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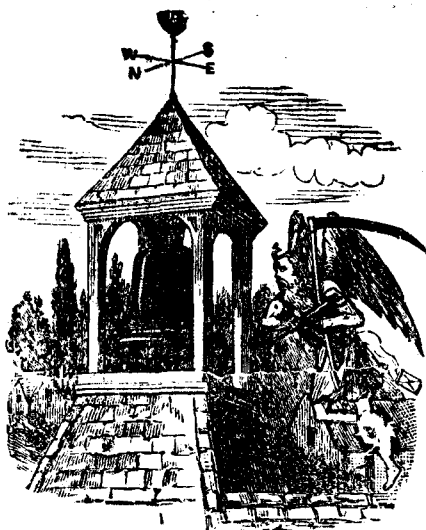
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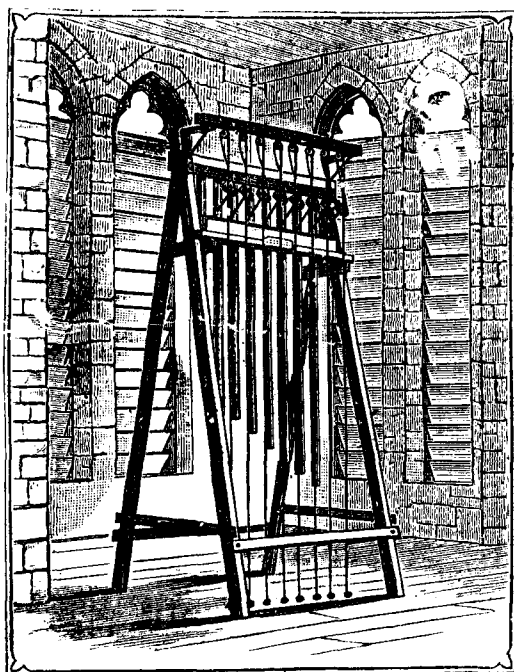
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

## PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The next meeting of the Central Council will be held at Sheffield, on Tuesday in Easter week, April 16th, 1895.

Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the subscriptions for 1895 are now due, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary without delay, together with notice of any change of representation, and names and addresses of new Representatives.

Notice of any motion, or other business to be brought before the Council, signed by two members of Council, should reach the Hon. Secretary at least one clear month before the meeting. Late notices cannot be accepted.

The Hon. Secretary will be happy to forward a copy of the Council Rules to any representative applying for one.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn,

H. EARLE BULWER,

Jan. 2, 1895.

Hon. Sec. C.C.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Chepstow on Wednesday, December 26th, in spring-like weather. Members from South Wales arrived at 10.30 a.m., and were met at the station by Mr. J. Morley and his band; also Mr. T. H. Jones, of Monmouth. After exchanging seasonable compliments, a move was made for the tower, when several touches of Triples were brought round by mixed bands. At 11.30 a.m. the Penarth branch went to Mathern by brake, and rang on the handy peal of six there, a 720 of Kent; also an attempt for a 720 of Oxford which unfortunately was lost two courses from home. And a touch of Bob Minor and a 6-score of Bob Doubles. The ringers then returned to Chepstow at 2.15 p.m. for the meeting.

The meeting took place at 3 p.m. at the Church schools, and was well attended, about forty ringers being present from Monmouth, Caerleon, Newport, Penarth, Morriston, Bridgend, Llandaff, and Chepstow. The Rev. E. J. Hensley, vicar of Chepstow (an honorary member of the Association), presided.

The rev. chairman, after welcoming the Association to Chepstow in a few well-chosen words, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed.

The Hon. Secretary (Rev. Canon Downing), then gave his report, and after apologising for the absence of the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. De Winton, said that he was proud to say that the Association was in a flourishing condition, and that it had a balance at the bank on the right side; also that the balance-sheets would be ready for the members at the next annual meeting to be held at Monmouth at the end of August next. He also wished to congratulate the ringers on the improvement made in their ringing since the Association had been formed; also the Llandaff branch for the three peals of Grandsire Triples rang this year. The rev. gentleman's remarks were received with loud applause.

Eleven new members, nine performing and two probationers, were then proposed, seconded, and carried, bringing the number of members up to eighty-four.

The Hon. Secretary then proposed a vote of thanks to the rev. chairman for presiding, which was carried with acclamation.

The rev. chairman briefly responded, and after receiving subscriptions from the members present for 1895, the meeting terminated.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower, when the bells were kept going till 7 p.m. in different methods, including a course of Bob Major.

The ringers wish to thank the vicars of Chepstow and Mathern for the use of the bells during the day.

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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—READING BRANCH.

The Annual Dinner and Concert took place on Saturday, December 15th, when forty-four members sat down to an excellent repast, provided by host Winslett, of The Broad Face hotel. Amongst those present were the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild), the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (Hon. Secretary), J. M. Routh, Esq. (Chairman), Revs. G. F. Coleridge and B. Long, and representatives from all the towers in connection with the branch.

Dinner being over, the chairman in happy terms gave "The Queen." The Master of the Guild then gave the toast of the evening, viz., "The Oxford Diocesan Guild."

The rev. gentleman gave a capital retrospect of the work done by the Guild during the last twelve months.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis who replied, said although not a ringer himself, he had the work of the Guild at heart. He was very glad to say that the Guild still showed steady progress.

The election of officers for the ensuing twelve months was then took place. All the officials were re-elected; J. M. Routh, Esq. (Chairman); A. W. Pike (Secretary and Treasurer); the Rev. R. B. Long being added to the General Committee.

Business being over, harmony commenced, songs being rendered by Messrs. Newell, Pike, Sweetzer, Reaves, Routh, Essex, Goodger, A. E. Reeves, and T. Newman; a trio by Messrs. Reeves, Paice, and Newell; and an exceedingly humorous recitation by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

The "Health of the Chairman" and "The Queen" brought a pleasant evening to a close.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8th, at St. Saviour's, Bath, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. J. Smith-Flower, 1; T. H. Gray, 2; W. Lanham, 3; H. Wotton, 4; W. Wells, 5; J. Fussell, 6; F. Skuse (conductor), 7; J. Melhuish, 8. The above was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. C. W. Bell, he being a member of the St. Saviour's company. During the afternoon Mrs. J. Fussell, the wife of the steeple-keeper, tried her hand at bell ringing, and got on remarkably well, considering the practice she has had. After the ringing the band was very cordially invited to partake of refreshments at the residence of the newly-married pair, where a very pleasant evening was spent in handbell ringing and songs, which were rendered by the ringers and friends present, and which brought a very present evening to a close.

## SWAVESY AND OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The Hemingford Grey (Hunts) ringers visited the above places on Wednesday, December 26th, and were very cordially welcomed at both places. They found a splendid ring of six at Swavesy, but in very bad order, nevertheless, after two or three tries they "lugged" them through a very fair 720 of Bob Minor and 192 of Grandsire Minor. These bells have not been pulled through a 720 for many years, owing to the bad "go." They were joined in the church by Mr. York Green, of the College Youths, who was visiting in the village, and he accompanied them to Over, about a mile away, where they were also heartily welcomed. A start was soon made, and the bells being in first-rate order, a very good 720 of Bob Minor was rung. They then adjourned to the nearest inn for tea, to which every one did ample justice, and while it was being got ready, they rang a 360 on handbells, with Mr. Green ringing the tenor. After tea they at once returned to the church and rang the best 720 they have ever accomplished. After many good-byes and numerous invitations to come again, they commenced their journey home, very pleased with their day's outing. When they told Mr. Green that a year ago they didn't know anything about change-ringing, he was greatly surprised, and greatly praised what he had heard and seen them do. They have had no teacher, but by the aid of Snowdon's *Rope-Sight* they have taught themselves, and that in less than a year. They are now turning their attention to Treble Bob, which they hope to master very soon.

## ST. GILES' CHURCH, NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

A very pleasing ceremony took place at this church on Wednesday morning, December 26th, when the portrait of Mr. Edward Turner, of Newcastle, was unveiled. It was through this gentleman's generosity that the bells have been rebung, and the ringers seeing the improvement which had been made by Mr. Turner, signified their appreciation of his kindness by subscribing towards the portrait. Mr. F. Skerratt presided at the ceremony, and there were present the Mayor of Newcastle-under-Lyme (Mr. C. H. Hardeman), the Rector (Rev. R. R. Cousens), Alderman Hand, Mr. J. Griffith (town clerk), Messrs. Skerratt, Snape, Read, Rimell, H. Page (one of the instructors of the Stoke Archdiaconal Association), and a number of ringers.

Mr. J. Griffith unveiled the portrait, remarking that it was a very pleasing duty. Every one knew Mr. Turner's unbounded generosity to the town, and especially to St. Giles' church. It was through this gentleman's kindness that the bells had been rebung—a work which was so much needed. They were pleased to know that the town possessed such a gentleman, who on every occasion, when a public want was felt, was willing to come forward to supply it. They were all fond of the bells of their parish church; the bells that greeted them on Christmas morning with joyous sounds such as were heard by their ancestors in the long past. Mr. Turner's family was a very old Newcastle family, and he was sorry that their esteemed friend was the only member living—the solitary scion of a long and time-honoured race. He was glad that the ringers had been so considerate as to appreciate his gift by placing his portrait in the tower, and he hoped it would remain for generations to come a memento of what Mr. Turner had done for the town and the church in rehanging the bells.

Amid great applause from all present Mr. Griffith then pulled a cord, and so unveiled an excellent portrait of Mr. Turner, which was well mounted and framed in oak, the framing being by Mr. J. E. Austin, one of the ringers.

The rector then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Griffith for performing the ceremony of unveiling the portrait. Referring to the church tower, the speaker said it had stood through many storms, and had only a short time ago been restored through the kindness of Mr. Stanier. Then Mr. Turner had not only rehanging the bells, but had also restored the church clock, and he was sure that he deserved their cordial thanks. He trusted that the peals would gladden many hearts and lead them to the House of prayer. With the motion he combined a vote of thanks to Mr. Turner for his generosity.

The Mayor, in seconding the resolution, remarked that they all hoped that the portrait would long remain in the belfry as a mark of the liberality of Mr. Turner. It would show that in their own time they had men wise and good enough to spend their money for the promotion of every good object.

Mr. Turner acknowledged the vote, and thanked the ringers for the compliment they had paid him, and expressed a hope that the bells would ring out gloriously for many generations to come.

Mr. Griffith also acknowledged the vote, and Mr. F. Skerratt then thanked those who had contributed towards the cost of making the belfry more comfortable for the ringers.

The Mayor then announced that in reply to a letter he had received a communication from Mr. Francis Stanier promising a framed photograph of himself for the belfry.

The bells then rang, and the ceremony then terminated.

## BRILL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

A large clock has just been erected in the tower of the parish church at this place, which strikes the hours, chimes the Cambridge quarters, and shews the time on one dial facing south. It is fitted with all the latest improvements, and made generally to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. T. H. Seargeant, Esq., of London, is the donor.

WINSHAM (Somerset).—On Monday, December 23rd, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'). W. S. Wise, 1-2; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; S. Lawrence, 7-8.

## NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

The ringers of the parish church with a few friends, had a social gathering at The Sutherland Arms on Wednesday, December 26th. An excellent supper was provided by Mr. Eardley, and being over Mr. L. Sherratt was elected to the chair. In the course of a few remarks the chairman stated that Messrs. Downes and Beardmore had expressed a wish to be released from taking any active part in the change-ringing which the younger members of the band had taken up, as they thought they were getting too old. They were, he said, sorry to lose their services, and they wished to present them and also Mr. Riley (the leader), with a pipe and half-a-pound of tobacco to show their appreciation of their past services. After the recipients of the gift had responded, Mr. Page, a member of the inaugurated society of change-ringers, and at present instructor of the local ringers, complimented them upon their progress so far, and remarked that the new church tower from a ringer's point of view, was unequalled by any in the association. He said that taking their recent progress as a criterion, they would very soon be able to ring a peal of 5040 changes.

A musical evening was then spent, various members and friends contributing songs, etc., the proceedings being kept up till a late hour.

## EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

On Saturday evening, December 29th, after ringing a peal of Grandsire Caters (particulars of which will be found in another column), Mr. T. Henry Denman invited the members of the East Retford company to an excellent dinner served by host Dennett at The White Hart hotel. Several good courses of knife and fork surprise were safely got through without any mistake, the dodging and place-making being done neatly and in true time. In about an hour the inner man was well satisfied, and the donor briefly addressed the meeting. He complimented the ringers on the progress made during the past year, more especially for the two peals which had been performed on ten bells, and welcomed the addition of two new methods in Union Triples and Bob Royal the company had started upon. His interesting and amusing speech throughout was well listened to, especially concerning the temporary burial of our *Grandsire* in the *Union*, as his father was clerk to the Board of Guardians.

The ringers heartily endorsed all the speaker said, and Mr. Haigh briefly returned thanks, and proposed Mr. Denman's health. After supper Mr. Denman entertained the ringers with views of Swiss scenery, and early locomotives, showing the gradual development of travelling from the days of the old stage coach to the present time, by means of about fifty slides, thrown on a screen by a powerful lantern. After the usual toasts and votes of thanks and tunes on the handbells, a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

## TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday evening, December 22nd, the members of the abbey society by kind invitation of the Rev. H. A. Sheringham, M.A., vicar of the abbey, sat down to an excellent supper at The Bell hotel. The chair was taken by the vicar, and the Rev. C. Mason Cox, M.A. occupied the vice-chair. After supper the usual toasts were proposed, followed by courses of Caters and Triples upon the handbells, interspersed with songs. The Rev. W. W. Auster, M.A., presided at the piano. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and the party broke up at the usual hour.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 21st, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. \*A. Head, 1; \*W. E. Davis, 2; \*G. Sorrell, 3; R. Wood, 4; \*T. Lincoln, 5; W. Lincoln, 6. \*First 720. On Sunday, December 2nd, for morning service, 504 Oxford Bob Triples. A. Head, 1; E. Davies, 2; G. Head, 3; G. Sorrell, 4; J. Beams, 5; R. Wood, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; F. Edwards, 8. For evening service 420 Darlaston Bob Triples. A. Head, 1; E. Davis, 2; G. Head, 3; G. Sorrell, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; F. Edwards, 8. First touch in the method by all. On Sunday, December 9th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Darlaston Bob Triples, in 45 mins., standing as before.



DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT NEWNHAM,  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The dedication of the new peal of eight bells, which replace a similar number that occupied the belfry at St. Peter's parish church, Newnham-on-Severn, took place at a special service held in the church on Thursday evening, December 20th, when a fairly numerous congregation assembled. After a pleasing voluntary by the organist, the choir and congregation sang the 242nd hymn—"We love the place, O God." Then the vicar, speaking from the pulpit, delivered an address eminently appropriate to the occasion, after which the choir following the vicar, proceeded down the aisle to the belfry, when the 150th Psalm was chanted. Several dedication prayers were read, after which Psalm cxii. was chanted. The vicar having repeated "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord," a very merry peal was rung for the few minutes, filling the church with joyful music. Next the hymn commencing with the words, "Now at length our bells are mounted," was sung. The last words in the benediction having fallen from the vicar's lips, the ringers again struck up some Bob Triples, and the ringing continued for some hours. The leader was F. J. Blanton, and the Newnham company was strengthened by the presence and assistance of a few ringers from Westbury-on-Severn.

It is fitting now that a few facts immediately connected with the above ceremony should be stated briefly. Late in the month of March, information reached Newnham of the sudden death at a ripe old age, of John Hill, Esquire, of Streatham, Surrey. The deceased gentleman was a native of Newnham, his family having been resident there, and occupying a high social position in the neighbourhood for many years previously. He had carried on a lucrative business in London as an india-rubber manufacturer, and had amassed considerable wealth. Throughout his prosperous career he made as frequent visits to the town as opportunity afforded, and he always evinced a deep and lively concern for the welfare and progress of the town, with whose interests his forefathers were so closely connected. Without exception he was a cheerful subscriber to any good work set in motion in the town, and from his ample means he made such considerable donations as entitled him to be regarded in the town as a real benefactor. One of his most handsome presents was his contribution to the Church Restoration Fund, and he also subscribed towards the fund raised for assisting the committee charged with promoting the now almost forgotten Newnham Severn Bridge scheme. Shortly after his decease a most welcome piece of information reached Newnham, that in his will, the gentleman above-named had made a bequest, having left the sum of £2,000 towards the erection of a clock and chimes in the church tower; for seats in the churchyard, and on the Round Green; and lastly for providing warm clothing for the deserving poor of the parish. Later on a certified copy of the clause in the will relating to the use of the munificent bequest, was obtained by the vicar and the churchwardens (Messrs. Carter and Hinton), from which it was learned that the three objects mentioned were to be undertaken in the following consecutive order: first the new chime clock; next the two iron park seats, each nine feet long; and thirdly, the investment of the balance for the purpose of producing an annual income to be expended in the repairs of the clock and seats, and the purchase of the clothing every winter for such deserving poor persons of the parish, as the trustees for the time being may in their discretion think fit recipients for the Charity.

The bequest was free of legacy and other duties, and the trustees were the vicar and the churchwardens for the time being, and in determining the particulars of his wishes, the trustees were repeatedly enjoined to act in their uncontrolled discretion. The dedication service arose in consequence of the necessity for recasting the peal which the parish church already possessed, so as to ensure perfect tune, and this and the work connected therewith, was placed in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The framework of the bells is of iron, and the raising of the ponderous weights required to be lifted with the greatest possible care and accuracy.

## Ringers' Outings.

On Saturday, December 8th, by the kind invitation of Mr. Thomas Hilton, formerly of Middleton, but now residing in Mossley, a company of ringers from Saddleworth, Friezland, and Mossley, visited Middleton, arriving there about 3.30. After ringing a few touches of Treble Bob Minor and Major, they visited The Ring of Bells, and sat down to a splendid knife and fork tea. After tea the bells were set going to the tune of Kent Treble Bob Major. Afterwards the handbells were brought into use, and a few courses of Major and Minor were rung. The visitors arrived home by the last train after having spent a very pleasant afternoon. They wish to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also the Middleton ringers for having everything in readiness.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—PLYMOUTH AND DEVONPORT BRANCH.—"Mill-Bay at 9.15" said our leader, Mr. Taylor, on Boxing Day, "sharp, the whole twelve of you." However the train for Bodmin did not start until 9.25, and at the last minute Richard the 1st and Richard the 2nd came running on the platform. When the train moved out, the Secretary called to the guard that the leader was in the ticket office to get the tickets. "All right," said he, "only shunting." Poor Taylor received one of the greatest frights he ever had, when he saw the train going without him. However we shunted back and all got safely on board. Having passed the time with touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples on the handbells, we arrived safely at Bodmin Road. Shanks' pony for two miles, and Lanhydrock was reached. This church is in close proximity to the splendid seat of Lord Robartes, and contains a peal of eight, tenor about 15 cwt. Also an old odd bell hung for chiming, supposed to be a thousand years old, and has Athelstan's name cast into it backwards. It would be difficult to find anything better in all England than these bells and their appurtenances. From floor to roof is a perfect credit to the bell-hanger and also to the authorities. After some capital touches of about 336 Grandsire Triples, we rang several courses of Bob Major. About dinner time we very reluctantly left this beautiful peal, having thanked Lord Robartes' carpenter of the estate, who by-the by is allowed one half-day per week to keep the bells in order, and well he does it. A walk of two miles which we found rather marshy, brought us to Bodmin. A nice peal of eight, tenor about 18 cwt. Bad ropes and worse circle. Richard the first took *trible* to rise the eight in *pale*, and brought out the old fact that discretion was the better part of valour. Here several touches of Grandsire Triples, including a 504, were well struck. To find a refreshment house for tea (which we finally did) was the next thing. "Tea for twelve men, quick." But oh! the time in coming. However there was a *pianer* in the room, and Bro. Gover was requisitioned to *go ver en*, which he did with alacrity. Better not mention some things, but we believe when the Rev. Mr. Clarkson returned thanks, many hearts sighed. Oh! the thickness of the bread and butter, fit for hedge-tackers, and the thinness of the *Horniman's leaf not yet colored*. Well, back to the belfry, and a splendid touch of 336 Bob Major, supposed to be the first ever rung in Cornwall. Other touches and a start for home brought us there at 10 p.m. all pleased with having spent a happy day. The ringers who took part in the above were—Rev. J. M. Clarkson, Messrs. Hendry, Legg, Myers, Richards (2), Peard, Gover, Marsh, Ford, and Taylor.

## WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

By kind invitation of Miss Tetley, the parish church ringers visited Hatton Hall on Friday evening, December 21st, where after supper they went through their Christmas programme of handbell ringing. The pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by a most appropriate reading from Tennyson's "In Memoriam," given by Mr. G. Tetley, and the presence of Miss Snowden, of Ilkley, Yorks., sister of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowden.

\* \* \* A great number of touches and reports are crowded out this week. We ask our friends who are thereby disappointed, to extend to us their kind forbearance; everything will appear in due course.

## Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 395.)

ELHAM (Kent).—On Monday, November 26th, 360 Bob Minor. E. Smith, 1; E. Bush (conductor), 2; A. Beer, 3; C. Richards, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Castle, 6. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. E. Bush, 1; H. Pitcher, 2; E. Smith, 3; C. Richards, 4; A. Castle, 5; T. Bourne, 6. On Monday, December 3rd, 360 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering: E. Smith, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Andrews, 4; C. Richards, 5; A. Castle (conductor), 6; T. Bourne, 7; G. Shepherd, 8. And 180 conducted by E. Bush.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 9th, at the church of St. Mary Abbott, Kensington, for evening service, 1191 Stedman Caters, in 52 mins. F. G. Newman, 1; H. Langdon, 2; E. Horrex, 3; F. S. Bayley, 4; W. T. Elson, 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; C. F. Winny, 7; W. T. Cockerill, 8; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 9; G. Chesterman, 10. Tenor 32 cwt.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, December 8th, a 6-score of Grand-sire Doubles. E. Laker, 1; — Finn, 2; E. Cheeseman, 3; A. Castle, 4; J. Andrews (conductor), 5; A. Beer, 6. And two 6-scores. J. Prebble, 1; W. Fordred, 6; the rest as before. Also 180 Bob Minor. J. Prebble, 1; E. Cheeseman, 2; A. Beer, 3; E. Bush, 4; A. Castle, 5; J. Andrews (conductor), 6. And 240. J. Prebble, 1; E. Cheeseman, 2; J. Andrews, 3; E. Bush, 4; W. Fordred, 5; A. Castle (conductor), 6. And 216. E. Cheeseman, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Bush, 3; A. Beer, 4; A. Tanton (conductor), 5; J. Andrews, 6. Owing to the heavy going of the tenor, a 720 means a spell of hard work.

PEVENSEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, December 2nd, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. G. Penfold, 1; F. T. White, 2; H. Holifield, 3; F. Barrett, 4; E. Brant, 5; G. Holifield (conductor), 6. First 720 by Brant and Penfold, and they wish to thank the rest of the band, who all hail from Appleton, Berks., for walking fourteen miles to assist them. And on Monday, December 3rd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 28 mins., each 6-score called differently. J. Bray, jun., 1; E. Beal, 2; G. Penfold, 3; T. Beal, 4; E. Brant (conductor), 5; H. Colbran, 6.

PULHAM ST. MARY (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, December 5th, at the parish church, 720 Superlative Surprise Minor in 25 mins. H. Mathews, 1; R. Whiting, 2; F. R. Borrett, 3; J. Boughton, 4; A. W. Brightoh, 5; J. Tann, jun. (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. This is the first 720 on the bells, and first by all the band. And 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. Tann, sen., 1; H. Mathews, 2; F. R. Borrett, 3; R. Whiting, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; J. Tann, jun. (conductor), 6. A. W. Brighton hails from Norwich.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Tuesday, November 13th, at the house of Mr. Lawrence, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans). W. S. Wise (conductor), 1-2; T. Blackburn, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; S. Lawrence, 7-8. On Friday, November 16th, at the house of Mr. Blackburn, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's). W. S. Wise (conductor), 1-2; T. Blackburn, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; T. Groves, 7-8.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Scattergood, 1; W. Mills, 2; E. J. Bottle, 3; G. H. Kite, 4; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 5; J. G. Elliott, 6; F. Shedd, 7; W. Walker, 8.

SPELDHURST (Kent).—On Sunday, December 2nd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. O. Baker, 1; J. Baker, 2; A. Edwards, 3; R. Pelling, 4; F. Still, 5; F. Still, jun., 6; J. Maynard (conductor), 7; J. Humphrey, 8. Rung in honour of the twelfth birthday of the rector's youngest son, Lachlan Mackinnon, youngest member of the Speldhurst band.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Sunday evening, December 23rd, for Divine Service at the church of the Holy Trinity, Barking Road, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 25 mins. A. Worwood, 1; W. Dallimore (conductor), 2; C. Beakall, 3; H. F. Crick (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; J. Waits, 5; W. Floyd, 6. The striking throughout was all that could be desired.

WOODBURN (Bucks).—On Monday, December 10th, at St. Paul's church, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. L. Whiteman, 1; W. Wheatley, 2; J. West, 3; J. Garrell, 4; F. G. Healey, 5; F. Cousens, 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; G. Tapping, 8. Also 336 in the same method. F. L. Whiteley, 1; W. Wheatley, 2; J. West, 3; W. E. Yates, 4; R. Buckland, 5; G. Tapping, 6; F. G. Healey (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. J. West, 1; W. Wheatley, 2; G. Tapping, 3; F. G. Healey, 4; R. Buckland, 5; W. E. Yates (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, December 11th, on handbells, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Wheatley, 1-2; F. G. Healey (conductor), 3-4; F. L. Whiteman, 5-6.

## 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."

## SINGLES IN UNION TRIPLES.

SIR,—Some few weeks ago, in response to my request, my friend Mr. John Carter most kindly sent me the references to his peals of Union Triples, to which I felt that I had not given full attention at the time of their publication. Last night I was looking through them, and in due course came to the one given in "THE BELL NEWS" vol. ix p. 243 (9, 8, 90). I rubbed my eyes. I looked again, and rubbed my eyes once more. It was past 10 p.m., and I thought I must be asleep. So I got up and walked round the room, and looked again. For fear it was an hallucination caused by lamplight, I gave it up till this morning. But there again are the figures clear by day-light. In that peal—a very good one—there are two singles. Those singles are the very singles recommended by the Council, and so strenuously opposed by Mr. Carter. Not only has he adopted them, but they are positively his own offspring!! He invented them, and used them himself before the Committee was in existence. Oh! Mr. Carter, I wonder the singles don't cry out at your unnatural treatment of them.

January 2, 1895.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

## Obituary.

## GEORGE BURTON.

The above-named ringer, who was a promising member of the North Wingfield company, and whose remains were laid to rest in the churchyard on Sunday afternoon, December 30th, left home on Christmas Eve in his usual health and spirits to visit relatives at Huddersfield. On Christmas Day he rang the treble at Huddersfield parish church, this being the last pull he had. After breakfast on Wednesday morning, he fell from his chair and expired before medical aid could be obtained, the cause of his death being attributed to heart disease. His remains were brought home on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. the tenor bell was raised and rang deeply muffled till the funeral arrived at the church, the solemn tone of the grand old bell bringing together a large crowd of parishioners. The Clay Cross Volunteers and also the members of the Nottingham Order of Oddfellows were present in large numbers, both of which deceased was a member. The funeral service was very impressively read by the Rev. J. E. Ormesher, curate of North Wingfield. After the funeral the ringers rang 720 of Bob Minor with the bells deeply muffled. F. Knowles, 1; W. Butler, 2; T. Day, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. The bells were also muffled for all services during the day. Deceased, who was only twenty-three years of age, rang the treble in the first 5040 at North Wingfield in June last, and has often since expressed his desire to go for another, but it is now left to others to take his place. Great sympathy was expressed on all sides for his sorrowing parents and friends. On Sunday, December 30th, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and three bobs), was rung with the bells half-muffled. J. Green, 1; T. Millington (conductor), 2; J. Maycock, 3; F. Maycock, 4; F. Marshall, 5; J. J. Cook, 6.

## DAVID HARDING.

We regret to have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on Saturday, December 22nd, at the age of sixty-six. He had been a change-ringer for just on fifty years, he having rang his first peal at the age of sixteen at the parish church of Kendal, Westmoreland, and his last at St. Stephen's, Carlisle, on May 18th, 1890, at the age of sixty-two, when he rang the 2nd bell through Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples. He was also a member of the Cumberland Association since its commencement.

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**Preliminary Notice.**—Hollingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.—The annual change-ringing contest on handbells, for the above cup, will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. For further particulars apply Sec.

JONATHAN PILLING.  
Lee Street, Uppermill, near Oldham.

**The Surrey Association.**—By kind permission of the Rev. S. W. Young (Hon. Trea.), the next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Monday, January 14, 1895. The tower of All Saints (10 bells), will be open from 2 p.m. Representatives should send the number who intend being present at tea at The Albany Hall at 6 p.m., to Mr. J. Strutt, London Street, Kingston-on-Thames, not later than Saturday, January 13th. Members are requested to meet at the church as early as possible, so that those who have to leave early to get their trains home may have the privilege of United Practice before tea. The annual report for 1894 will be prepared for printing immediately after the above meeting. Representatives are requested to revise their lists of members, and together with all matter intended for insertion forward the same on or before the above date.

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.  
13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Luke's church, Liverpool, to-day, Saturday, January 5, 1895. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Business meeting to be held in The Cocoa Rooms, St. Luke's place, at 6 o'clock.  
J. J. M. MOORE.  
9, Mill Street, Warrington.

**Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sandy, to-day, Saturday, January 5th, 1895.  
W. W. C. BAKER, Hon. Sec.

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Killamars, to-day, Saturday, January 5th, 1895.  
E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.  
18, The Dale, Woodseats, Sheffield.

**St. Peter's Society, Walworth.**—A special business meeting will be held by the society in the vestry, on Friday, January 11th. Meeting time 8.30 p.m. Members please attend.  
F. G. PERRIN, Hon. Sec.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Anniversary meeting, Gloucester, on Thursday, January 10th, 1895. Short service, St. Michael's, 3 p.m. Address by Rev. G. James, M.A., Rector. Knife and fork tea, 5 p.m., at Ram hotel, opposite Crypt (near cross), at 2s. per head, towards which all ringing members will be allowed 1s., provided a ticket is bespoken of the Local Secretary, with 1s. postal order enclosed, posted by or before Monday, the 7th inst., address, A. Roberts, 34, Stratton road, Gloucester. Business meeting immediately after tea. Election of officers, etc. The Cathedral bells will be open by kind permission of the Dean, from 11.20 to 3.45. And St. Michael's (8), St. Mary-de-Crypt (8), and St. Mary-de-Lode (6), all day.

REV. PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.  
St. Augustine's Vicarage, Bristol.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, Newhey, January 12th, 1895, meeting 6.30 p.m.

GEORGE HOYLE, Branch Sec.  
44, New York Street, Rochdale.

**Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Tunstall, on Saturday next, January 12th. Tea free to all members who give notice to Mr. J. Johnson, 1, Cooper Street, Tunstall, of their intention to be present, not later than Wednesday, January 9th.  
REV. J. W. ALSTON, } Hon. Secs.  
W. TWIGG, }

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The anniversary dinner of the Redenhall Society will be held on Monday, January 14th, 1895. Bells ready at 11.30 a.m. Dinner at 1.30 p.m.

**All Saints Society, Fulham.**—The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, January 19th, 1895. The tower will be open to members and friends at 4.30 p.m. Tea in church room at 6 p.m., business meeting afterwards. All ringers intending to be present should signify the same to the secretary, not later than Thursday, January 17th, 1895.

J. GREEN, Hon. Sec.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, January 19th, 1895, at the parish church, Stafford. Bells available from 2 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by committee meeting. Tea at 6 p.m. Please send in how many of your band will attend, not later than the 15th instant, to S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Leicester, on Saturday, January 19th. Full particulars in next week's issue. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station.  
J. O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec.  
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—Next committee and quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Dudley, Saturday, January 26th, 1895. Full particulars next week.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

**NOTE TO THE PEAL AT IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—This is the longest length by all the band, the longest peal by the Association, and was rung at the first attempt. This is supposed to be the longest length ever rung in the South Midland Counties. Great credit is due to the treble man, who is 66 years of age, and who is a local ringer, and rang his first 5040 over 40 years ago. The peal was listened to by several competent change-ringers, who congratulated the band on the excellence of the striking all the way through. The band wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells. Messrs. Howard, Clarke, Sharp, Hills, and Chasty hail from Bedford; Gilbert from Raunds; Martin from Higham Ferrers; and Houghton belongs to Irtlingborough.

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1 3 2 4 5 7 6	The five changes
1 3 2 4 5 6 7	to be made be-
1 2 3 5 4 6 7	ginning at back-
1 2 5 3 6 4 7	stroke, then as
1 2 3 5 4 7 6	usual, 2 1 3 5 4 7 6

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

### A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By MORRIS J. MORRIS, Bangor, North Wales.

1895.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

1 2 3 5 4 6 7	Start at back-stroke.
1 3 2 4 5 7 6	
3 1 2 5 4 6 7	
1 3 2 5 4 6 7	
1 2 3 4 5 7 6	

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

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**The Bell News & Ringers' Record.**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1895.

If the record of peals in this number can be regarded as a criterion, the new year has opened very well indeed. Thirty-six performances in one week is an excellent chronicle, and which has not been exceeded many times. Such a lengthy record shows the great vitality of the ringing Art; it shows that there are now more enthusiasts among us than ever; it is a good sign that change-ringing is not on the wane by any means; it shows clearly that its votaries are in earnest. No less than two 10,000s we find among the week's records, performances achieved not for the purposes of exceeding anything previous, but we suppose from the feeling of monotony which has been created by constantly ringing peals containing half that number.

On another page is also to be found an important notice from the Honorary Secretary of the Central Council. It is our duty to call the attention of those concerned to this. We are quite aware that it will be time enough to attend to this next week, or in fact the week after, but when we recollect, as we should do so, that there is a great deal of work to be done by Mr. BULWER and his colleagues in making the necessary arrangements for a successful meeting, we should all try to make that work as easy and as pleasant as possible. This can be done very easily if those concerned will give the matter their immediate attention. We allude to this subject because the experiences of last year were not so pleasant as they might have been, owing to the disregard of the Council's notice.

**The Metropolis.****THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HAMPSTEAD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 27 cwt.

GEORGE TURL, JUN. .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 2.	WALTER C. HASTED .. .. 7.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 3.	GEORGE TURL, SEN. ... .. 8.
ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK J. PITTS .. .. 9.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 5.	WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HAROLD N. DAVIS and  
Conducted by FREDERICK J. PITTS.

Mr. A. Neale, who hails from Woolwich, was elected a member of the above Society previous to starting. This composition has the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th each nine courses behind the 9th, and will be found published in "THE BELL NEWS," August 30th, 1892.

**THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.**

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK J. PITTS .. .. 2.	*ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 3.	*CHARLES HINDS .. .. 7.
HARRY BARTON* .. .. 4.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HAROLD N. DAVIS and Conducted by F. J. PITTS.

\*First peal in the method, and first attempt by Messrs. Hinds and Barton. It is also the first peal in the method, and believed to be the quickest peal of Major on the bells. This composition is a reduced variation of a six-part, the figures of which will appear in due course.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

Tenor 36 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT .. .. Treble.	*FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. 2.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 8.
GEORGE J. SMITH* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM D. SMITH .. .. 9.
EDWARD H. ADAMS* .. .. 4.	RICHARD FRENCH .. .. 10.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 5.	EDWIN HORREX .. .. 11.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. .. 6.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, of Birmingham, and  
Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

\*First peal of Maximus. This peal was rung on the 85th birthday of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, and is the first in the method on these bells since the year 1853.

**THE ALL HALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.**

On Monday, December 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, TOTTENHAM,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER DICKINSON .. .. Treble.	THOMAS C. GROVE .. .. 5.
HENRY A. BARNETT .. .. 2.	CHARLES A. BUTTON .. .. 6.
HARRY ELLIS* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM P. ENGLISH .. .. 7.
WILLIAM R. GIBSON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES and  
Conducted by H. BARNETT.

The above was rung, with the bells half-muffled, for Divine Service on New Year's Eve. \*First peal.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, December 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. COAKHAM .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK A. NUNN .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
JOHN NUNN .. .. 4.	R. K. KNIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\*First peal as conductor. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the dying year.

**THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.**

On Tuesday, January 1, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 5.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 3.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and  
Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS,

First peal in the method as conductor, and second attempt. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to A. R. Davis, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. This is a one-part composition, containing the 4th and 5th each nine courses, and the 6th its extent in 6ths place, with the 2nd never there, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Groombridge and Ingham hail from Chislehurst, and were elected members of the above Society previous to starting.

**The Provinces.****BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.****LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.**

On Saturday, December 22, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. BROWN .. .. Treble.	JAS. SMITH, SEN. .. .. 5.
T. REDMAN† .. .. 2.	J. WATSON .. .. 6.
E. A. BAKER .. .. 3.	J. WALKER, SEN. .. .. 7.
H. HAYES .. .. 4.	M. ADAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN WALKER, SEN.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. T. Redman hails from Burnley; E. A. Baker from Padibam; H. Hayes from Church.

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

On Monday, December 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

S. GOODCHILD .. .. Treble.	R. BIGGS .. .. 5.
H. STRATFORD .. .. 2.	F. BOREHAM .. .. 6.
F. K. BIGGS .. .. 3.	J. EVANS .. .. 7.
F. BIGGS .. .. 4.	B. PAGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. EVANS.

This was a midnight peal and was rung as a compliment to Mr. F. Boreham, the peal being finished on his 22nd birthday, December 25th.

**DISS, NORFOLK.—NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK CLAYTON .. Treble.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. .. 2.	ERNEST CLAYTON .. .. 6.
F. E. W. MEADOWS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FLORY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. .. 4.	FREDERICK DAY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON and Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

First peal of Treble Bob by the ringer of the 2nd. This is a three-part peal, with the 5th or 6th one way in 5-6 at each course-end, and taken from Snowdon's Treatise, Part II., page 20.

**CHOBHAM, SURREY.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES W. EADES* .. Treble.	JOHN J. JONES .. .. 5.
BARZILLIA HAWKINS .. .. 2.	EDGAR COLLINS .. .. 6.
GEORGE HAWKINS .. .. 3.	*ARTHUR ADSETT .. .. 7.
ALBERT J. BROWN* .. .. 4.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Major; also first peal of Major on the bells. This peal contains the full combination of the 4th, 5th, and 6th, without the 2nd or 3rd in 6th's place, and is now rung for the first time.

## SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Treble.	KERRY PAYNE .. .. 5.
ARTHUR C. HOWES .. .. 2.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 6.
ALBERT DUBBER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM C. BASTON .. 7.
EDWIN HIMS* .. .. 4.	JAMES MOGRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

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

## OTLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

C. RALPH .. .. Treble.	FRED. MASTON .. .. 5.
WM. CLOUGH .. .. 2.	JOHN NELSON .. .. 6.
AMOS HOLMES .. .. 3.	JAMES HORNER .. .. 7.
ARTHUR SNOWBALL .. 4.	WM. WADDINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WM. SOTTANSTALL and  
Conducted by JOHN NELSON.

First peal by Amos Holmes and Arthur Snowball.

## HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor about 16 cwt.

JOHN STAPLES* .. .. Treble.	KEITH HART .. .. 5.
WALTER S. WISE* .. .. 2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 6.
ISAAC GEO. SHADE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method: it is also W. S. Wise's first attempt at Superlative. This is the first peal of Superlative on the bells. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6ths place.

## FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT WELTON .. .. Treble.	JAMES ADAMS .. .. 5.
ALBERT RICHES* .. .. 2.	EDWARD CHANDLER .. 6.
ROBERT RAYNER .. .. 3.	ROBERT HARPER .. .. 7.
JOHN LARTER† .. .. 4.	WILLIAM RICHES .. Tenor.

Composed by T. HURRY and Conducted by W. RICHES.

\*First peal. †First peal of Major. E. Chandler and R. Harper were elected members before starting for the peal. J. Larter hails from Henham; the rest belong to the local company.

## STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

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

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY BOWELL* .. .. Treble.	*ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
ISAAC SAMUEL ALEXANDER 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
EDWARD REEVE .. .. 4.	ALFRED BOWELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method. A. W. Brighton hails from Norwich, and the rest belong to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung.

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR HEAD .. .. Treble.	THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 5.
ERNEST W. DAVIS* .. .. 2.	FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 6.
GEORGE W. SORRELL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 7.
ROBERT WOOD .. .. 4.	*FREDERICK EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

\*First peal in any method. This is the first peal in the method rang in Essex, by all the band, and on the bells. All the above are members of the local company. George Head, another member, sat in the tower with a copy of the peal, and marked off each lead as it was rung.

## ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Five Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN HARDING .. .. Treble.	CHARLES BANCE .. .. 5.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 6.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 3.	GEORGE WELLING .. .. 7.
WILLIAM S. SMITH* .. 4.	WILLIAM BURKIN .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by W. BURKIN.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. This is the longest length by all except J. Fayers, and is the longest peal rung by the Association.

## OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

WILLIAM FINCH .. .. Treble.	EDWIN HIMS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR C. HAWES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM C. BASTON .. 7.
JOB HOWES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 8.
ALFRED FOX .. .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 9.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 5.	JAMES MOGRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

## TETBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND CIRENCESTER PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.

On Thursday, December 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. BANKES JAMES' TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK W. BOND .. .. Treble.	*CHARLES E. BARTLETT .. 5.
ERNEST P. HARMER .. .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 6.
ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 3.	†H. CHARLES BOND .. .. 7.
FRANK GARDNER .. .. 4.	HENRY CLUTTERBUCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\*First peal. †First peal of Triples.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

EDWIN RAPLEY .. .. Treble.	JOHN SMART .. .. 5.
GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 2.	CHARLES TYLER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WOOLGAR .. .. 3.	CHARLES SMART .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. ALLISS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR GATLAND .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES SMART.

The above peal was rung as a birthday compliment to G. Gatland, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Allis and Tyler belong to the Henfield branch; the rest are local men.



## BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY LAWES .. .. Treble.	JOHN BALLARD .. .. 5.
THOMAS CURTIS .. .. 2.	WALTER WADEY .. .. 6.
FREDERICK WILSON .. .. 3.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 7.
CHARLES HANSFORD* .. 4.	HENRY WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

\*First peal of Major. Messrs. Wadey and Bennett hail from Billingshurst and Guildford respectively.

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

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

A. JAMES DYSON* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES LUCEY .. .. 5.
MORTON W. PIERCE .. .. 2.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 6.
STEPHEN BINFIELD .. .. 3.	RICHARD GOODBURN .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	*HARRY WELLARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

\*First peal. A. J. Dyson hails from Ashford; Binfield from Folkestone; Goodbourn from Aldington; Wellard from Ramsgate; the rest from Canterbury. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung a year or two ago, the tenors being recast. Formerly there was a ring of ten.

## DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART.

L. LOMAS .. .. Treble.	C. DRAPER .. .. 5.
F. BRADLEY .. .. 2.	S. MASKREY .. .. 6.
A. H. WARD* .. .. 3.	C. E. HART .. .. 7.
J. NEWBOLD .. .. 4.	B. ROWBOTHAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. E. HART.

\*First peal.

## EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE WINTER* .. .. Treble.	T. HERCY DENMAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE SWANNACK† .. 2.	THOMAS SPURR .. .. 7.
GEORGE M. FARR .. .. 3.	HERBERT HAIGH .. .. 8.
HARRY WARBURTON .. .. 4.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES .. .. 9.
GEORGE E. SHARP .. .. 5.	WILLIAM SKELTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by HERBERT HAIGH.

This peal, in four parts, has the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th bells successively behind the 9th. \*First peal. †First peal away from the treble. First peal of Caters by H. Warburton and G. Sharp, and was rung as a birthday compliment to George Winter, who rung his bell through the performance in capital style. During the second hour, the ringing of the above peal was carried on with considerable difficulty, and several times nearly collapsed, through the playing of the church organ, the sound of which is plainly audible in the belfry.

## NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

On Sunday, December 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A BOB-AND-SINGLE PEAL.

J. TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	W. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
S. LORD .. .. 2.	H. WALLS .. .. 6.
J. AREWORTH .. .. 3.	J. T. WRIGHT .. .. 7.
J. B. TAYLOR .. .. 4.	J. W. ORMEROD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. SHEPHERD and Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

## SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR J. JONES .. .. Treble.	GEORGE W. BALDWIN .. 6.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 2.	JOHN BUFFERY .. .. 7.
HENRY BASTABLE .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 8.
BERNARD WITCHELL .. .. 4.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.	WILLIAM JACKSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM KENT and Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

This peal contains the 5th and 6th each eighteen times behind the 9th, and the 6th eleven times behind the 8th, and is now rung for the first time. It is the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells, and rung at the first attempt. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for their kindness in granting them the use of the bells.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Six Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,176 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 5.
ISAAC HILLS .. .. 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 6.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 3.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. 7.
ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 4.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON and

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALFRED P. GODDARD .. Treble.	THOMAS GROVES .. .. 5.
ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 2.	CHARLES H. WATTS .. 6.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 3.	WALTER S. WISE .. .. 7.
SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

This peal contains the 6th fourteen times wrong and twenty-four times right, and was rung to commemorate the eleventh anniversary of the first peal at St. Martin's church.

## CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CHICHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

DAVID H. FALCONER, JUN. Treble.	DAVID FALCONER .. .. 5.
GEORGE T. FARLEY .. .. 2.	JAMES H. BLAKE .. .. 6.
GEORGE ATTFIELD .. .. 3.	RICHARD WALTERS .. .. 7.
FRANCIS B. TOMPKINS* .. 4.	*CHARLES L. CHEESEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD WALTERS.

\*First peal.

## TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY'S GUILD.

On Monday, December 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs.

A. EVANS* .. .. Treble.	G. E. HARBOUR .. .. 5.
S. RADFORD† .. .. 2.	†T. W. RADFORD .. .. 6.
J. JOYCE* .. .. 3.	*J. BURGE .. .. 7.
T. DOBLE .. .. 4.	*J. FOWLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. W. RADFORD.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor, also first peal by a local band, and first peal of Triples on the bells.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN WORTHINGTON .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. .. 5.
SAMUEL PRICE .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
STEPHEN DOUGHTY .. .. 3.	ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. .. 7.
HENRY MOTTERSHALL .. .. 4.	HERBERT MADIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 4th, 5th and 6th twenty-two times in 6ths place, without the 2nd ever in that position. S. Doughty hails from Skipton, Yorks.; the rest are of the local company.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

WRANGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE NORTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN AND ST. NICHOLAS,  
FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF DOUBLES,  
237 callings; in the twelve following methods:

Antelope, Chase, Old Doubles, Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Hudibras, Dream, St. Dunstan's, London Doubles, Sunshine, Grandsire, and Lincolnshire Singles. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 4.
F. S. STAFFURTH .. .. 2.	JOHN SHARPE .. .. 5.
ENOS CLAYTON .. .. 3.	JOSEPH SHARPE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SHARPE.

First 5040 by the ringers of the treble and 4th.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR,

Each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK KERRY .. .. Treble.	JOHN WOODS .. .. 4.
ALBERT HOWES .. .. 2.	JOHN HOWES .. .. 5.
JOHN G. MILES .. .. 3.	JESSE LAWRENCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

The above company hail from Attleborough, with the exception of J. Woods, who belongs to the local company. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Garnier), for the use of the bells.

MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
SEVEN 720s OF MINOR,

In the following methods:

Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Canterbury Pleasure, and Bob Minor.

Tenor 6 cwt.

STEPHEN W. MARTIN .. Treble.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 4.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 5.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 3.	S. WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

BARNBY DON (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 18th, for evening service, 720 College Single, in 26 mins. G. Whitley, 1; S. Scholes, 2; F. Cook, 3; J. F. Mallaby (conductor), 4; J. Howsham, 5; H. Lapidge, 6. On Tuesday, November 20th, for practice, 720 Oxford Single, in 25 mins. G. Whitley, 1; S. Scholes, 2; F. Cook, 3; J. F. Mallaby, 4; J. Howsham, 5; H. Lapidge, 6.

MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1894, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
SEVEN 720s OF MINOR,

In the following methods:

Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, College Single, Woodbine, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt.

STEPHEN W. MARTIN .. Treble.	JAMES DURRANT .. .. 4.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 5.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 3.	S. WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

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

(THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY).

On Tuesday, January 1, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR,

In the following methods:

One of Grandsire, and Two each of Kent, Oxford, and Plain Bob, All called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. in F#.

HENRY BOWELL .. .. Treble.	ALFRED BOWELL .. .. 4.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WOODS .. .. 3.	FREDERICK TILLET .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This is the first 5040 on the bells, and first ever rung in Ipswich on six bells. It is hoped that the Ipswich men will be able to do something more on these bells, some day, than Minor, as by the addition of two trebles they would make a very musical ring of eight, much needed in Ipswich.

Date Touches.

BARNBY DON (Yorks).—On Tuesday, December 4th, for practice, a date touch in 1 hr. 5 mins. in the following methods: 454 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Single, 720 College Single. G. Whitley, 1; S. Scholes, 2; F. Cook, 3; J. F. Mallaby (conductor), 4; J. Howsham, 5; H. Lapidge, 6. First date touch by the local company and first on the bells.

HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 9th, a date touch of Bob Major, in 1 hr. 13 mins. J. Stead, 1; A. Stokoe, 2; J. W. Walker, 3; J. Bennett, 4; L. Stokoe, 5; W. Baines, 6; D. York, 7; W. Child (conductor), 8.

KNARESBOROUGH (Yorks).—On Tuesday evening, December 4th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. F. Smith, 1; W. Swires (conductor), 2; G. Hall, 3; B. Pearson, 4; F. Thompson, 5; J. Luty, 6; J. Hoy, 7; M. Styles, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, November 4th, 480 College Single. H. Martin, 1; E. E. Pratchett, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob. W. Church, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also 156 Plain Bob. H. Watson, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; E. E. Pratchett, 3; J. Barrett, 4; F. Pratt, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 5th, 240 Grandsire Doubles. C. Crampton (conductor), 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Jones, 3; F. Pratt, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; W. Jones, 6. Also 720 College Single (sixteen bobs two singles). W. Church, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Friday, November 9th, 366 Grandsire Doubles. F. Pratt (conductor), 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; J. Barrett, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; W. Jones, 6. And 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). H. Martin, 1; C. Crampton, 2; E. E. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; H. J. Martin, 6. Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, November 24th, 720 each of Canterbury and Plain Bob Minor. W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; E. E. Pratchett, 5-6. And a

half-peal of Bob Major, 2528 changes. H. J. Martin, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8. Time not permitting for a peal, the bells were allowed to run round half-way. On Thursday, November 29th, 224 Bob Major, a course of Canterbury Major, and 97 Grandsire Triples. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8. On Friday, November 30th, a half-peal of Bob Major. H. J. Martin, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8. And 518 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Ten-part. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8.

**FINCHLEY (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, November 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. E. Pratchett, 1; F. Pratt, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; T. Card, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. \*E. Tubb, 1; F. Pratt, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; \*F. Blondell, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also 360 Plain Bob. W. Russell, 1; F. Sparks, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; W. Tubb, 5; T. Card (conductor), 6. \*First 720 of Minor. T. Card hails from Speldhurst, Kent.

**BARNET (Herts).**—On Monday, November 26th, for practice, 192 Plain Bob Minor on the back six. A. Chidwick, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; A. E. Dolton, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; J. D. Matthews, 5; F. Blondell, 6. Also 360 Plain Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. A. Belton, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; A. E. Dolton, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; J. D. Matthews, 5; F. Blondell, 6; R. Roffey, 7; A. Chidwick, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. R. Roffey, 1; A. E. Dolton, 2; W. Dell (first touch of Grandsire Triples), 3; C. H. Martin, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; J. D. Matthews, 6; F. Blondell, 7; A. Belton, 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**SOUTH CHURCH.**—On Sunday, November 25th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. R. Pallister, 1; G. Green, 2; H. Mayne, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. Peverall, 5; T. Buzzard (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, December 2nd, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins, standing as before.

**DARLINGTON (Durham).**—On Sunday, December 9th, for evensong at the church of St. John the Evangelist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins. C. W. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; T. Lungley, 4; H. Taylor, 5; F. Teasdale, 6; W. Porter (conductor), 7; W. Patton, 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the conductor, and was rung as a birthday compliment to him, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. T. Lungley belongs to Holy Trinity, and kindly made up the band upon their meeting one short.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**NORWICH—Handbell Ringing.**—On Thursday, November 22nd, an attempt was made to ring A. Knight's three part peal of Grandsire Caters (5783 changes), on handbells, but it came to grief after ringing upwards of 2000 changes. J. A. Trollop (conductor), 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; A. W. Brighton, 7-8; C. E. Borrett, 9-10. Umpire, E. Francis. And on Friday, November 23rd, at 45 Oxford Street, Unthanks Road, 720 Kent Treble Brb Minor. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton (conductor), 5-6.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**HOLM LACY.**—On Saturday evening, November 25th, at the parish church, an original peal of Stedman Triples (composed by J. Carter) was attempted, but the bells came into rounds in 2 hrs. 1 min. W. Greenleaf, 1; J. Carter (conductor), 2; J. G. Wall, 3; H. Mason, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; F. E. Ward, 6; T. J. Bratton, 7; C. Watts, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

**LEOMINSTER.**—On Sunday afternoon, November 28th, a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted, but the conductor called stand after ringing 1 hr., 2-4 having changed course. C. Watts, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; H. Mason, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; F. E. Ward, 5; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 6; T. J. Bratton, 7; J. E. Groves, 8; J. George, 9; T. Lewis, 10.

**BURGHILL.**—On Wednesday, November 21st, at the parish church a peal of Bob Major was attempted, but a change-course occurred after ringing 1 hr. T. J. Bratton, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; A. Bird, 3; J. S. Wall, 4; W. Greenleaf, 5; C. Watts, 6; E. Turner, 7; J. E. Groves, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt. Mr. Wall having to leave for Ross, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was afterwards made, and after ringing just over 2 hrs. the conductor called "stand." W. Greenleaf, 1; T. J. Bratton, 2; A. Bird, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; E. Turner, 5; C. Watts, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; A. Williams, 8. This was the first attempt of Williams to ring behind in Triples. The Vicar very kindly entertained the visitors to tea at the Vicarage.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**ORDSALL (Notts.)**—On Sunday afternoon, November 25th, for children's service. 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. C. Whetstone, 1; J. B. Joynes, 2; C. Crawford, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. J. White, G. Swannack, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; C. Crawford, 6. G. Swannack's first touch in the method with a bob bell. This method was arranged at the last hour for Messrs. Whetstone and Crawford, who came over on a visit, and were most heartily welcomed, otherwise it was intended to ring 720 Violet Treble Bob. On Saturday evening, November 17th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. G. Swannack, 1; J. B. Joynes, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 in the method by G. Swannack. And on Sunday, December 2nd, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; H. Lambert, 4; J. F. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 as conductor, whom with Preston hail from Worksop. On Tuesday, December 4th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Hurst, 1; G. M. Farr (conductor), 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; G. Swannack, 5; J. White, 6. First 720 as conductor. Messrs. Farr and Swannack hail from East Retford; Hurst from West Retford; the remainder belong to Ordsall.

**EAST RETFORD (Notts.)**—On Tuesday, November 27th, for practice on the front six, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26½ mins. G. Winter, 1; T. H. Denman, Esq., 2; G. M. Farr, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; T. Spurr, 6. First 720 in the method on six bells by Messrs. Winter, Denman, Bottomley, and Spurr.

**WEST RETFORD (Notts.)**—On Sunday morning, December 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Hurst, 1; T. H. Denman, Esq., 2; H. Haigh (conductor), 3; N. G. Hunt, 4; H. Warburton, 5; H. Wilson, 6.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**BEACONSFIELD (Bucks.)**—On Sunday, December 2nd, at the church of St. Mary and All Saints, for morning service, four courses of Grandsire Minor. T. Tapping, 1; A. Worley, 2; R. Price, 3; G. Leslie, 4; R. Buckland, 5; G. Tapping (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, December 5th, for practice, 360 Grandsire Minor. T. Tapping, 1; A. Worley, 2; G. Tapping, 3; G. Leslie, 4; R. Buckland, 5; W. E. Yates (conductor), 6. And 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Tapping, 1; R. Price, 2; W. E. Yates (conductor), 3; A. Worley, 4; G. Leslie, 5; R. Buckland, 6; G. Tapping, 7; F. Price, 8.

**NEWBURY (Berks.)**—On Sunday, December 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. J. Wits, 1; E. Wits, 2; J. Crocker, 3; D. Geater (conductor), 4; A. Bird, 5; J. Hussey, 6; S. Quinton, 7; J. Targett, 8.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**HENFIELD (Sussex.)**—On Sunday, November 11th, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; A. Groves, 2; H. Stringer, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Thursday, November 15th, 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Stringer, 1; G. Payne, 2; C. Smart, 3; W. J. Allen, 4; H. Chandler (conductor), 5; B. Basset, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Tuesday, November 20th, 672 Bob Major. H. Stringer, 1; A. Groves, 2; G. Payne, 3; W. Hillman, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, November 27th, 640 Bob Major. C. Smart, 1; A. Groves, 2; W. Hillman, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. W. Hillman, 1; A. Groves, 2; H. Stringer, 3; J. Boniface, 4; S. Payne, 5; C. Smart, 6; W. J. Alliss (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Sunday, December 2nd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler, 1; W. Hillman, 2; G. Payne, 3; J. Boniface, 4; L. Payne, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. For Divine Service in the evening 1088 Bob Major. H. Stringer, 1; A. Groves, 2; W. Hillman, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8. On Friday, November 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples, on handbells. W. Hillman, 1-2; C. Tyler (conductor), 3-4; L. Payne, 5-6; G. Payne, 7-8. This is the longest length obtained yet on handbells double-handed by the Henfield branch.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**YATELEY (Hants.)**—On Thursday, December 6th, at the church of St. Peter, 504 Bob Triples. C. Hilton, 1; S. Riddle, 2; W. Tilmore, 3; G. Hawkins, 4; R. Hilton, 5; W. B. Tice, 6; B. Hawkins, 7; H. Hilton, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Hilton, 1; G. Hawkins, 2; W. Tilmore, 3; S. Riddle, 4; B. Hawkins, 5; W. B. Tice, 6; R. Hilton, 7; H. Hilton, 8. Both conducted by G. Hawkins. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Vicar.

