 1; J. W. Passman, 2; W. Bell, 3; J. H. Jones, 4; A. Mellanby, 5; A. McFarlane, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; S. Walker, 8. On Sunday, April 16th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. M. Bradley, 1; J. Nicholson, 2; R. Borrowes, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; J. Passman, 5; A. McFarlane, 6; J. H. Jones, 7; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 8. Also 1024 in the same method. A. Mellanby, 3; J. H. Jones, 4; R. Alcock, 5; R. Borrowes, 6; J. W. Passman, 7; and the rest as before. On Sunday, April 23rd, 1008 Grandsire Triples. M. Bradley, 1; J. W. Passman, 2; J. Nicholson, 3; J. H. Jones, 4; R. Borrowes, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; S. Walker, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Wednesday, April 26th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring a 630 of Grandsire Triples but a change-course occurred within three leads of home. J. C. Truss, sen., 1; J. Truss, jun., 2; L. Hart, 3; J. Taplin, 4; E. Gadsden, 5; W. E. Yates, 6; A. W. Tubb (composer and conductor), 7; R. Coles, 8. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th hail from Great Marlow.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday evening, April 30th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, 252 Stedman Triples. J. W. Ash, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; R. Dawson, 4; G. Chester (conductor), 5; J. W. Watson, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; C. W. W. Beckham, 8. First touch of Stedman Triples by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 5th bells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIDDENHAM (Beds.).—On Sunday, April 2nd, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Ingram, 1; C. West, 2; W.

Davidson, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; H. King, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, April 16th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. West, 1; P. Howard, 2; A. Ingram, 3; F. Frossell, 4; H. King, 5; C. West (conductor), 6. And on Monday, April 24th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). T. Harpin (first 720), 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Davidson, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; H. King, 5; I. Hills, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Frossell (first 720), 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; F. Frossell, 4; I. Hills, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6.

TURVEY (Beds.).—On Saturday, April 8th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 120 called different. W. Gardner, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Sharp, 3; C. Vale, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Sargent, 6. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

SHARNBROOK (Beds.).—On Saturday, April 29th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Desbrough (first 720), 1; G. Burton, 2; T. Hills, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; E. Coleman, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Dickens, 1; G. Burton, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; I. Hills, 4; E. Coleman, 5; H. Sharp, 6. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Allen, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; E. Coleman, 3; I. Hills, 4; G. Burton, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, April 6th, at St. Paul's church, 503 Grandsire Triples. C. Chasty, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Cullip, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; C. West, 5; H. Sharp, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, April 9th, 504 Grandsire Triples (N. J. Pitstow's). C. Chasty, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; H. Cullip, 3; S. Constant, 4; F. Keech, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 168 Stedman Triples. And on Wednesday, April 19th, 517 Grandsire Triples. H. Tysoe, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Cullip, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; S. Constant, 5; F. Keech, 6; W. Hall, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also on Handbells, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 17 mins. W. Hall, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6. Referee—T. Foote. And 216 Stedman Triples. C. Herbert, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; S. Constant, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; I. Hills, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Thursday, April 13th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), W. Wilde, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; S. Constant, 3; I. Hills, 4; W. Hall, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Chasty, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Wilde, 3; I. Hills, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Keech, 6. On Thursday, April 20th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). H. Cullip, 1; F. Keech, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant, 6. Also on Thursday, April 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). I. Hills, 1; W. Hall, 2; T. Foote, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; S. Constant, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. I. Hills, 1; W. Hall, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. Constant, 5; T. Spencer, 6.

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EAST DEREHAM (Norfolk).—On Monday, May 1st, for practice at St. Nicholas' church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 35 mins., on the back six. F. G. Burleigh, 1; J. W. Marjoram, 2; W. Fitt, 3; J. Wells, 4; W. Leggett (conductor), 5; T. F. Burleigh, 6. Tenor 24 cwt.

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BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—Recently at the parish church, by the local band and a few friends on various practice nights, the following ringing was done. A 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 26 mins. A. Rheam, D. J. Aston, H. Mitchell, C. Roles, A. A. Waite (conductor), G. Miles. And a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 26 mins. A. Rheam, D. J. Aston, A. A. Waite, C. Roles, H. Mitchell (conductor), G. Miles. On Sunday morning for Divine service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. A. Rheam, H. Gardener, D. J. Aston, G. Miles, H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor). Also on practice night 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26½ mins. A. Rheam, H. Gardener, A. A. Waite, D. J. Aston, H. Mitchell (conductor), G. Miles. On Sunday morning, March 12th, for Divine Service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 26 mins. A. A. Waite (conductor), H. Gardener, D. G. Aston, G. Miles, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett. On Tuesday, March 14th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26½ mins. A. A. Waite, H. Gardener, G. Miles, H. Karn (first in the method), H. Mitchell (conductor), R. A. Barrett. On Tuesday, March 21st, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26½ mins. A. Howley (first 720 in the method), F. Gillett, H. Mitchell (conductor), D. J. Aston, A. A. Waite, R. A. Barrett. On Sunday morning, April 9th, after eight o'clock Communion Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and six bobs) in 26 mins. A. Howley, A. A. Waite, D. J. Aston, G. Miles, H. Mitchell (conductor), H. Gardener. On Tuesday, April 25th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 27 mins. A. A. Waite (conductor), H. Gardener, G. Miles

H. Karn, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett. Likewise several 6-scores of Stedman, St. Dunstons, Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rang at the various practices.