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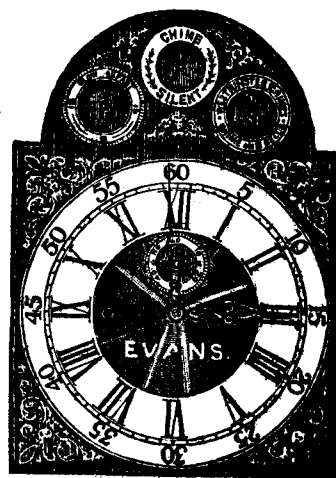
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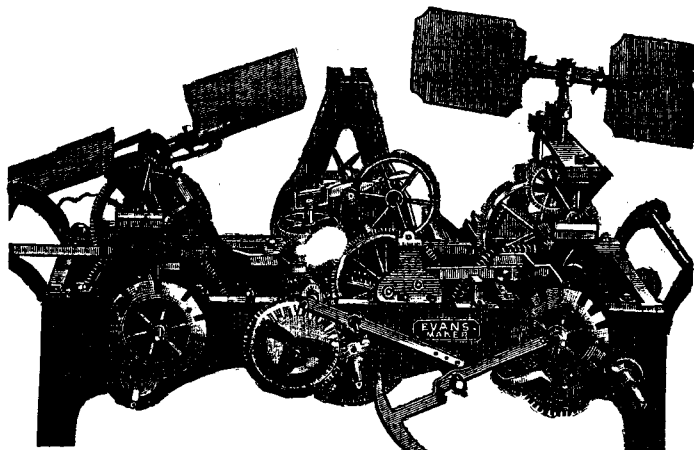
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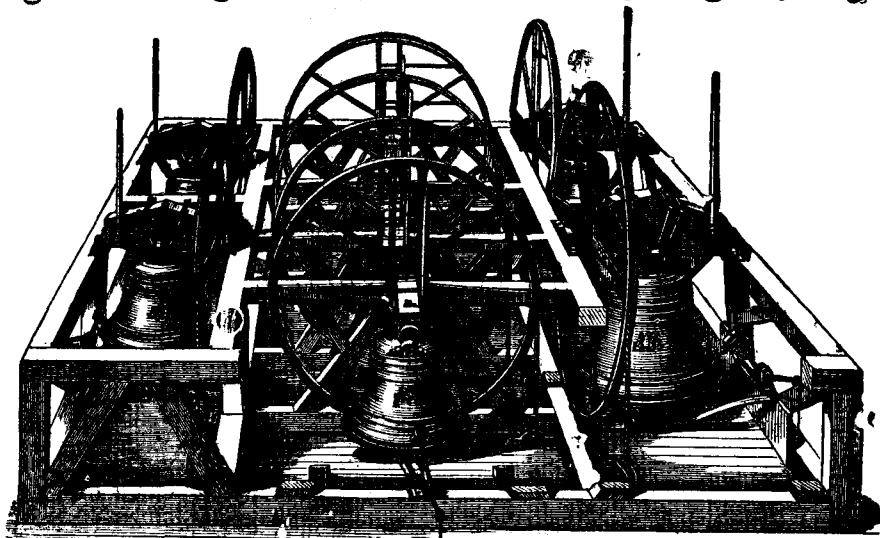
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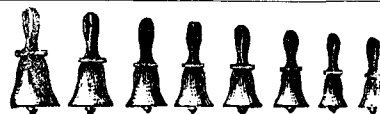
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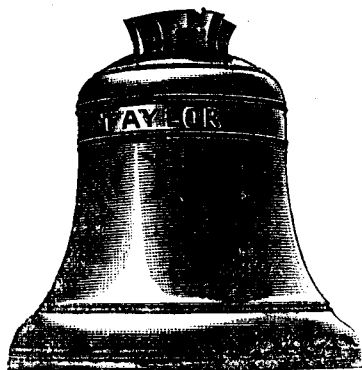
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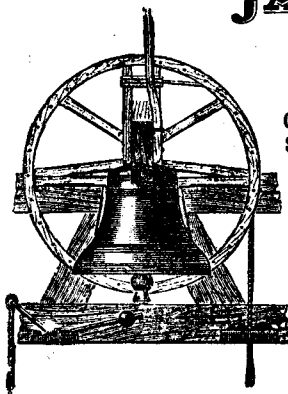
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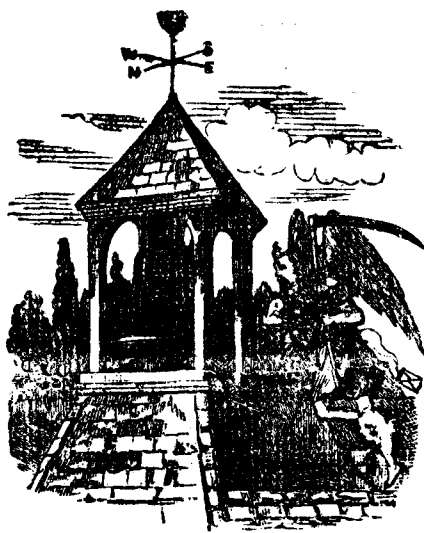
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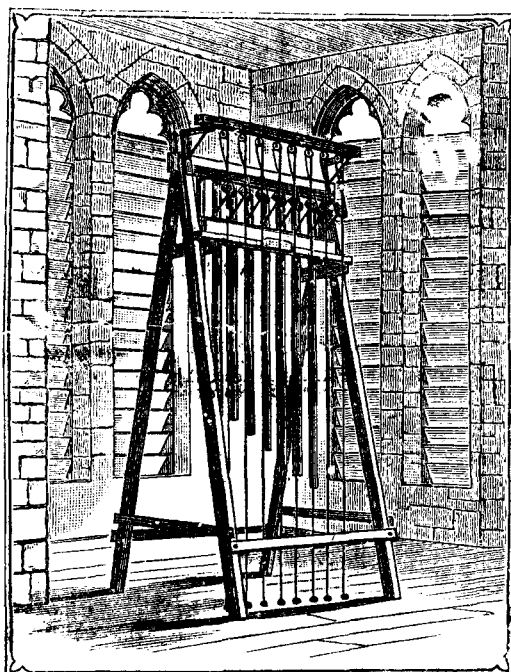
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## ST. MARY'S, PORTSEA, HANTS.

On Monday, December 31st, the ringers of the above church held their annual meeting at the vicarage. The vicar, who as president, took the chair, opened the proceedings with prayer. The business included a revision of the rules of the Guild, and the election of officers as follows: Rev. A. R. Warburton, Vice-President; Rev. R. W. Wilberforce, Treasurer; Mr. J. Harper, foreman. Mr. Gould was also elected to represent the band on the diocesan guild of ringers as in former years.

An incident in the course of the meeting was the presentation to Mr. G. Cornish, a member of the Guild, of a marble clock from the ringers on the occasion of his marriage. The meeting was closed with prayer.

The ringers were then entertained at supper by the vicar, who afterwards in a short speech welcoming the band, spoke with satisfaction of the prosperity which it was enjoying, particularly dwelling on the very proper spirit in which bell-ringing was now generally regarded, and remarking on the happy change which had come upon the Art in this matter.

A pleasant evening was then passed, enlivened by the singing of songs by several of the band. At 10 o'clock the ringers adjourned to the belfry to ring the old year out before service at 11 o'clock, leaving the vicarage with many expressions of thanks for the vicar's kind hospitality. After the midnight service the New Year was rung in with a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Drinkwater, 1; A. Stone, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. Harper, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; J. Gould, 7; G. Cornish, 8.

## STISTED, ESSEX.

After being successful in ringing seven 720s of Bob Minor on Monday, December 21st, the ringers were invited by the Rev. D. Hamer to supper in the schoolroom. Supper being got through in a masterly style, the report of the years' ringing was read by the secretary, Mr. E. Radley, which proved to be the most successful record of ringing the company have ever performed, viz.: seventy-five 720s having been rung in six methods, namely, Bob, and Double Court Bob, Oxford, Kent, and Woodbine Treble Bob, and New London Pleasure, and numerous touches of shorter lengths. Of these E. Radley conducted 44; A. Chaplin, 19; C. H. Howard (Braintree), 8; D. Elliott, jun. (Coggeshall), 2; and one each by H. Sayer (Witham), and F. Rudkin (Braintree).

Great regret was expressed as to the loss the ringers will sustain in the departure of the Rev. D. Hamer from the parish. The rev. gentleman, who has only been in the parish about eighteen months, has made himself extremely popular in the village, taking a great interest in everything connected with the church and parish, and only just recently took to change-ringing, and during that short time has made remarkable progress, and bids fair to become a proficient change-ringer.

On Wednesday, January 2nd, the rev. gentleman was the recipient of a purse of money, most of which was gathered by the ringers. Mr. F. May (churchwarden), who made a very touching speech in presenting it, said that almost every one in the parish had contributed something towards it, and how truly sorry he was that they were about to lose his presence from amongst them.

The rev. gentleman is a true type what a clergyman should be, for in addition to his spiritual labours in the parish, he took a deep interest in all matters temporal, whether as a cricketer, oddfellow, or anything appertaining to the good of the parishioners, especially the young men.

## GUILD FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.

On Saturday, January 5th, a meeting of the above was held in St. Chad's vestry, Shrewsbury. Members were present from most of the churches in the town, also from Ludlow, Clive, Leaton, Wellington, and other places. The Rev. T. Norris, of St. Alkmund's, took the chair. Several new members, both ringing and honorary, were elected.

Some very good ringing was done on the back eight at St. Chad's, chiefly Grandsire Triples. The next meeting is to be held at Wellington on the first Saturday in February.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Gainsborough on Wednesday, December 26th. The attendance was not large, as the Lincoln members were prevented from coming at the last moment, and consequently from outside only Retford and Burton-on-Humber were represented. As soon as the Retford ringers had arrived by the 3.3 train, the eight bells at the parish church were set going to the tune of Grandsire Triples. At 4.30 there was a short choral evensong with an address by the vicar, based on Exodus xxviii., 33-35, part of which chapter was read as the lesson. In the course of his remarks Canon Moor showed that there was a close connection between bells and religious worship, even in the time of Moses, and that in connection with the priestly office of Aaron; and so now-a-days ringers were performing a priestly office in calling upon the people in the language of the bells to come and worship, and upon God to hear and answer their prayers.

The next proceeding was tea at the Coffee Tavern, at which eight sat down. After tea a short business meeting was held with the vicar in the chair. Three new members were elected, non-resident life, and one probationer. It was suggested for confirmation by the Annual Meeting in April, that the quarterly meeting in the summer be held at Market Rasen. As the attendance of members was small, it was decided to leave the question of forming local secretaries till the annual meeting. Votes of thanks to the vicar, choir, and organist, brought the meeting to a close.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower to indulge in touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples formed a fitting conclusion to an enjoyable meeting.

## DEDICATION OF A CLOCK AT MONK BRETTON, CHURCH, YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday, January 2nd, a clock was placed in the tower of St. Paul's church, and dedicated and set going. A brass plate at the foot of the tower bears the inscription: "To the glory of God, and in memory of Thomas Marsden, the clock in the tower of this church, was erected by his nephew, James Marsden, December, 1894." The late Mr. Thomas Marsden, J.P., was one of the building committee of the church, served as one of its churchwardens, for years attended its services, and was a liberal supporter of all movements for the good of the church and parish. It was fitting that his memory should be perpetuated in the church. The clock has been made by Messrs. Potts, of Leeds, on Lord Grimthorpe's pattern, of thoroughly reliable materials and first-rate workmanship throughout. The dial facing westward is three feet in diameter. Cambridge chimes mark the quarters, and the hours are struck on a deeper bell. It had been intended that the Bishop of Beverley should conduct the dedicatory service, but having sprained his leg on New Year's Day, he was unable to be present. The service was therefore conducted by the vicar (Rev. W. R. Hannam), and the Rev. C. F. Husband (vicar of Cudworth), the first-named gentleman preaching an impressive sermon from the words in the first verse of the 17th chapter of St. John's Gospel, "Father, the hour is come." The congregation joined in silent prayer as the clock was started, and marked the first hour of its course, chiming the fourth quarter, and striking eight.

## ST. COLUMB'S CHURCH, CORNWALL.

The tower of this church was struck by a thunderbolt on Sunday evening, January 6th. The service had just commenced, when a flash of bluish colour and intense brilliancy was seen, followed by a deafening crash, resembling the explosion of a bomb. The congregation rushed excitedly out of the building, and the service had to be abandoned. The electric current travelled down to the belfry, and then up the middle aisle, where it presented the appearance of a huge ball of fire and sparks. One of the ringers was thrown out over the railings into the church, a distance of twenty-five feet, and sustained a bad cut on the head. His companions were stunned by the force of the current. All the glass in the belfry window was broken to pieces, and the inside of the wall was torn. The gas meter was affected, and a slight explosion occurred, setting fire to the floor, but the flames were extinguished before much damage was done.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

## PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The next meeting of the Central Council will be held at Sheffield, on Tuesday in Easter week, April 16th, 1895.

Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the subscriptions for 1895 are now due, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary without delay, together with notice of any change of representation, and names and addresses of new Representatives.

Notice of any motion, or other business to be brought before the Council, signed by two members of Council, should reach the Hon. Secretary at least one clear month before the meeting. Late notices cannot be accepted.

The Hon. Secretary will be happy to forward a copy of the Council Rules to any representative applying for one.

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## THE NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE UNITED SOCIETY.

The second annual dinner and concert of this society took place on Wednesday, January 2nd, when twenty-eight members and visitors sat down to an excellent repast provided by host Bell of The White Hart hotel, Newcastle. Amongst those present were R. S. Story, Esq. (President), T. Hudson (Sunderland), F. Lees (chairman), C. L. Routledge, and visitors from Tanfield, Whickham, and North Shields.

Dinner being over, the chairman gave "The Queen." R. S. Story, Esq. then proposed the toast of the evening—"The Society," coupled with the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, giving some very encouraging remarks to the Novocastrian ringers, and said that though they had gone back in the quantity of peals, they still had improved their position in quality, and hoped in the future they would be able to stand in a better position, both in quantity and quality of peals.

The remainder of the evening was spent in singing songs, recitations, and several courses on the handbells, the greater part of the company contributing. The health of "The Chairman" was then proposed, which brought one of the most happy and pleasant evenings to a close, ever had by the north country ringers.

## GORING, OXON.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

On New Year's Eve the vicar, the Rev. H. C. Littlewood, invited the ringers to supper at the vicarage. The ringers met at the belfry and rang a 720 of Bob Minor. They then made their way to the vicarage, and at 8 o'clock all were seated in a comfortable room doing justice to a splendid joint of beef, the vicar taking the head of the table and carving; Mr. W. Aldridge taking the other end of the table, and every one doing his best, but they could not make much impression on such a joint, and had soon to turn their attention to the plum pudding, which among other things made everything very pleasant, every one having done good justice. Cheese was next, but not many partook of it, as they had done very well with the other Christmas things. The cloth being removed, games of bagatelle, etc., were indulged in until 11.30 p.m., when having thanked the vicar for entertaining them, they went to the tower and rang 360 of Woodbine Treble Bob, this bringing the time to nearly twelve o'clock, when the old year was tolled out, and then the bells rang out again, welcoming in the new year, 360 being brought round. Just as the ringers were going to lower the bells, one of the sidesmen of the church (Mr. S. E. Saunders), with a friend (Mr. W. Pearce), entered the belfry, so the ringers rang a 360 of Bob Minor, and lowering the bells, then dispersed to their homes. Christmas at this village has been rather gloomy, as on Sunday morning, December 23rd, the death of General Fife took place, casting a gloom over the village. The bells were deeply muffled, and several touches were rung at the funeral of the deceased gentleman, who was always in every charitable movement. He will be missed by the ringers, who have lost another of their best friends in the person of Mr. J. Tuckey, who has left the village. The ringers of this church are greatly indebted to the vicar, for it was through him that there are six

bells in the tower, he having promised when he came to reside in the village, that he would put a new treble bell up when the ringers could ring 120 of Doubles by method: so they all set to work and mastered Doubles, and he soon fulfilled his promise, since which time 720s in several methods has been rung.

## CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS, HASTINGS.

Previous to the usual New Year's Eve service held in the belfry of the above church, a presentation in the shape of an ivory-handled silver-mounted walking-stick, subscribed for by members of the Guild, was made to Mr. S. Saker, as a small token of esteem, and in recognition of his services as honorary Instructor to the band.

The Vicar, the Rev. Alfred Hodges, M.A., upon handing Mr. Saker the gift, spoke in eulogistic terms of his untiring efforts and abilities as Instructor, and stated that it afforded him great pleasure to make the presentation on behalf of the members of the Guild, and also that it was very gratifying to him to know that such a kindly feeling existed among them.

Mr. F. Lock, leader of the band, also spoke as to the great assistance Mr. Saker had given them, and that they one and all thoroughly appreciated his kindness to them.

Mr. Saker, who was quite taken by surprise by the presentation, in suitable terms then thanked the vicar for his very kind remarks, and the members of the Guild for their handsome present, stating that he did not wish for a reward in this way, but that he was amply repaid by the knowledge that they appreciated his efforts to impart to them what little he knew of the Art of change-ringing, but that he should value it very much as an outward expression of their good feelings towards him.

The ringers adjourned for a short time, and reassembled at 11.30 p.m. and rang the old year by plain courses of Grandsire Doubles in whole pulls with the bells half-muffled, and the New Year, after removing the mufflers, with a 6-score each of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

## RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS AT ST. ETHELBERT'S, LITTLEDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

After twenty-five years' silence, the bells of the above church were re-opened on New Year's Day. These bells have lately passed through the hands of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have recast one bell, and have quarter-turned and refitted the whole peal in a new complete frame of wood and iron.

A short service was held in the morning, when an appropriate address was given by the rector, the Rev. A. Arbuthnot, after which a mixed band of ringers from Westbury and Newnham, who were invited for the occasion, rang a date touch in three methods. In the afternoon the rector very kindly entertained the ringers at host Povey's, where an excellent dinner was provided. Songs and toasts were the order of the evening, which only too quickly passed away.

The visitors take this opportunity of again thanking the rector and the Littledean band for their kindness, and hope to soon see them as proficient change-ringers as they are entertainers.

## EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday, December 4th, a reopening service was held in connection with the belfry of the parish church, the bells having been lately rehung by Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick. After service a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 23 mins., then several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, after which the ringers sat down to a good substantial tea at The Somers Arms hotel. They then returned to the tower and rang 720 of Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. The ringers were delighted with the "go" of the bells, and congratulated Messrs. Carr on the efficient way in which they had carried out the work.

\* \* \* A great number of touches and reports are crowded out this week. We ask our friends who are thereby disappointed, to extend to us their kind forbearance; everything will appear in due course.

## BELL CASTING AT LOUGHBOROUGH.—A COMPLETE PEAL FOR SHEPSHED.

By the invitation of Mr. Taylor, of the bell foundry, Loughborough, the Rev. W. H. F. Hepworth, vicar of Shepshead, and a number of the parishioners, attended at the foundry to witness the casting at noon on Monday, two new bells to be added to the existing bells in Shepshead parish church to form a complete peal. In addition to the vicar and his curate (the Rev. C. Waters), there was also present at the casting, Miss E. Merri-man, Mrs. Douglas, the Misses Goodall, Miss A. Pyemont, Mr. Leonard Hepworth, Mr. M. Blood, Mr. H. Freeman, Mr. J. Sansome, Mr. R. Parsons, Mr. S. Cooke, Mr. W. Whitworth, Mr. R. Whitworth (all of Shepshead), Mr. E. H. Alsop (Loughborough, formerly of Shepshead), Rev. T. Pitts, M.A., rector of Loughborough, and others. Before the casting of the bells, a short service was held at the foundry, conducted by the vicar of Shepshead. An appropriate prayer, specially composed for the occasion by the vicar of Shepshead, was read, and addresses were given by the Rev. T. Pitts and the Rev. W. H. F. Hepworth. The two additional bells have been given by Mr. S. Harriman and Mr. S. Cotton, the latter in memory of his father, and the former in memory of his mother. The old bells at Shepshead, which were hung on wood frames, will henceforth (together with the two new bells) be rehung on more substantial iron framework. Through the kindness of Messrs. Taylor, the visitors were shown over the works. It may be mentioned that they witnessed the casting of six bells—two for Shepshead, one for Sapcote (Leicestershire), one for Pawlett (Somersetshire), and one for St. Mary's, Oxford. The bells for Shepshead church will be suitably inscribed and placed in position in the course of a few weeks.

## KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the King's Norton Guild was held in the old schoolroom, King's Norton, on Monday, January 7th, when there was a full attendance of members.

On the proposition of the vicar, the Rev. C. W. Barnard, M.A., Mr. W. S. Pritchett was unanimously re-elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing year, and Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham, and Mr. W. H. Sumner, were respectively elected senior and junior warden. Mr. Fred. Sumner was admitted a fellow of the Guild, and it was mentioned that during his apprenticeship of twelve months, he had progressed sufficiently to ring the treble in a peal of Grandsire Triples, and now took his place inside with credit to himself.

The Master, in returning thanks for his re-election, reminded the members that in the past year four peals had been achieved, and he hoped that the coming year would mark further successes. Progress could only be made by regular and systematic practice, and the exercise of patience in the training of young members.

The company afterwards adjourned to The Saracen's Head inn, where supper was provided, and a pleasant evening spent.

## DISS, NORFOLK.

On Monday, January 7th, the 62nd anniversary of St. Mary's church bells was held, when a few friends from adjoining villages met the local ringers and enjoyed a pull on the fine peal which are now in splendid ringing order. A capital dinner was provided by host Reeve of The Dolphin inn, to which a company of fifteen sat down, under the ruling of Mr. G. Day, who occupied the chair and discharged his duties in a very satisfactory manner. Some capital ringing on tower and handbells with a few good songs in the evening brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT NORWICH.—This is the first peal in the method on tower bells by all except the ringers of 4th, 6th, and tenor; also the first peal in the method on the bells since 1752, and the first peal of Triples in any method since 1839. The peal in 1752 was Holt's Original, and the newspaper report says that that was the first time that composition was rung and called by eight men "without prompts." R. Christian hails from Great Yarmouth, and E. J. W. Lincoln from Newcastle-on-Tyne. The peal was rung five days previous to the conductor's nineteenth birthday.

## Ringers' Outings.

ST. THOMAS' SOCIETY, GORING, OXON.—On Wednesday, December 26th, the ringers of this church had their second annual outing. In 1893 they visited towers where no change-ringing was done; this year it was arranged to visit towers where change-ringing is practised: so writing and getting permission from the vicars of the places visited, a start was made by meeting at the station and taking the 8.56 a.m. train. Pangbourne was reached at 9.5 a.m., and here a brake was waiting to convey them to Bradfield, where they found everything in readiness, and soon set to work. A 360 of Woodbine Treble Bob, 240 Plain Bob, and 120 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob was rung. This brought the time to 11 o'clock, and promising to be at Englefield about 11.30 a.m., they were just leaving the churchyard, when they met the vicar (Rev. A. Standidge), and having thanked him for the use of the bells, they were soon on the road to Englefield, where they arrived at 11.45, being met near the church by the vicar (Rev. A. Heigham), who informed them that the bells were in very good order, and having a look inside the church (which is very nice), the bells were set going. This time Oxford Treble Bob was the order, and a 360 was brought round, and 300 Bob Minor and 120 each of Kent and Woodbine. This was the best belfry the ringers have ever seen, everything being just as nice as the interior of the church. A move was then made for Theale, where they had to refresh the inner man. At 2 o'clock all were again seated in the brake on the way for Burghfield, which was reached about 2.30 p.m. They were met near the church by Mr. Higgs and his son, who belongs to St. Giles' company, Reading. They soon set to work again: this time Oxford Treble Bob was the order, and 360 was brought round in good style, and 120 Bob Minor, and 120 Bob Doubles, with Mr. Higgs, jun. at the treble. The ringers tried all they could to get Mr. Higgs, sen. to ring the tenor to this last touch, but he was so well pleased with the ringing that he would not hinder them, and very much wished them to stay longer, but could not as they were going to have a pull at Theale. Before they left the last-named church, one of the churchwardens (Mr. James Dewe) came and said how pleased he was to hear the bells that day. He thought it must be a band of strangers, as the ringers of Burghfield do not turn the tenor into changes, but the "go" of the bells is all that any one could wish for, and a very nice ring. They reached Theale about 5 o'clock, and here they were soon at work again, this time Kent Treble Bob was rung, and a 360 brought round, also 180 and 120 of Plain Bob. The bells were then lowered, and the ringers were soon on the road for Pangbourne. Here permission was given, but found the bells want a lot done to them before anything can be rung. Bob Minor was attempted, but it was impossible to keep the last two bells going, so a 120 of Grandsire Doubles was rung, and this brought the ringing to a close rather sooner than was expected, as they quite made up their minds for a good turn here, but it was no use ringing like this with bells wanting screwing, etc. The 9.36 p.m. train conveyed all the ringers home, Goring being reached at 9.44, all having spent a very pleasant day; plenty of ringing, and being welcomed everywhere. They hope to visit Burghfield again at some future date. After a hasty good night all went to their different homes, thoroughly satisfied with their outing.

## WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.

The ringers of the parish church, West Kirby, had their annual supper on New Year's Eve at the residence of the Hon. Sec. Immediately after the supper a very interesting ceremony took place. The Rev. Canon Blencowe and some other hon. members had been invited to attend to present a purse of £5 to Mr. Henry Smith, who has been a member of the West Kirby belfry for almost forty years and has lately retired and left the neighbourhood. The money had been subscribed by his fellow-ringers and other friends. Mr. Smith feelingly acknowledged the very unexpected present. "Auld Lang Syne" and a few other airs were rung on the handbells, and shortly after 11.30 a move was made to the belfry to ring the old year out and the new year in.



## TROUBLE AT LIVERPOOL.

We print the following extracts, the first from the *Liverpool Courier* of January 2nd, the other from the *Liverpool Echo* of January 3rd:—

Whatever may be done, or left undone, in ushering in the new year, the little stranger never fails to make its appearance at the appointed time. On this occasion the bells of St. Peter's were mute. They neither rang the old year out nor the new year in, yet both events happened in due course. The thousands who congregated according to custom for this particular and ever-popular "watch" ceremony were greatly disappointed at missing the usual chimes. The unfortunate bellringers were loudly denounced. It is not the habit of a large crowd to whom offence has been given to bother about hearing the accused before passing sentence, and the case of the bellringers was no exception to the rule. Happily for themselves, none of the alleged misdemeanants were at the moment within reach, for it has since been ascertained that they were really not to blame. The grievance is one against the Government. The parish councils act is now in force. It has taken away the powers of the church authorities in such matters, and it would seem that the new authorities have no funds which they can legally devote to such purposes. At any rate, the bellringers are not on "strike," and while it would not be correct to say that they have been "locked out," there is no one to pay them or to guarantee the payment of their services. We are not of those who rejoice at the discontinuance of old customs, and that of greeting the new year with a merry chime is one in so many respects according to the fitness of things, and so little open to objection from any point of view, that many would regret were it now to fall into desuetude. At the same time the bellringers cannot be expected to give their services gratuitously; for, in order that their ringing may be enjoyable to those who must listen to it they must devote no small amount of their time to the cultivation of the art. The object lesson of silence coming with such impressive swiftness with the dawn of the day which witnessed the first meetings of so many of the new vestries may have the effect of preventing the lapse in years to come.

There are those, of course, who regard bellringing as a nuisance at any time, and especially at midnight. We agree that if it were a nightly experience it might prove seriously objectionable, but upon an occasion when the streets are full of songsters loud-voiced rather than melodious, of players upon the concertina, and of persons making a joyful noise according to a thousand varying tastes and powers of performance, the bells are of the nature of a boon. They help to drown the discords, and to impart a softening sense of distance to the wonderful medley produced by the unorganised rejoicings of a free people. —*Liverpool Courier*.

Everybody—or nearly everybody—loves to listen to a peal of bells well and skilfully rung, but few people have any idea of the labour and application required before a ring of eight, ten, or twelve bells can be got into really good going order. Most people are aware that church bells are hung on wheels in a frame, and that the rope is attached to the wheel, which serves as a lever for swinging the bell, but here the general acquaintance with the subject ceases. When by any chance the man in the street wanders up the steep turnpike stair to the ringing loft, and sees the ringers standing round the walls actively engaged in pulling off a touch, the motion of the ropes, as they alternately drop coiling to the floor at the hand-stroke, or almost disappear through the ceiling at the back-stroke, conveys to his mind no other idea than one of utter bewilderment. Even artists, who are observers by profession, rarely, if ever, possess the practised rope-sight, which alone yields the clue to the mystery, and it may be safely asserted that not one picture in a hundred, which purports to represent a belfry interior, with men ringing would pass the critical eye of a practised ringer. The Art of ringing, which includes not only the practical management of the bell—itsself no easily-acquired power—but a thorough acquaintance with various elaborate methods of permutation by which are produced the various different order of changes, such as the Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford or Kent Treble Bob, and many other varieties. The ringing of many of these, especially the more intricate kinds of even-bellringing, in which the tenor, instead of beating big drum behind, is turned in with the rest, and goes into the hunt and down to lead like all the others, demands an amount of care and attention, to say nothing of long practice, of which the mere listener never dreams. So difficult are the higher walks of the Art that many ringers never attain to them at all, and a first-rate ringer requires a power of quick observation, steadiness of nerve, and perfect collaboration of hand, ear, and eye, such as almost amount to a special faculty. It is a serious matter, therefore, from a campanological point of view, when the ringers of such peals as those of St. Nicholas's and St. Peter's in this city "strike" on account of non-payment of wages. Nothing contributes more to the sense of exhilaration attendant on any occasion of public rejoicing

than the ordered tumult of sound proceeding from the lofty belfries, and filling the air with its vibrant melody. With its two principal peals silent Liverpool is indeed deprived of one of its most effective outward symbols of joy and delight. Nor is it one which can be readily replaced. Owing to the rarity of full peals in this country there are but few bands of ringers who can do justice to the twelve bells of St. Nicholas, and it would take a long time before even experienced eight-bell ringers would find themselves thoroughly at home with the larger number. The case is the more provoking inasmuch as it appears to have arisen out of some trumpery difficulty as to the new conditions imposed by the Local Government Act of last session. As to this it may be said that a parish council is dearly bought if it involve the silencing of the parish bells. We trust, however, that some way may be speedily found out of the *impasse*, and that Saints Peter and Nicholas may not long be deprived of their cherished tintinnabulatory honours. —*Liverpool Echo*.

Every reader of "THE BELL NEWS" will owe a debt of gratitude to both of our Liverpool contemporaries. It is not often that we read such charitable comments upon ringers and ringing. "The Courier" and "The Echo" of Liverpool will for ever in the future be grateful words in the ears of the whole of the ringing Exercise. We long to shake hands with our worthy *collaborateurs*. They have done more good, perhaps, than they are cognisant of.

## 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."

## SINGLES IN UNION TRIPLES.

SIR,—In looking through some old numbers of "THE BELL NEWS" to-day on the search for Stedman matters, I came across my old correspondence with Mr. Carter on the subject of the Union singles, in which I proposed the single now adopted. This correspondence I had totally forgotten, and had I remembered it I should not have sent my letter to your last issue. In writing it I was under the impression that the whole subject was started at the Council, and it had escaped my memory that it had been practically thrashed out previously. I trust that Mr. Carter will therefore accept this explanation, as I should be very sorry to renew a discussion that could not now be anything but fruitless. The fact, however, still remains that Mr. Carter has actually adopted the singles in at least one of his peals. This I did not know till the other day. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

January 7, 1895.

## CRITICISMS.

SIR,—I see in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 29th, the analysis of peals rung during the first ten months of last year, and among them a peal in Cambridgeshire marked as by an independent society. The peal in question was rung by the Cambridge University Guild, which has in former occasions always appeared in the analysis, and is certainly as much entitled to do so as several other societies. I wish also to draw Mr. Attree's attention to the serious fault in his system of points, which causes a peal of Bob Major to be of the same value as Grandsire Cinques, and makes a peal of Treble Ten nearly equal to Double Norwich Major, and Stedman Caters eight points more than Stedman Triples. May I also point out to Mr. Carter that the method published by him as Darlaston Bob Caters is only College Single Caters, and also that all Surprise methods have the treble in a Treble Bob hunt. H. LAW JAMES.

P.S.—Sottanstall has used the name Surprise contrary to precedent.

## THANKS.

SIR,—Will you allow me, through the medium of your paper, to thank very heartily all kind friends who have sent me some capital recipes and suggestions for the cure of sciatica, and to state that I am now much better, and hope to be able to handle a rope again very shortly. I thank you, Sir, for your kindness, and wish "THE BELL NEWS" a prosperous new year. W. IRELAND.

Victoria Road, Diss, Norfolk.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALLS AND COLLECTION OF PEALS.—Now ready. Price Twopence, post free. Stamps with order to Rev. H. E. BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.



Notices.

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**Preliminary Notice.**—Hollingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.—The annual change-ringing contest on handbells, for the above cup, will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. For further particulars apply Sec.

JONATHAN PILLING.

Lee Street, Uppermill, near Oldham.

**The Surrey Association.**—By kind permission of the Rev. S. W. Young (Hon. Treas.), the next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Monday, January 14, 1895. The tower of All Saints (10 bells), will be open from 2 p.m. Representatives should send the number who intend being present at tea at The Albany Hall at 6 p.m., to Mr. J. Strutt, London Street, Kingston-on-Thames, not later than Saturday, January 13th. Members are requested to meet at the church as early as possible, so that those who have to leave early to get their trains home may have the privilege of United Practice before tea. The annual report for 1894 will be prepared for printing immediately after the above meeting. Representatives are requested to revise their lists of members, and together with all matter intended for insertion forward the same on or before the above date.

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.

13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, Newhey, to-day, Saturday, January 12th, 1895, meeting 6.30 p.m.

GEORGE HOYLE, Branch Sec.

44, New York Street, Rochdale.

**Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Tunstall, to-day, Saturday, January 12th.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } Hon. Secs.  
W. TWIGG, }

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The anniversary dinner of the Redenhall Society will be held on Monday, January 14th, 1895. Bells ready at 11.30 a.m. Dinner at 1.30 p.m.

**All Saints Society, Fulham.**—The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, January 19th, 1895. The tower will be open to members and friends at 4.30 p.m. Tea in church room at 6 p.m., business meeting afterwards. All ringers intending to be present should signify the same to the secretary, not later than Thursday, January 17th, 1895.

J. GREEN, Hon. Sec.

Fulham Palace, S.W.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday, January 15th, at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., in lieu of peal booking fees, is now due.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

37, Tradesant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, January 19th, 1895, at the parish church, Stafford. Bells available from 2 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by committee meeting. Tea at

6 p.m. Please send in how many of your band will attend, not later than the 15th instant, to S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.**—Members are earnestly requested to attend the next meeting at Head quarters, Bedford Head hotel, Covent garden, Friday, January 18th, when business of importance will be brought forward.

A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.

10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey, N.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Leicester, on Saturday, January 19th. The following towers will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., viz.: St. Margaret's (10 bells), St. Martin's (10 bells), St. Mary's (8 bells), St. Mark's (8 bells), St. Saviour's (8 bells), St. Peter's, Belgrave (8 bells), and St. George's (6 bells). Committee meeting at 4.30, tea at 5, followed by general meeting, both held at St. Margaret's Coffee House, Church Gate. Visiting members who have paid their subscriptions for 1894 and who send their names to Mr. W. Willson, 19, Church Street, Leicester, not later than Wednesday, January 16th, will be charged 6d. each for tea, local members and others who have not complied with the foregoing stipulations will be charged 1s. each as usual. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station. In order to make the 1894 report as perfect as possible, all members whose present addresses are incorrect in the last report are requested to notify same to their local secretaries or to the honorary secretary not later than Saturday, February 2nd.

J. O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec.

22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**The Heavy Woollen Districts Association.**—Yorkshire.—The yearly meeting of the above will be held at Batley, on Saturday, January 19th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, West End hotel (above the church). Business:—Election of officers, draw for the next contest; extension of radius, also the following proposals to consider. 1. That all 8-bell towers be eligible to ring at a 6-bell contest, providing they send four out of their tower. 2. That 6 and 8-bell towers may ring at either contest if they send four out of their tower. 3. That each tower be represented on the committee by one elected member out of their tower, no other allowed to vote. Other business of importance will be transacted, and it is hoped each member will avail himself of the opportunity to be present. Subscriptions are now due for the ensuing year.

GEORGE H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The Middlesex Association.**—The next meeting will take place at All Saints' parish church, Edmonton, on Saturday, January 19th. Tower open at 6 o'clock.

FRANK BLONDELL, Hon. Sec.

15, Thornton Road, Barnet.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, on Saturday, January 19th, 1895. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A free tea will be given to all who send in their names or numbers to S. Lord, 1, Church Lane, Newchurch, near Manchester, on or before January 16th. Meeting after tea.

J. B. TAYLOR, Branch Sec.

7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Crayford, on Saturday, January 19th.

The tower of the parish church will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, Hon. Sec.  
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Philip's church, Hulme, Manchester, on Saturday, January 19th, Tower open at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m. All ringers welcome.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—Members are requested to attend the annual meeting to be held on Monday, January 21st, 1895, at St. Margaret's, when officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Meeting time 7.45 p.m.

H. BARTON, Hon. Sec.

**Waltham Abbey Society.**—All communications with reference to this society should in future be addressed to

FRANK CARTER, Hon. Sec.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—The next committee and quarterly meeting of this Association will be held in St. Thomas's School Room, King Street, Dudley, at 5.30 p.m. prompt, on Saturday, January 26th, 1895. The tower and bells will be open for ringing. The Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar, has kindly consented to preside at the meeting, and gives all members a hearty welcome. A free tea will be provided for all members who send in their names to me, not later than Wednesday, January 23rd. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

36, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

**Waterloo Society, London.**—The annual meeting of the society took place on January 2nd, when the following officers were elected. H. N. Davis, Master; C. E. Malim, Treasurer, re-elected; A. R. Davis, Steward; F. G. Perrin, Secretary.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of H. R. Newton is 16, Garden Street, Westminster.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1895.

THERE appears to be some unpleasantness at Liverpool with respect to ringers' emolument for services rendered or to be rendered by them, which has led to a kind of deadlock. Extracts from two Liverpool newspapers, printed elsewhere, show that not only at the old parish church of St. Nicolas, with its ring of twelve, but also at St. Peter's, the bells were not rung for the demise of the old year, and the entrance into life of the new one. So far as these extracts show, no blame for this state of things is to be laid to the Church authorities. It is, we are told, the result of an Act of Parliament! Are we to believe that the District Council for Liverpool, recently elected, have appropriated the moneys from which the Liverpool ringers were hitherto remunerated? If this new body has in fact done so, there is little difficulty, one would imagine, in putting things to rights again. No one expects ringers to give up the comforts of their home late on New Year's Eve, and enter a cold belfry merely for love, with the probability of a cheerless journey home amid inclement weather. The good folk of Liverpool, who apparently think something of their church bells, can easily put matters straight by establishing a fund whereby the ringers, both at the churches of St. Peter and St. Nicolas, may receive their just due for work done. "The

laborer is worthy of his hire." The merchant princes of the great northern port will not allow the ringing at their parish church to cease because the source of revenue, once in existence, has been absorbed by new trustees. They are able, and it is to be hoped, willing, to create a new fund to pay for good ringing, which no district or other council shall ever be able to appropriate or divert. And the Churchmen of St. Peter's parish, men whose business establishments vie with any others in the kingdom, will also do their part. We ask these gentlemen to determine that never in future shall it be said that their bells cannot be rung because there are no funds to pay for the work.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 5, 1895, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX .. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 5.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. ..	2.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. ..	3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN ..	4.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by F. G. NEWMAN.

This composition has the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 5, 1895, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN BONNEY .. .. .	Treble.	*HARRY HOSKINS .. .. 5.
EDGAR CLARK .. .. .	2.	I. GEORGE SHADE .. .. 6.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. ..	3.	*FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 7.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ..	4.	*WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by I. GEORGE SHADE.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, January 8, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER J. SORRELL .. ..	Treble.	*CHARLES HINDS .. .. 5.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. ..	2.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 6.
SAMUEL ANDREWS* .. ..	3.	*THOMAS E. BARBER .. .. 7.
GEORGE LANGFORD .. ..	4.	SAMUEL HOW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

\*First peal of Stedman. This is the conductor's 100th peal.

### The Provinces.

#### PORTSEA, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

A. STONE* .. .. .	Treble.	*E. TOMLINS .. .. 5.
J. HARPER .. .. .	2.	†J. GOULD .. .. 6.
J. SYMONS .. .. .	3.	REV. R. C. M. HARVEY .. 7.
J. T. MATTHEWS† .. ..	4.	*J. DOVER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. R. C. M. HARVEY.

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

#### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, December 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

JOHN BENSTEAD .. .. .	Treble.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 5.
GEORGE PITT .. .. .	2.	THOMAS HOLMES .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. ..	3.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON .. ..	4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

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

J. Benstead's first peal of Major.

#### DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, January 3, 1895, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; T. MORRIS'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARDLOW .. ..	Treble.	JOHN W. THOMPSON .. 5.
JAMES DENT .. .. .	2.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6.
CHARLES DRAPER .. ..	3.	CHARLES E. HART .. .. 7.
CHARLES T. DOWELL .. ..	4.	SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES E. HART.

This peal, taken from Shipway, was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Vicar of St. Andrew's, Derby, the Rev. Robert Hey, M.A.

#### NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 3, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. ..	Treble.	*EMMETT J. W. LINCOLN .. 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN* .. ..	2.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 6.
GEORGE P. BURTON .. ..	3.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 7.
ROBERT CHRISTIAN .. ..	4.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

\*First peal of Grandsire Triples. Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

#### ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON* ..	Treble.	JOHN TRENDLELL .. .. 5.
THOMAS MILES .. .. .	2.	CHARLES TRENDLELL .. 6.
ALFRED E. BASSETT .. ..	3.	EDWARD TRENDLELL .. 7.
FREDERICK TRENDLELL ..	4.	JAMES TRENDLELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILES.

\*First peal.

#### DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1895, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS B. KENDALL .. ..	Treble.	EDWIN WHEATER .. .. 5.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. ..	2.	FREDK. W. HARGREAVES .. 6.
JAMES COTTERELL .. ..	3.	CHARLES WATTS .. .. 7.
SAMUEL BROOK .. .. .	4.	CHARLES DRACUP .. .. Tenor.

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## SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

THOMAS R. FARLEY.. .. Treble.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 5.
GEORGE F. DOEL .. .. 2.	ROBERT W. J. GOLLOP .. 6.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 3.	WALTER S. WISE .. .. 7.
SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 4.	SIDNEY AMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BLACKBOURN.

T. R. Farley's first peal.

## WOLVERHAMPTON.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1895, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

HERBERT KNIGHT* .. .. Treble.	HENRY A. HALL .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. 2.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 6.
HENRY DAWKES* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 7.
JAMES PARDOE .. .. 4.	†WILLIAM G. HALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*First peal of Triples. †First peal. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Rector, Rev. Prebendary J. T. Jeffcock, who was buried at Wolstanton, North Stafford, on the above date, the first part of the funeral service being conducted at Wolverhampton. Deceased was an honorary member of the above Society, and was much respected by a large circle of friends. W. Smith hails from Darlaston; Dalton from Tettenhall; the rest belong to the local band.

## STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, January 5, 1895, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN WORTHINGTON .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. .. 5.
SAMUEL PRICE .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
STEPHEN DOUGHTY .. .. 3.	ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 7.
HENRY MOTTERSALL .. 4.	HERBERT MADIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 5th and 6th twenty times each way in 5-6, with the 4th twenty times in 6ths place. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late James Swift, formerly a member of the Society. S. Doughty hails from Skipton, Yorkshire the rest are of the local company.

## MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES, YORKSHIRE.

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On Monday, January 7, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD FENWICK .. .. Treble.	ALEXANDER M. MCFARLANE 5.
ROBERT BORROWS .. .. 2.	ROBERT ALLCOCK .. .. 6.
JOHN HENRY JONES .. .. 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. .. 7.
FREDERICK A. MELLANBY 4.	JOHN WILLIAM PASSMORE .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY and Conducted by JOHN H. BLAKISTON.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Robert Borrows, of the local company, who was married to Miss Bullock, of Richmond, on December 26th, 1894. Halting at Middlesbrough on their honeymoon tour, the above peal was rung to commemorate the event. All his brother-ringers take this opportunity of wishing Mr. and Mrs. Borrows every joy and happiness, and they fondly hope that Mrs. Borrows will take as much interest in bell-ringing as her husband does.

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HARRY SAUNDERS .. .. 2.	ALFRED CHAPLIN .. .. 5.
EDGAR CHAPLIN .. .. 3.	*ELISHA RADLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ELISHA RADLEY.

First 5040 by all except ringers of the 5th and 6th. \*First as conductor, and first by a local band on the bells. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. D. Hamer, who is leaving for Hingham, Norfolk.

## BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**SEVEN 720s OF MINOR,**

In the following methods:

Violet, Oxford, Kent, Oxford Bob, College Single, Grandsire, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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CHARLES WEBBER .. .. 2.	*ROBERT BOTTING .. .. 5.
JOHN ANSELL .. .. 3.	†GEORGE HUGGETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HUGGETT.

\*First 5040. †First 5040 as conductor.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal at Newchurch, Lancashire, reported last week, was a Lancashire Association peal, and was rung on Saturday, December 29th, not on Sunday.

## Date Touches.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, December 12th, for practice, a date touch of 1894 changes in the following methods: 118 Oxford Treble Bob, 120 Kent, 216 Grandsire, 720 Canterbury, and 720 Plain Bob, in 1 hr. J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6. First date touch by all except the conductor, and first in five methods by the Guild.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

HANLEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 16th, at St. John's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. A. Shufflebotham, 1; F. Mountford, 2; H. Alcock (conductor), 3; A. Cherry, 4; T. Holdcroft, 5; T. Mountford, 6; G. Mountford, 7; W. Bowkett, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull. This is the longest length on the bells by an entirely local company.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HAMMERSMITH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 9th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 47 mins. G. Langford, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; E. Duff, 3; S. Andrews, 4; R. E. Chichester, 5; C. T. P. Brice, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; C. Charge (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITTON NEAR NORTHWICH (Cheshire).—On Monday evening, December 10th, on handbells, 360 Plain Bob Minor. And on tower bells, 180 Bob Minor. S. Johnson, 1; W. Sutton, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; H. Parker, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. This is the first change-ringing by all except the ringer of the 5th. Great credit is due to them, considering the short time that they have been learning.

## THE NORTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

WRANGLE (Lincolnshire).—On Wednesday, December 26th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Nicholas, a 6-score of Grandsire. C. R. Lilley, 1; J. Phillips, 2; H. Staffurth, 3; E. Clayton, 4; J. Sharpe (conductor), 5; Joseph Sharpe, 6.

## THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Thursday, December 6th, at the church of St. Helen, the following members started for a peal of Grandsire Major, but after ringing 2144 changes in 1 hr. 19 mins., the clapper of the 4th bell came out, thus causing them to stand. B. S. Hill, 1; W. Cotton, 2; W. Powell, 3; W. Pudge, 4; W. H. Johnson, 5; W. Bradford, 6; W. Page (conductor), 7; E. Davis, 8.

## ELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

WILBURTON (Cams).—On Monday evening, December 24th, 720 College Exercise, in 24 mins. J. Markwell, 1; A. Markwell (conductor), 2; Henry Markwell, 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Sharp, 5; Herbert Markwell, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by the band, and was rung at the first attempt. On Monday, December 31st, touches of College Exercise, New London Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob. J. Markwell, 1; H. Markwell, 2; A. Hazel, 3; H. Sharp, 4; A. Markwell (conductor), 5; Herbert Markwell, 6. The above company have rung fifty-three 720s in seven different methods during the past year, which consist of the following: Duke of York, 15; Woodbine, 11; Violet, 11; Kent and Oxford, 6 each; College Exercise, 1; Plain Bob, 3. Tenor 12 cwt.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Friday, December 7th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. C. Shipp (first 720), 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday, December 12th, 720 Place Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25½ mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; W. Laker, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; A. Dunster (first 720 in the method), 4; W. Dennis (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, December 16th, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs) in 25½ mins. C. Shipp, 1; A. T. Hyland (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. Composed by N. J. Pitstow. And on Monday evening, December 31st, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. C. Shipp, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, December 13th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Coast, 1; G. A. Ransom (Sittingbourne), 2; S. Beech (first 720), 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; F. Shedd, 5; H. Wood, 6.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Thursday, December 13th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Heasman, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Steddy, 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Preston, 5; W. J. Collison (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all except the tenor-man, and his first 720 in the method as conductor.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday evening, December 16th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. Ashbee, 1; J. Tulett, 2; G. Chantler, 3; A. Osborne, 4; W. Baker (conductor), 5; E. Rayner, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. \*H. Alford, 1; H. J. Castle, 2; J. Turner, 3; \*A. Saxby, 4; J. Saxby, 5; C. Wilkins, 6; E. Barnett (conductor), 7; J. Lowrey, 8. \*Longest touch in the method. H. Alford hails from Hackney, and H. J. Castle from Dartford.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Thursday, October 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Hills (first in the method), 1; T. Parsons, 2; A. Child (first in the method with a bob bell), 3; J. Hills, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Exercise. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; T. Linfield, 3; C. Hills, 4; T. Parsons, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 1st, 720 Violet Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; J. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Hills, 1; H. Evans (Goring), 2; H. Finch, 3; C. Hills, 4; T. Parsons, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Hills, 1; F. Finch, 2; H. Finch (first in the method with a bob bell), 3; C. Hills, 4; J. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 29th, 720 London Surprise. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; J. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Monday, December 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Hills, 1; C. Hills, 2; A. Child, 3; H. Finch, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. H. Phillips (first 720), 1; T. Linfield, 2; H. Finch, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. Hills (conductor), 5; F. Finch, 6. On Thursday, December 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Hills, 1; A. Child, 2; C. Hills, 3; F. Finch, 4; T. Parsons, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE.—On Sunday morning, November 4th, at All Saints' church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Lingard, 1; G. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. Also on Sunday afternoon, 720 College Single (fourteen singles and six bobs). J. Hartley, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; J. Lingard, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. Also on Sunday evening, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. J. Lingard, 1; R. Whittles, 2; E. Schofield, 3; J. Crossley, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. And on Sunday afternoon, December 9th, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Smith (Bacup), 1; J. Lingard, 2; E. Schofield, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. Crossley, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. All conducted by J. Crossley.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Friday, December 7th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. Suart, 2; C. J. A. Cushion, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-eight bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. J. Spencer, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Friday, December 21st, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six singles), in 26 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; C. J. A. Cushion, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 26 mins. A. E. Sheppard, 1; T. Suart, 2; R. W. Burrows, 3; C. J. A. Cushion, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 2nd, for morning service at St. Thomas's church, 504 Bob Triples. For evening service a 588. R. James, 1; H. Brettell, 2; A. Chapman, 3; J. B. Pearson, 4; H. Davis, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6; W. A. Pugh, 7; W. W. Dyke, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled. And on Tuesday, December 4th, the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a mark of respect to the late Robert Broomhall, printer. Deceased acted as Secretary to the fund for the restoration of these bells; he had also been a prominent member of the Order of Freemasons, being Secretary of the Stability Lodge 564 for 15 years, and P.M. in the same lodge; also P.P.S.G.W. in the Province of Worcestershire. He was formerly a churchwarden. On Thursday, December 6th, 720 Bob Minor and the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. G. Holloway, aged 74 years, who was superintendent registrar, and clerk at the waterworks. He had been Vicar's Warden for a number of years. On Sunday, December 9th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with 6 and 8 behind. G. Woolridge, 1; H. Brettell, 2; A. Chapman, 3; J. B. Pearson, 4; H. Davis, 5; W. W. Dyke, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; R. James, 8. All the above were conducted by G. H. Pagett.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, December 13th, for practice, 1050 Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins., being the first two parts of Reeves' variation. \*A. H. Wheeler, 1; †F. S. W. Butler (conductor), 2; W. W. Bust, 3; J. T. Ladd, 4; G. Wilson, 5; H. W. Kirtton, 6; W. D. Tinker, 7; R. S. Lakin, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. \*Longest length. †Longest length as conductor.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Monday, December 10th, at the church of St. Michael, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. H. A. Hall, 1; E. Nicholls, 2; A. Griffiths, 3; B. Dalton, 4; J. E. Groves (conductor), 5; J. Pardoe, 6. The above was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. James H. Rowe, one of the local band.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, November 22nd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Rochester Surprise in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Gray, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Jordan, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 25th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), composed by S. Hammond, formerly of Braintree, Essex. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 28th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; C. Sillitoe, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor),

6. C. Sillitoe hails from Sudbury, Suffolk. On Sunday, December 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 York Surprise in 23½ mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Yorkshire Court Bob in 24 mins. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 6th, for practice, 720 Double Canterbury Pleasure. T. J. Watts, 4; the rest as before. And 720 Westminster Treble Bob. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Imperial Treble Bob. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 9th, for morning service, 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob (5th the observation), in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Double Oxford Bob. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE, BRIDGEND (Glamorganshire).—Recently at St. Iltyd's church, three 120's of Plain Bob. D. I. Hurford, 1; R. Evans (conductor), 2; A. Spratlin, 3; W. Hardwick, 4; J. Cox, 5; C. Underhill, 6. Tenor 11½ cwt. First in the method by the local band.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service at St. Woolos's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Reeves), in 50 mins. J. W. Jones, 1; A. Longville, 2; C. H. Rogers, 3; R. Les Vesconte, 4; F. Atwell, 5; J. Butler, 6; J. Trowbridge (conductor), 7; R. Fry, 8.

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

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 16th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; D. Preston, 3; R. W. Twigg, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 6. Also for Divine Service in the evening 720 Duke of York. G. Hobbs, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; D. Preston, 3; C. Preston, 4; J. E. Wheeldon, 5; W. Wheeldon (conductor), 6. J. H. Naylor hails from Norton; the rest belong to Bucknall.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On a recent Saturday, at the cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 53 mins. A. E. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; \*C. I. Choquet, 3; \*G. Smith, 4; J. George, 5; \*R. Hasted, 6; \*W. C. Lampard, 7; \*J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 9; D. Froome, 10. Tenor 32 cwt. \*Longest length of Caters. This quarter-peal, which has the 6th ten courses behind the 9th, is the first ever rung in Hampshire, and all are members of the Winchester cathedral band except J. George, who hails from Rugby, for whom it was arranged.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CARSHALTON (Surrey).—On Wednesday, December 12th, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. E. Bennett, 1; G. Burt, 2; W. Bulpitt, 3; W. States, 4; F. Trendall, 5; F. Holder, 6; H. Brooker (conductor), 7; T. Verrall, 8.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LAXFIELD (Suffolk).—Recently, at the parish church, 720 Double Court. C. F. Ling, 1; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 2; A. E. Kerridge, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; W. Drew, 5; F. Clayton, 6.

WICKHAM MARKET.—On Sunday, November 25th, 720 Plain and 360 Double Court. S. W. Martin, 1; J. Tarrant, 2; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 3; E. Sherwood, 4; W. Flory, 5; F. Clayton, 6.

EASTON.—On Sunday, November 25th, 360 Oxford and 360 Plain Bob. J. Heffer, 1; F. Clayton, 2; J. Tarrant, 3; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 4; W. Flory, 5; S. W. Martin, 6.

CLOPTON.—On Sunday, December 16th, 720 Oxford. C. F. Ling, 1; J. Tarrant, 2; C. W. Parker, 3; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 4; F. Clayton, 5; S. W. Martin, 6.

BURGH.—On Wednesday, December 26th, 720 Oxford. W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 1; F. Clayton, 2; J. Tarrant, 3; F. E. W. Meadows, 4; C. F. Ling, 5; S. W. Martin, 6.

GRUNDISBURGH.—On Wednesday, December 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Tarrant, 1; F. E. W. Meadows, 2; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 3; F. Clayton, 4; W. Whiting, 5; S. W. Martin, 6. Also touches of Woodbine and College Exercise with the local company.

FRAMLINGHAM.—On November 28th, at St. Michael's church, 5088

of Oxford came to grief in the last course after ringing 3 hrs. 5 mins. J. Heffer, 1; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, 2; A. E. Read, 3; C. F. Ling, 4; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 5; F. Clayton, 6; D. Collins, 7; W. Flory, 8.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

SHIREOAKS.—At the quarterly meeting held on December 15th, the following touches were rung. A 240 Oxford Treble Bob. J. White, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; W. Lambert, 3; T. Smith, 4; H. Haigh, 5; J. Hargreaves, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. T. Bettison, 1; H. Haigh, 2; W. Lambert, 3; T. Smith, 4; W. Newbury (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. Also 720 of Merchant's Return in 25½ mins. J. White, 1; H. Haigh, 2; J. Fitzjohn, 3; A. Marshall, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; R. Smith, 6. First 720 in the method by Messrs. White, Haigh, and Marshall. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. White, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; W. Lambert, 3; B. Hall, 4; F. Hargreaves, 5; R. Potter (first touch in the method), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. H. Haigh, 1; J. White, 2; B. Hall, 3; A. Marshall, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; R. Smith, 6. Messrs. Haigh, White, and Potter hail from Retford; Bettison from Killamarsh; Lambert from Treeton; Marshall and R. Smith from Anston; Newbury and T. Smith from Harthill; and the remainder belong to Shireoaks.

EAST RETFORD.—On Saturday, December 15th, practice ringing for Christmas, 720 Grandsire Caters. G. Clayton, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. Winter, 3; G. M. Farr, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; T. H. Denman, Esq., 6; J. T. Bottomley, 7; H. Warburton (conductor), 8; T. Spurr, 9; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 10. Also a 504 in the same method. G. W. D. Metcalfe, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. Winter, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; T. H. Denman, Esq. (conductor), 6; J. T. Bottomley, 7; G. M. Farr, 8; T. Spurr, 9; G. Clayton, 10. And on Sunday, December 16th, for morning service, a 540 of Grandsire Caters. G. Clayton, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. Winter, 3; G. M. Farr, 4; T. Spurr, 5; T. H. Denman, Esq., 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; H. Haigh (conductor), 9; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 10.

ORDSALL.—On Thursday, December 13th, for Christmas ringing, 360 Bob Minor. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston (conductor), 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White, 6.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SPLDHURST (Kent).—On Wednesday, November 20th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. A. Card, 1; W. H. Card, 2; R. Pelling, 3; A. E. Edwards, 4; T. Card (conductor), 5; J. Maynard, 6; G. Turley, 7; J. Baker, 8.

BILLINGSHURST (Sussex).—On Friday, November 30th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen calls). P. Wood, 1; A. Feist, 2; J. Newman, 3; M. Ireland, 4; J. Voice, 5; W. Wadey (conductor), 6. On Friday, December 7th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, standing the same as before. On Saturday, December 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; A. Feist, 3; W. Pelling, 4; W. Charman, 5; W. Wadey (conductor), 6. And 720, with fifteen calls, conducted by W. Charman. Charman and Pelling hail from Warnham, the rest are local men.

BOLSTERSTONE (Yorks).—On Saturday, December 8th, five members of the Treeton parish church society visited Bolsterstone, and assisted by three of the local company started for a peal of Bob Major, which, however, came to grief owing to a change-course, after ringing 4544 changes in 2 hrs. 45 mins. J. Dyson, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, 4; J. Shaw, 5; A. J. Plowman, 6; T. Whitworth (conductor), 7; D. Brearley, 8. Tenor 13 cwt. The visitors expressed themselves as very much pleased with the tone and "go" of the bells generally, and hope to visit the place again shortly for another attempt.

CLITHEROE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 9th, for morning service at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Rushton, 1; F. Knight, 2; T. Robinson, 3; W. Wilkinson, 4; W. Pinder, 5; J. Eastham, 6. Rung muffled as a token of respect to the late William Miles, vicar's warden of St. Mary's, who died December 4th, aged 77 years.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday evening, December 16th, for Divine Service, 504 Plain Bob Triples. E. Williams, 1; R. Thompson, 2; W. Freestone, 3; G. Williams, 4; S. Hopton, 5; W. Andrews, 6; J. Morley (conductor), 7; M. Closs, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. This is the longest touch by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and tenor.

CRADLEY (Herefordshire).—On a recent Sunday evening, previous to Divine Service, two 720s of Bob Minor. First 720: F. Summers, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; T. Williams, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; C. Layton, 5; J. Buffery, 6. Time 26 mins. Conducted by C. Layton. Second



720. F. Summers, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; J. Buffery, 3; T. Williams, 4; W. Powell, 5; H. Pritchard, 6. Time 27 mins. Conducted by E. S. Kings.

CRETINGHAM (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, December 4th, at the residence of Mr. Wightman, a 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 18 mins. W. Wightman, 1; E. Wightman, 2; S. Wightman, jun., 3-4; G. Wightman (conductor), 5-6. This is W. Wightman's first 720 and he is only 13 years old and makes the 6th ringing son of Mr. S. Wightman. Also 240 Canterbury Pleasure and three plain courses of College Single, standing as before. And on Saturday, December 8th, 720 Plain Bob in 15 mins. E. Wightman, 1-2; G. Wightman, 3-4; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 5-6.

FEERING (Essex).—On the occasion of the opening of these bells a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung. W. Humwick, 1; T. Cranfield, 2; F. C. Newman, 3; W. Elliott, 4; E. W. Beckwith (conductor), 5; J. Newman, 6. And 720 in the same method. R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; J. Nicholls, 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; D. Elliott (conductor), 5; H. Elliott, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. C. Newman, 1; C. Elliott, 2; J. Sadler, 3; W. Elliott, 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; F. Day (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Frost, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; F. C. Newman, 3; J. Sadler, 4; H. Evers, 5; E. W. Beckwith (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Elliott, 1; C. Elliott, 2; W. Elliott, 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; D. Elliott (conductor), 5; H. Elliott, 6. And 360 Plain Bob Minor, the Rev. T. W. Eyre ringing the 2nd. And a 12-score of Plain Bob Minor. G. Hum, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; C. Elliott, 3; W. Elliott, 4; H. Evers, 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6.

ILFRACOMBE (Devon).—On new year's eve, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins., Troyte's. G. Bowen, 1; W. Vickery, 2; F. Reed, 3; J. Thomas, 4; R. Dadds, 5; Rev. Prebendary Martin (Vicar), 6; A. Dadds (conductor), 7; W. Slocombe, 8. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells by all local ringers.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, December 12th, eight members of the St. James's Society, Clerkenwell, rang with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. Bishop, landlord of the meeting house, The Three Kings, Clerkenwell Close, who died after a few days' attack of pneumonia, at the early age of 25 years, and who was buried the day previous. The deceased was greatly respected by the ringers. R. Matthews, 1; A. Linstead, 2; W. March, 3; E. Thorne, 4; J. Bismire, 5; C. Ward, 6; J. Barry (conductor), 7; J. Rayner, 8. Tenor 22 cwt.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Saturday, December 15th, with the bells deeply muffled in consequence of the death of W. J. Harris, Esq., of Gorrington Park, the donor of the bells, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. \*H. Broadbridge, 1; A. Lambert, 2; J. Carver, 3; W. Saker, 4; B. A. Heather, 5; J. Fayers (conductor), 6. \*First 720.

MONKEDEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 23 mins. R. H. Hayward, 1; J. Durrant, 2; G. Wightman (conductor), 3; E. Wightman, 4; S. Wightman, 5; S. W. Martin, 6. Also 240 Cambridge Surprise and a course of Woodbine Treble Bob. R. H. Hayward, 1; E. Wightman, 2; A. S. Wightman, 3; J. Durrant, 4; G. Wightman, 5; S. Wightman, 6. Also after service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). E. Wightman (conductor), 1; A. S. Wightman, 2; S. Wightman, 3; J. Durrant, 4; G. Wicks, 5; G. Wightman, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. H. Hayward, 1; J. Tarrant, 2; G. Wightman (conductor), 3; J. Durrant, 4; H. Baldry, 5; S. W. Martin, 6. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 lbs.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, November 26th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, for practice, 336 Bob Major. J. Howard, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; F. T. Hoad, jun., 3; F. Linter, 4; T. Brown, 5; W. Argent, 6; G. Croucher, 7; H. Reeves (conductor), 8. And a touch of Court Bob Triples. P. Knight, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; F. Linter, 3; G. Croucher, 4; F. T. Hoad, jun., 5; H. Reeves, 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8. And on Sunday, December 9th, 504 Court Bob Triples. P. Knight, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; F. Linter, 3; G. Croucher, 4; F. T. Hoad, jun., 5; E. Moses, 6; E. Kenward, 7; A. Moseley, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Dewey, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; P. Knight, 3; E. Moses, 4; F. T. Hoad, jun., 5; E. Kenward (conductor), 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8. And 392 Grandsire Triples. E. Dewey, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; P. Knight, 3; E. Moses, 4; F. T. Hoad, jun., 5; W. Argent, 6; G. Croucher, 7; J. Stedman, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. E. Dewey, 1; P. Knight, 2; G. Hoad, 3; E. Moses, 4; F. T. Hoad, jun., 5; G. Croucher, 6; W. Argent (conductor), 7; J. Stedman, 8. On Monday, December 10th, 560 Bob Major. J. Howard, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; F. Linter, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; E. Moses, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Reeves (conductor), 8.

ROTHERHITHE (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 4th, for practice,

a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. W. Pead, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; J. J. Lamb, 3; J. Barry, 4; W. Meads, 5; E. E. Richards, 6; T. Gwynne (conductor), 7; W. Berry, 8.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, December 9th, for Divine Service at the church of SS. Peter and Mary, a 720 of Bob Minor in 31 mins. W. Welham, 1; E. Buckle, 2; C. Souter, 3; J. G. Wade, 4; W. Souter (conductor), 5; W. Rouse, 6. Also in the afternoon, 1500 Bob Triples and several touches of Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples by the local company and Messrs. Nevett and Bowers and others from Bentley. Tenor 24 cwt.

SWANSEA (South Wales).—On Monday, December 3rd, at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Lord Swansea, who was buried on that day at Sketty church, near Swansea. C. Hoare, 1; F. Curtis, 2; E. Searle, 3; G. Searle, 4; R. Yeo, 5; \*W. Lightfoot (conductor), 6. H. West, 7; \*W. Harris, 8. Tenor 16½ cwt. \*Formerly of St. Paul's, Bedford. †Hails from Morriston, and is his longest touch in the method.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, October 20th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 910 Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins. J. Joyce, 1; G. E. Harbour, 2; E. Dewey, 3; T. Doble, 4; A. Evans, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Fowler, 8. For Divine Service in the evening of the 21st, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Collard, 1; J. Joyce, 2; E. Dewey, 3; T. W. Radford (conductor), 4; G. E. Harbour, 5; T. Doble, 6; J. Burge, 7; J. Fowler, 8. On November 11th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Radford, 1; A. Evans, 2; J. Joyce, 3; T. Doble, 4; G. E. Harbour, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6; J. Burge, 7; J. Fowler, 8. On November 16th, for practice, 324 Grandsire Caters. H. Pearce, 1; G. E. Harbour, 2; A. Evans, 3; T. Doble, 4; J. Joyce, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6; F. Millard, 7; G. Yendall, 7; J. Burge, 9; J. Fowler, 10. E. Dewey hails from Reigate, Surrey. On Sunday, December 2nd, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, with the tenor covering. A. Evans, 1; J. Joyce, 3; T. Doble, 4; S. Radford, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Fowler, 8. This was rung through meeting one short for Triples.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 16th, for Divine Service at the church of All Hallows, 742 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. W. Dickinson, 1; J. Waghorn, 2; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 3; H. Stubbs, 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; H. Ellis, 6; C. A. Button, 7; W. Martin, 8.

OSWESTRY.—On Tuesday, December 11th, the members of the Wrexham society paid a visit to St. Oswald's parish church, Oswestry, and rang several touches of Grandsire Triples during the afternoon, including a 350. W. Welsh, 1; H. Jones, 2; J. Ellis, 3; W. Rogers, 4; T. Newell, 5; T. Roberts, 6; E. Rowland (conductor), 7; W. Davis, 8. This is the longest touch by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 8th. At 5 o'clock tea was partaken of at The Coach and Dogs hotel, after which a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was started for and brought to a successful issue in 44 mins. A. Prince (first quarter-peal), 1; R. Jones, 2; T. Cathrall, 3; E. Rowland, 4; T. Newell, 5; T. Roberts, 6; J. Ellis (conductor), 7; J. Kendrick, 8. Their best thanks are due to Mr. Griffith Whitfield, Master of the Oswestry Society, for the trouble he took in making their outing a success, also the vicar of Oswestry, the Rev. Cecil Hook, for the use of the bells.

## Obituary.

### JAMES SWIFT.

We regret to have to record the sudden death of the above-named ringer, which occurred on New Year's Day at the age of 65, in Duke Street, Staveley, Derbyshire. He leaves a widow and two sons to mourn his loss. He began his ringing career in the year 1847 with Messrs. Madin, Beresford, Young, W. Harris, and Widdowson, and although having only taken part in two peals, one in seven Minor methods and one of Oxford Treble Bob Major, he was nevertheless good practice to his fellow-ringers. He was borne to his last resting place by members of the Staveley Society, and when the burial service was completed a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. H. Mottershall, 1-2; A. Worthington, 3-4; A. Craven, 5-6; W. Worthington, 7-8. After returning from the cemetery an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled, which proved successful, particulars of which will be found elsewhere.

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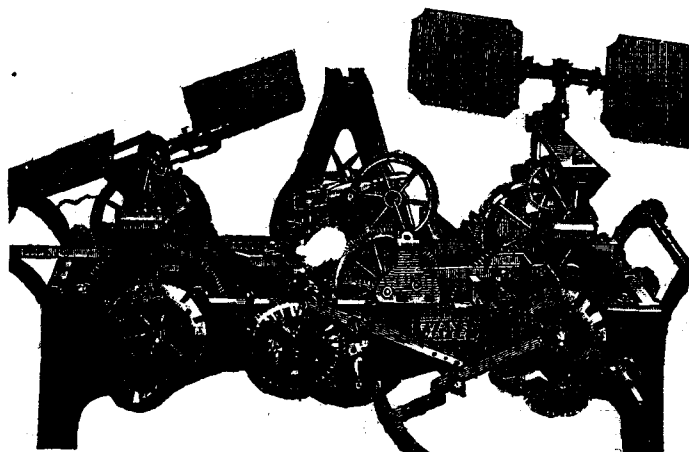
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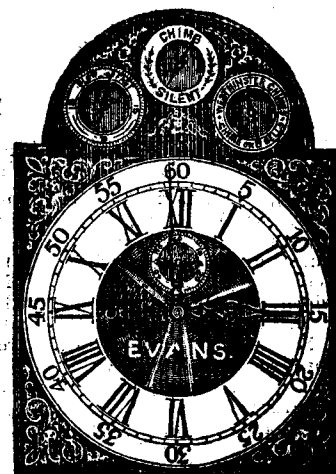
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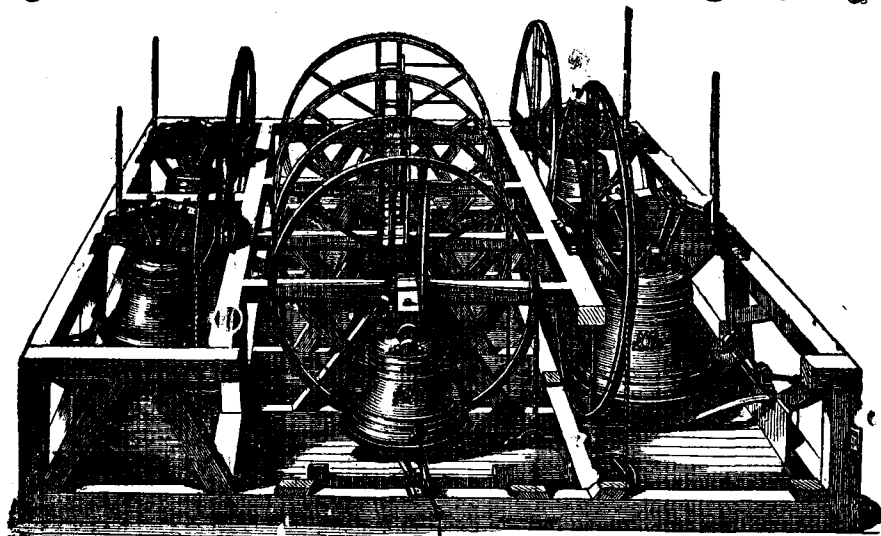
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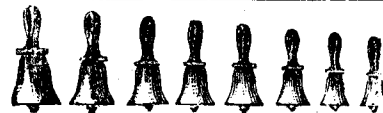
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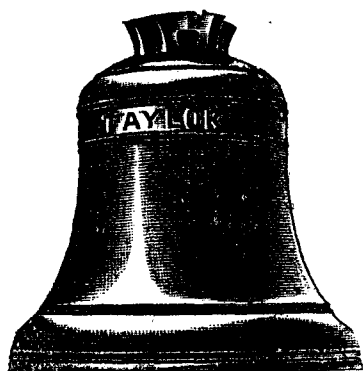
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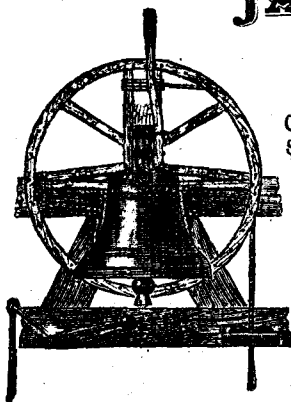
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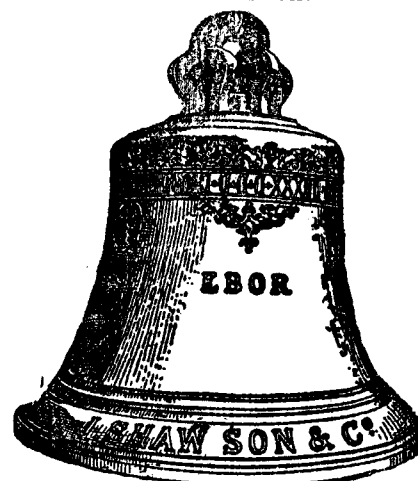
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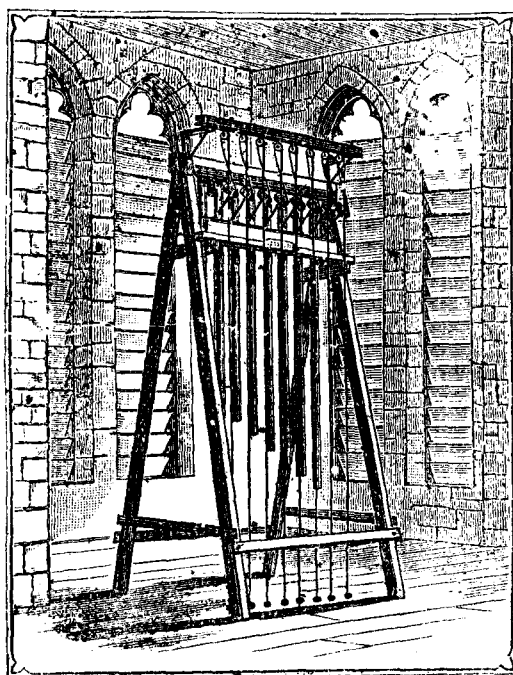
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## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The anniversary meeting of the above Association was held at Gloucester on Thursday, January 10th, the city members being joined by representatives from Bristol, Cheltenham, Stroud, Tewkesbury, Bisley, Dursley, Thornbury, Cirencester, Barnwood, Upton, Churchdown, and Painswick. In the morning several bands rang touches of Grandsire Triples at the Cathedral, and at St. Mary de Crypt church. A short service was held at St. Michael's church in the afternoon, when an address was given by the Rev. G. James, the lessons being read by the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Vicar of St. Augustine's, and Hon. Secretary of the Association. The preacher based his remarks on St. Matthew ii., 1-2, and at the conclusion of his address said that everything appertaining to the worship of God was sacred. The bells in their church towers were consecrated, and the ringers had a most important work to do. What the music of the organ was in church to the congregation assembled, so was the music of the bells to the villagers or dwellers in the city. In days gone by the belfry was not so respected as it ought to have been. But in connection with that fact it ought not to be forgotten that those were times very different from those in which we now lived. Then it was no uncommon thing for the squire or sometimes the parson to be addicted to drunkenness, and that being so it was no marvel if other officers of the Church were wont to follow their example. But, thank God, those were conditions of the past, and he was persuaded that the feeling that had grown up was that the work should be done to the honour and glory of God. Personally, he knew little of their science, but they might be interested to know that the church in which they were assembled was very much associated with bells. In days gone by, that illustrious bell founder, Abraham Rudhall, was churchwarden of St. Michael's, while an old monumental brass of pre-Reformation date on their walls bore the name of William Henshawe, bell founder and mayor of the city. The bells which these men cast were heard with delight throughout the length and breadth of the land. Some years ago he happened to be in London, at the time of the death of the late Emperor of Germany, and as he passed the church of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, the whole sky seemed full with the sad but melodious sound of the bells, and the thought occurred to him that probably those very bells were cast in his own garden at Gloucester, which to-day was known as the bell ground. In his early days he was taught, and still retained a love for "Pilgrim's Progress," and it was an interesting fact to remember that John Bunyan was a change-ringer in a little village near Bedford. When their life's journey was over, might it be theirs to hear the welcome music of the voice of Christ saying, "Come ye blessed, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

A substantial tea, to which some thirty-five sat down, was served at The Ram hotel at 5 o'clock, presided over by the Rev. George James, to whom, after the repast, on the motion of the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, a vote of thanks was passed for his kindness in welcoming and interesting the visitors during the day. A vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. A. Roberts, the local secretary, for the thoughtfulness and efficiency of his arrangements for the party. Letters of apology for absence were received from the Rev. H. A. Cockey, vicar of Oldland, the Rev. C. H. Joberns, vicar of St. Stephen's, Bristol, the Rev. H. Urling Smith, vicar of Prestbury, and Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower (Bristol). The election of officers for the year was the first business of the meeting. Earl Bathurst was added to the list of vice-presidents; Mr. E. Banks was re-elected Master, and Mr. E. P. Harmer was appointed local secretary for Cirencester in the place of Mr. G. W. Lait, resigned. All the other officers were re-elected.

In returning thanks for his re-election, Mr. E. B. James congratulated the members upon the representative and successful gathering that day. He was very pleased to see signs of progress going on all round, and that there were more ringers stepping into the breach to help them in ringing peals, while others were preparing themselves for the work. Amongst others the Cirencester band were doing very good work, and he was pleased to see that most of them had succeeded in scoring their first peal this season. Swindon, Stroud, Quedgeley, St. Stephen's (Bristol), and others had done good work too. There

had been more peals rung than in the previous year, and the quality was excellent. He also desired to compliment the St. Michael's Juniors on their first peal of London Surprise. That method of ringing was a very difficult one, and he sincerely congratulated them on the success they achieved on November 8th of last year. The different styles of ringing they embraced were: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Canterbury and Union Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Caters and Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise.

The Treasurer (Mr. F. E. Ward, of Cheltenham), gave a very encouraging account of the finances, which shewed an increase in receipts and a reduction in expenditure over that of last year. The balance in the hands of the treasurer amounted to £26, a higher sum than the Association had had since 1888. Nine new members joined the Association from Stroud, making in all thirteen from that town, and Mr. Ward proposed four others. A sum of £10 was voted to the expenses that would be incurred in writing up the peal-book, a work that had been in abeyance since 1887.

On the motion of Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. King, it was proposed and decided upon unanimously to hold the next quarterly meeting at Mitcheldean, where the Association has not met since 1878.

A vote of thanks to the chairman (Rev. G. James), concluded the meeting, and subsequently some of the members returned to St. Mary de Crypt church for a touch of Stedman.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

On Friday, December 11th, the members forming the society of ringers and probationers belonging to St. Margaret's church, to the number of seventeen, met at The White Horse hotel to celebrate their anniversary. An excellent spread was placed upon the table by host Johnson in his usual style, which having been done ample justice to, the cloth was removed, and Mr. F. Cooper was unanimously voted to the chair. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given in their customary order. The health of the rector, the Rev. B. W. Raven, was next given, and best thanks accorded to him for his kindness in granting the use of the bells on all occasions.

This was responded to by the curate, the Rev. T. Cyril Dale, who promised to convey to the rector the kind feelings expressed.

The health of Mr. W. Taylor was next given, the chairman expressing the pleasure that he was sure all felt at seeing him again amongst them after his recent illness; and which was suitably responded to.

The health of the kind and genial Master of the society (Mr. John Button), was next given, and drank with musical honours, the chairman remarking that Mr. Button's good qualities were known to them all, and needed no special comment from him.

Mr. Button, in responding, thanked the members for the manner in which they had received this toast, giving a brief review of the work of the past year, and concluded with some sound advice to the probationers.

The health of "The Chairman" was next given, and Mr. Cooper in responding expressed the pleasure he felt in again presiding at their anniversary.

The healths of Mr. A. Lincoln and Mr. C. Sampson, two newly-married members of the society, were next given, with warm expressions of good wishes for a happy future, and were suitably responded to.

A peal of Treble Bob Major was attempted on Boxing Day in honour of the above events, but came to grief after upwards of two hours' ringing, owing to a change-course.

Various other complimentary toasts followed, and which were interspersed with some well-rendered songs by Messrs. Baldry, Sampson, Wolfe, Bell, and others, accompanied on the piano-forte by Mr. A. Valiant, and also various touches of Bob Major, Grandsire, and Kent Treble Bob upon the handbells. The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close a very enjoyable evening, well spent in harmony and good-will.

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## THE CIRENCESTER SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 12th, the annual dinner of the members of the parish and Holy Trinity church bands of voluntary ringers took place at The Fleece hotel, a company of about thirty-five sitting down to an excellent repast served by Mr. and Mrs. Sare. The Ven. Archdeacon Hayward, President of the Society, occupied the chair, the vice-chair being filled by the Rev. W. K. Weston. Those present included the Revs. R. C. S. Jones and G. L. Amphlett, Messrs. F. Boulton and W. J. Jefferies (churchwardens), T. W. Matthews, F. E. Ward (Cheltenham, past master and present Honorary Treasurer of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), J. Austin (Gloucester), A. H. Gibbons, Richards (Swindon), Ricketts (Swindon), etc. Dinner over, the Chairman gave the Royal toast, which was loyally honoured. Mr. H. Tom Gardner, in suitable terms, submitted the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," to which the clergy present responded in turn, each expressing the interest he took in change-ringing. With the toast of "The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers" were coupled the names of Mr. Ward and Mr. Austin, and as the latter had left early to catch his train, upon Mr. Ward devolved the duty of responding. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Ward alluded to the great desirability of two small bells being added to the Watermoor peal to complete the octave, and to the urgent necessity of the bells in the parish church tower being re-hung (points that were emphasised by succeeding speakers). Mr. Ward complimented the parish church ringers on the great progress they had made during the year, and referring more particularly to the prospects of the Association generally, spoke satisfactorily of its finances, and mentioned that during the year members of the Association had for the first time accomplished a peal in the difficult method of London Surprise. The toast of the local bands was proposed by the Archdeacon, who thanked the members for their services, and said an estimate of the cost of putting the parish church bells in a proper condition had been obtained. Whilst endorsing Mr. Ward's words as to the necessity for the work, he remarked that there were other matters in connection with the church, particularly with regard to the organ, that also needed attention. Messrs. H. C. Bond and S. Moore (leaders of the respective bands), whose names were coupled with the toast, responded, the former attributing the failures experienced in their own tower when attempting peals to the state of the bells, and the latter expressing regret at the temporary absence from their practices, through stress of business, of Mr. G. Lait, the former leader. The health of the churchwardens was heartily drunk on the proposition of Mr. E. P. Harmer. Mr. Boulton, who first responded, remarked that he had himself personally inspected the parish church bells, and had been surprised by the amount of inconvenience, and in frosty weather even danger that the ringers had to experience by reason of the present condition of the bells. Whereas he understood the amount of the estimate to be nearly £300, the churchwardens would be unable to set apart more than £50 in any one year for the work, though if anything could be done he should be glad if the restoration could be effected during his term of office. Mr. Jefferies, who also replied, referred to the required addition of two smaller bells to complete the peal at Watermoor church, and remarked amid cheers and laughter, that the only thing necessary was to convince the congregation of the necessity of the work, for if Watermoor made up its mind to have a thing, it generally succeeded in getting it. The President's health was enthusiastically drunk, on the proposition of Mr. T. Curtis, and the Archdeacon responded. The next toast was "the Visitors," to which Mr. T. W. Matthews replied, and the healths of Mr. A. H. Gibbons (organist of Holy Trinity), of the hon. secs., Messrs. F. W. Bond and J. E. Waters, and of Mr. and Mrs. Sare, concluded the toast list, "God Save the Queen" being sung at 11 o'clock. During the evening, tunes and changes were rung on the handbells, and songs were contributed by the Rev. R. C. S. Jones, and Messrs. A. H. Gibbons, W. S. Harmer, F. Harmer, J. E. Waters, A. E. Edwards, T. Curtis, J. Ashdown, H. C. Bond, etc., Mr. Gibbons kindly accompanying, and a very pleasant time was spent.