BOUGHTON (Kent).—On Sunday, April 23rd, after afternoon service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Taylor, 1; H. Burling, 2; H. Foreman, 3; E. Bridges, 4; E. E. Foreman, 5; W. Lucas, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; H. Fox, 8. 6-8 covering. It is the first 720 in the method by Messrs. Taylor, Burling and Bridges.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Monday, April 17th, at the parish church, for practice, 480 Superlative Surprise Major. F. Dench, 1; R. Jordan, 2; J. Rice, 3; W. Ward, 4; G. Paice, 5; A. D. Mills, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; F. W. Rice, 8. On Sunday, April 23rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 Stedman Triples. F. W. Rice, 1; J. Newnham, 2; J. Rice, 3; A. D. Mills, 4; G. Paice, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; P. Tyler, 8. For evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham, 2; J. Rice, 3; J. Parker (conductor), 4; R. Jordan, 5; A. D. Mills, 6; G. Paice, 7; P. Tyler, 8.

DUMBLETON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, April 9th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. E. Sharp, 1; F. Lewis, 2; H. Middleton, 3; W. G. Arkell, 4; A. H. Sharp, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6.

EASTHAM.—Recently at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Rowland, 1; J. Woods, 2; J. Smith (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; J. Shone, 4; I. Hughes (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor, standing as above, with the exception of J. Smith, 1; W. Smith (conductor), 3. For practice on Wednesday, April 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 28 mins. And 360 Plain Bob, with J. Smith (conductor). Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

EAST MOULSEY (Surrey).—On Wednesday, April 26th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Chandler, 1; E. H. Adams (conductor), 2; W. Meaton, 3; J. Strutt, 4; W. Smith, 5; G. Woodiss, 6; R. E. Pearson, 7; J. Apps, 8. It was intended to start for a peal, but owing to a case of illness the above was all that could be rung.

EVESHAM (Worcestershire).—Recently, at St. Peter's church, Bengeworth, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. G. Williams (first 720), 1; W. G. Arkell, 2; A. H. Sharp, 3; W. Fox, 4; H. Middleton, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 23rd, 360 Oxford Bob Minor. E. Slatter (first in the method), 1; F. Lewis, 2; A. H. Sharp, 3; W. Fox, 4; H. Middleton, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6. Also a course of College Single, standing as above. First attempt at College Single by all the band.

EMBLETON (Northumberland).—On Thursday, April 20th, at the parish church, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. T. W. Maclaren, 1; C.

Pattison, 2; R. W. Maclaren, 3; C. Langley (conductor), 4; J. Smailes, 5; Rev. C. Buston, 6. First by all except the tenor-man. The above are all members of the local band, and only commenced ringing since October 28th, 1892, when the bells were erected. Embleton enjoys the distinction of being the most northern place in England with a peal of bells.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—On Tuesday, April 11th, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Seamark, 1; *G. Randall, 2; J. B. Martin, 3; G. Warner, 4; A. H. Martin, 5; W. Parker, 6; W. Pettet (conductor), 7; G. Brown, 8. And 503 Grandsire Triples. J. Seamark, 1; A. H. Martin, 2; W. Pettet, 3; G. Burton, 4; C. West, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6; J. B. Martin, 7; G. Brown, 8. On Saturday, April 15th, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Sharp, 1; S. Cullip, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; C. W. Clark (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; P. Howard, 7; W. Hall, 8. On Saturday, April 22nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Pettet, 1; A. H. Martin, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; W. Gibbers, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7; J. Seamark, 8. *First touch in the method.

LONDON.—On Thursday, April 20th, at the church of All Saints, Fulham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. W. Meaton, 1; A. H. Tabor, 2; W. J. Elson, 3; W. R. Smith, 4; J. W. Driver, 5; J. Nicholls, 6; E. H. Adams (conductor), 7; S. How, 8. Rang with the bells muffled on the occasion of the funeral of H. Brazier, an old and respected ringer of this parish.

MATHERN NEAR CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Monday evening, April 24th, six members of the Chepstow society paid a friendly visit to the parish church, and rung several 6-scores of Bob Doubles. It was a difficulty to some of the members at first owing to the bells going the contrary way to what they were accustomed to. E. Williams, 1; S. Hopton, 2; W. Andrews, 3; G. Williams, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; R. Morley, 6. Tenor about 12 cwt. in G.

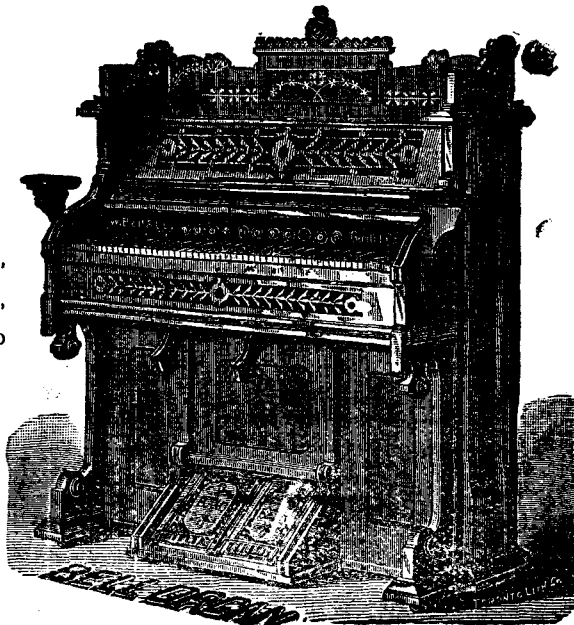
OSWESTRY (Salop).—On Tuesday, April 18th, at the parish church, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. R. Evans, 1; G. Whitfield, 2; T. Jones, 3; W. H. Jones, 4; D. Davies, 5; G. Woodhall (conductor), 6; M. J. Morris, 7; J. R. Willings, 8. On Thursday, April 20th, on handbells, a Plain Course of Grandsire Caters. R. Evans, 1-2; T. Jones, 3-4; M. J. Morris, 5-6; G. Woodhall, 7-8; G. Whitfield, 9-10. Also with G. Whitfield, 1-2; T. Rogers, 9-10. And on Thursday, April 27th, for evening service, the first-part of Holt's Ten-Part peal. R. Evans, 1; G. Whitfield, 2; T. Jones, 3; D. Davies, 4; G. Woodhall (conductor), 5; W. H. Jones, 6; M. J. Morris, 7; T. Rogers, 8. Also after service by the same except J. R. Willings, 8; instead of Rogers, in 700 and 168 Grandsire Triples.

SHREWSBURY.—On Friday, April 28th, for practice at St. Alkmund's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 30 mins. W. Owen, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. Espley, 3; G. Byolin (conductor), 4; F. Taylor, 5; G. Burrows, 6. First 720 by all except the conductor.

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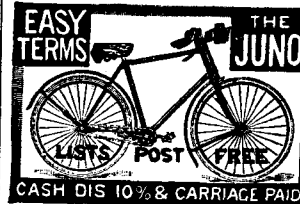
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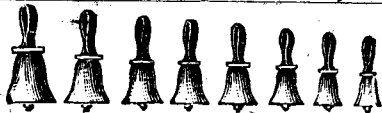
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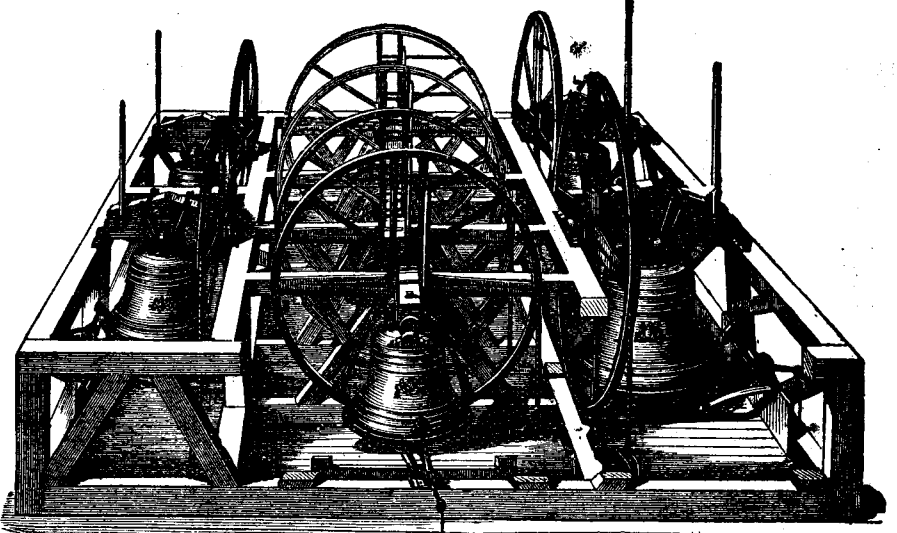
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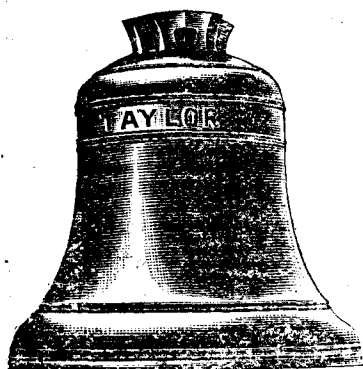
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