On the Sunday morning following the dinner, at the parish church, a course of Grandsire Cinques, for the visitors to hear the twelve. W. E. Bond, 1; F. W. Bond, 2; T. Ricketts, 3; A.

E. Edwards, 4; F. Gardner, 5; E. P. Harmer, 6; F. E. Ward, 7; R. Richards, 8; C. Bartlett, 9; H. C. Bond, 10; T. Gardner, 11; H. Clutterbuck, 12. And in the afternoon, at Fairford, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, H. C. Bond conducting, was lost. Afterwards, a quarter-peal from Holt's Original was rung. W. E. Bond, 1; F. W. Bond, 2; T. Ricketts, 3; F. E. Ward, 4; H. C. Bond, 5; H. Midwinter, 6; R. Richards, 7; F. G. May, 8. Messrs. Ricketts and Richards hail from Swindon.

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And many rings of six and of five bells, including (6) St. Mary's Oxford, St. Michael's Workington, Stanford-on-Soar Notts., Sharnford Leicestershire, Sawley Derbyshire, Chelmarsh Salop. (5) Hemingford Abbot Hunts., Westoning Beds., All Saints Leicester, Nynehead Somerset, Wootton Courtenay and Pawlett Somerset.

They have now in progress two new rings of eight for Merthyr Tydfil, and for Oxton, Cheshire.

Two new rings of six for Walkley, Yorkshire, and for St. Peter's, Bedford.

The restoration of the ring of twelve bells of Cirencester church; the rings of eight of St. Giles, Northampton and Shephed: and the rings of six of Sapcote and Warrington.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

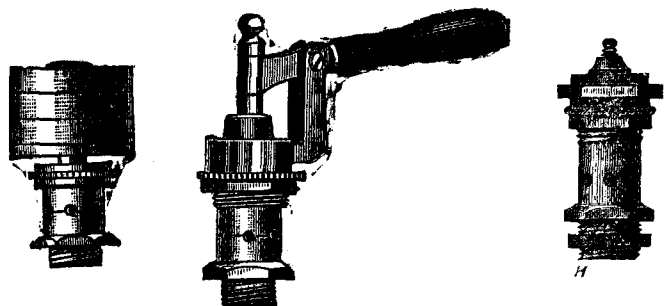
The usual monthly meeting of this Association was held at Tunstall, on Saturday, January 12th, and was attended by about forty members from Stoke, Newcastle, Leek, Wolstanton, Longton, Bucknall, Kids Grove, Norton, and Tunstall. Ringing commenced about 4 p.m., and was kept up until 6 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the National School room, where an excellent tea was partaken of, presided over by the Rev. F. Tennyson, curate, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar. In a short speech after tea, he gave a hearty welcome to the Association, which was replied to by the Hon. Sec., Mr. W. Twigg, and Mr. J. Mason (Kids Grove). Mr. H. Page (Stoke), proposed a vote of thanks to the ringers of Tunstall for the capital tea which they had provided, which was replied to by Mr. J. Johnson (Tunstall). Mr. Wheeldon (Bucknall), proposed the toast of "The Ladies," who had so kindly waited upon them. An adjournment was then made to the tower, and the bells were kept going in various methods until about 9 o'clock. During the day a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by E. Howe (Tunstall), 1; R. W. Twigg (Bucknall), 2; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor, Bucknall), 3; T. Miller (Wolstanton), 4; H. Page (Stoke), 5; W. Twigg (Bucknall), 6.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CARDIFF.

On Thursday, January 10th, the ringers of the above church had a supper at The Market tavern, Trinity Street. After doing justice to the good things provided, the rest of the evening was enlivened with songs by Messrs. Cook, Stenner, Gray, and Foster. A vote of thanks to the hostess for the able manner in which she had provided for the company, and to those in attendance, brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

## KITCHEN BOILER EXPLOSIONS.

Hardly a week passes without hearing of KITCHEN BOILER EXPLOSIONS happening somewhere, with all their attendant horrors, and in which fatal results so frequently ensue. The surprising part of it is that we do not hear of more accidents under the existing conditions of kitchen boilers. Very little consideration is given to the fact that if the contents of these boilers are allowed to freeze, explosion is sure to take place directly heat is applied, unless they are properly fitted with some kind of safety-valve. It was at one time thought that no protection of this kind could be made available. But these



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## HOW TO MANAGE A BELL.

BY A MEMBER OF THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

We have great pleasure in inserting the following, as it is sent by one of our oldest readers:

"It has long been my intention to say a few words on the above subject. Having been a ringer nearly twenty years, and having taught upwards of forty persons how to ring a bell, I think I may claim to be able to make a few remarks on the above. I mean the careless manner in which so many handle the rope, and I think the time has arrived when some improvement in ringing a bell should be attained before advancing so far in the Art as Stedman or Treble Bob. Having attended several district meetings of the Kent County Association, I am very much surprised at the careless way the ropes are handled by ringers who can strike a bell well in Stedman and Treble Bob. At a recent meeting I noticed one particular band ring a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples, when only the ringers of the 7th and tenor handled their ropes in a proper manner. One ringer even let the rope pass through the upper hand from sallie to backstroke, a most awkward way to ring a bell, while the other five after letting go off the sallie, their upper hand managed to get hold of the rope the moment the bells were at ropes-end. The above is awkward in the extreme, and all ringers in charge of pupils should persist in their learning to ring a bell in a proper way, which does not take any longer, or not even as long if properly attended to. My way is to first let the pupil have a pull at rope's-end, while I pull the sallie; when he can manage rope's-end fairly well, let him pull the sallie, telling him to look downwards to see when to catch hold of it while I pull the ropes-end. When he can do this fairly well, let him try and manage her by himself, and look after him well for a few lessons, and at the first try and make him, immediately he lets go of the sallie, place the upper hand on the ropes-end close to the other hand before the hands are raised, keeping a sharp look out to see that he does it in this way, which will soon be attained; and not allow him to ring in peal until he can do this. I myself was not allowed to ring in peal before I could do it in this way, and I should think my tutor taught more people to ring a bell than any other man living in Kent."

## OSPRINGE, KENT.

On Monday, December 31st, the ringers of the parish church were invited by the Rev. H. P. B. Chubb to his house for some light refreshment. 9.30, the time appointed, found ten members assembled, a few others being prevented from being present owing to an early call of business next morning. The vicar (Rev. W. Almack), was also unfortunately unable to be present. After a cup of coffee the favourite weed was introduced, accompanied by long churchwardens, which caused some amusement, as several members did not appear to be quite used to them.

In the course of the evening a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was given to Mr. Burling (captain), for his most painstaking and successful conductorship.

In reply Mr. Burling expressed his wish to do all in his power to instruct and further the ringers in the Art of change-ringing.

A move was shortly made for the tower, and the bells being raised, 168 Grandsire Triples was rung at the close of the old year. S. Croucher, 1; H. Baker, 2; E. Holladay, 3; J. P. D. Barnes, 4; W. Willis, 5; E. Bridges, 6; H. Burling, 7; W. Holdstock, 8. And a course of Bob Minor with H. Stevens, 1; Rev. H. P. Chubb, 6. After a short prayer the New Year was welcomed with a 224 in the same method, standing as before.

The bells being then lowered in peal, a very pleasant gathering was brought to an end with many parting wishes for a happy New Year.

## BROMFIELD.—THE LUDLOW GUILD.

Taking advantage of a visit to Ludlow from their late Master, the Rev. J. P. Cranstoun, vicar of Honyngham, and Mr. J. E. Groves, of Wolverhampton, an afternoon's outing to the above place was arranged by the Ludlow Guild for ringing purposes, permission to use the bells having been kindly given by the vicar, the Rev. W. Selwyn, M.A. Some six-scores conducted by Robert Marston, Esq., the present Master, was rang, in which several representatives of other Guild towers took part, the method in use being the old and well-worn Grandsire. An attempt for a 720 failed after 500 changes had been rung, but was brought round in a second attempt by T. Burge, 1; J. Palmer, 2; J. E. Groves, 3; A. Chester, 5; Rev. J. P. Cranstoun (first 720), 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. More Doubles followed, and another 720 of Minor by Messrs. Burge, Palmer, Chester, Fussell, Marston, and Groves (conductor). Two of the Bromfield men also rang, and assisted in lowering the bells in peal. These are supposed to be the first touches of Minor on the bells. Mr. Selwyn was in the belfry most of the time and took much interest in the ringing.

## HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, January 1st, by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Drew, the local company and a few friends were entertained to a substantial supper. After partaking of the good things provided, several tunes were played on the handbells, and several songs rendered in good style. After passing a hearty vote of thanks to the generous host and hostess, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

## HUNSLET, YORKSHIRE.

The Leeds School Board have had placed a new eight-day illuminated turret-clock for the new Board School at this place, one of the most thickly populated manufacturing parts of the city of Leeds, which will be a great boon to the inhabitants. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, of 13, Guildford Street, Leeds, and New-castle-on-Tyne.

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## NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH THE LUDLOW GUILD.

The close of 1894 was observed in a most befitting style by the members of the above Guild, when in response to an invitation from the worthy Master of the Guild (Robert Marston, Esq.), twenty-seven gentlemen assembled at the Castle to do justice to the hospitality of mine host.

Dinner at eight o'clock was the invite issued, and present in response were the rector of Ludlow (Rev. E. F. Clayton, President of the Guild), the vicar of Honyngham (late Master of the Guild), Rev. J. P. Cranstoun, Rev. R. A. Lyne (curate), and several others. Adequate justice was done to the good things provided, and the courses tranposed in a truly campanological order, with a quiet determination to let the last meal of the year be an enjoyable one. At its conclusion the company adjourned to the drawing-room, where the hostess (Mrs. R. Marston) with Miss Atherton assisting, received the visitors, and kindly served tea and coffee. An excellent hour's entertainment was given by Messrs. Robert and Richard Marston, by means of lantern slides, views of interesting and lovely scenery in Switzerland and Canada, many of the photographs for which were personally taken by Robert Marston during visits to those countries. The details of the views were rapidly and ably described by him, while his brothers manipulated the lanterns and exposed the views. Handbells were used, and courses of Triples were rung double-handed.

Time for moving to the tower quickly came, and at 11.30 p.m. a duplicate team of eight men were found in the belfry prepared to usher in the New Year with right good will. Last year from some unaccountable reason, there was no midnight ringing at Ludlow, much to the disappointment of the townspeople of all denominations, many of whom observe an old custom here, of going to their front doors to welcome in the New Year with the glad sound of their grand peal of bells.

This season good use of the church bells was made, change-ringing being performed from four to six in the afternoon of Monday, when a well-struck 504 of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's ten-part peal was rang by J. Palmer, 1; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 2; W. R. Nash, 3; A. Chester, 4; R. Marston, 5; J. G. Buchanan, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; W. Pritchard, 8. A touch of 336 and some plain courses were also rang, in which Messrs. Cranstoun, Stanley, Lloyd, Pritchard, Nash, and Tipton took part.

At half-past eleven the bells were rang half-muffled slowly in rounds till midnight, when the muffles were removed, and the tenor tolled twelve, followed immediately by merry and quick spells of Grandsire Triples, including a 336, the bells being lowered in peal at 12.40.

The thanks of the members of the Guild and the townspeople of Ludlow are due to the Master, Robert Marston, for his kindness in receiving the members at his house, a custom which is becoming quite an institution since that gentleman has interested himself in bell-ringing; and also for his energy in organising and furthering better peals and improved ringing at such an appropriate season of the year.

The Ludlow Guild have shown considerable energy in their recent endeavours to master Grandsire. May the New Year find them still progressing.

## LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

On Monday, December 31st, the ringers and members of the choir were invited to an excellent supper at the reading room by the vicar, the Rev. E. F. d'Auvergne. About forty sat down to the repast, the rector presiding, and after the appetite of every one was satisfied, the usual toasts were honoured, and some good songs were rendered between the toasts. During the evening the handbell ringers gave a capital selection of music, and a 120 of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the handbells. The party broke up about 11.40, and the ringers visited the belfry and rang the old year out with 216 Grandsire Minor. M. Williams, 1; G. Mason, 2; A. Tomsett (conductor), 3; H. Tomsett, 4; G. F. Scott, 5; F. Willey, 6; J. Tomsett, 7; A. Worsfold, 8. The New Year was rung in with another 216, with E. Tomsett, 1; H. Attree, 8; the rest as before.

## LLANDAFF, SOUTH WALES.

The Cathedral company had their annual dinner at The Maltsters Arms, Llandaff, on Monday evening, December 31st, at 7 p.m. The company, sixteen in number, including Canon Roberts and Downing, sat down to a splendid repast. After doing justice to the good things provided, Canon Roberts was voted to the chair, and Canon Downing to the vice-chair. The chairman gave the toast of "Church and Queen," which was drank with enthusiasm.

Mr. R. Brothwell in responding gave "The Dean and Chapter," which was responded to by the rev. chairman in a few well-chosen remarks, impressing upon those present to follow their ringing in the tower in a way pleasing to Almighty God, and he also hoped that all present were communicants. He had much pleasure in giving the toast of the Cathedral ringers.

Mr. C. Lloyd responded in a business-like manner, and hinted that it would be a grand thing if the Dean and Chapter could see their way clear to add two trebles to the existing peal of eight. He concluded by giving the toast of "The Llandaff Diocesan Association," coupling with it the names of Canon Downing, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. H. G. White, Assistant-Secretary. The toast was drunk with musical honours.

Canon Downing ably responded, followed by Mr. White. The next toast was "The Visitors," responded to by Mr. Preece.

The remainder of the evening till ten o'clock was devoted to harmony, some capital songs being rendered by Messrs. Brothwell, Lloyd, Hopkins, Clutterbuck, White, and others. At ten o'clock the ringers adjourned to the tower and rang muffled touches till service at 11 o'clock. After midnight the New Year was rang in with some well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples.

## HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—ANNUAL DINNER.

On Tuesday, January 1st, the Hurst society, accompanied by a few friends, held their annual dinner at The Queen's Head inn. The chair was taken by the Rev. G. McDermott, supported by the Rev. G. W. Wilson, and Mr. T. Wickham. At 7 p.m. about forty sat down to an excellent repast provided by host and hostess Mewett. The knife and fork courses were well gone through, till "that's all" was announced. The cloth was then cleared. The usual toasts were then proposed and responded to, interspersed by songs and tunes, and a course of Grandsire Triples by the local band, which together with a vote of thanks to the chairman, brought a very enjoyable evening to a close at 11 p.m.

During the day several plain courses of Grandsire Triples and some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, including a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1895 changes), was rung in 1 hr. 6 mins. with 6-8 covering. Rev. G. McDermott, 1; T. Mansbridge, 2; H. Reeves (conductor), 3; T. Parsons, 4; W. Lander, 5; T. Gander, 6; A. Davey, 7; D. Davey, 8. H. Reeves hails from Reigate; and Pearce from Portislade.

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

On Saturday, January 5th, the members of the above society by the kind invitation of the Rev. F. Evelyn Gardiner (rector of Hackney), held their annual dinner at the Grammar Schools, Clarence Road. The usual and patriotic toasts having been duly honoured, the toasts of "The President" and "Vice-Presidents" were received with musical honours. The interest of the church authorities in the society was shown by the churchwardens promising to re-decorate the belfry, and to have some necessary repairs done to the bells. After a jovial evening, interspersed with some capital songs, the company broke up with "Auld Lang Syne."

## SAXBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

A new eight-day turret quarter clock has just been placed in All Saints church, by friends and tenants on the estate, in commemoration of the coming of age of F. Barton, Esq., of Saxby Hall, by friends and tenants on the estate. The whole work has been executed by Messrs. Potts and Sons, of Leeds and and Newcastle-on-Tyne, from the designs of Lord Grimthorpe.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The postponed December ringing meeting of this society was held at Bramley on Saturday, January 5th. There was a good attendance, including many popular six-bell ringers of the district. Some good ringing was done in the following methods: Oxford, Woodbine, Violet, Duke of York, Cambridge Surprise. The business meeting was held at The Cardigan Arms, the President, Mr. J. Thackray, presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and passed, Mr. Tom Lockwood was again unanimously selected as representative on the Central Council. The usual vote of thanks to the vicar, churchwardens, local company, and steepkeeper for the use of the bells, etc., was carried.

The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing till 11 p.m. An adjournment was then made to the residence of Mr. R. Thomas, whose kind hospitality was much appreciated by all present. The New Year's greeting was next exchanged, and then a few miles walk was commenced in various directions. The next meeting will be held at Rothwell.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Killmarsh on Saturday, January 5th, only a small number of members being present. The meeting took place at The Crown inn, Mr. C. Severn presiding. The minutes having been read and confirmed, it was resolved that the printing of the Annual Report be left to the Secretary to arrange; also that a committee meeting be held at Staveley early in February to audit the accounts, notice of which will be given in "THE BELL NEWS." The annual general meeting and dinner will be held at Eckington on Easter Monday. Mr. B. Hall (Shireoaks), was elected a ringing member.

The usual votes of thanks having been proposed and carried, the meeting terminated. Several touches were rung during the evening.

CHIPPING NORTON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.  
ANNUAL MEETING.

On Monday evening, December 31st, the parish church ringers together with the Rev. R. O. Williams, and the two churchwardens (Messrs. Rawlinson and Pettipher), were invited to supper at the vicarage. After partaking of the good things provided, the business meeting was gone through, the Rev. G. A. Littledale in the chair.

A vote of thanks to the vicar for his kindness and hospitality was proposed, and acknowledged by the rev. gentleman. Special reference was made to the presence of the two churchwardens, whose presence was appreciated by the ringers, this being the first time they had ever attended such a gathering in Chipping Norton. The absent ones too were not forgotten, many good wishes being expressed for their future welfare and happiness. The bells were rung from 11.30 until 12.30, partly muffled for the first half-hour.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful district meeting was held at West Tarring on Saturday, December 29th, when the following towers were well represented: Angmering, Arundel, Blacklands, Goring, Heene, Steyning, and West Tarring. After various touches in various methods, twenty-seven sat down to tea at 5.30 under the presidency of the vicar, Dr. W. D. Springett, who was ably supported by his churchwarden, H. H. Gardner, Esq. A suggestion by the Hon. Secretary (Rev. J. W. E. Loder Cother), that the ring of six be increased to eight, was warmly taken up. A cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Springett for presiding, and to Mr. Gardner for supporting, and to Mr. Boys who was unavoidably absent, for sending a donation towards the expenses, was unanimously agreed to, and suitably responded to, after which the members adjourned to the tower to continue their efforts on the bells. Great thanks are due to Mr. Norris for making all arrangements, and for thus ensuring the success of the meeting.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By J. S. PRITCHETT, *King's Norton, Worcestershire.*

5076.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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

The above calling, twice repeated, gives

5 2 4 3 6 8 9 7

and

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

The calling is by the number of the leads in the course at which the bob is made.

## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By W. DICKINSON, *Hedlington.*

1895.

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

Make these five changes at first, starting at back-stroke, and then as usual, 2 1 3 5 4 7 6, etc.

6 7 2 4 5 3 2
5 3 6 2 4 7 2
2 3 5 7 6 4 5
7 3 2 4 5 6 5
4 3 7 6 2 5 5
6 3 4 5 7 2 5
2 5 6 7 3 4 1
2 4 7 3 5 6 P.L.

## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By G. PRESTON, *Christchurch, Hants.*

1895.

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

Odd changes to start at back-stroke, then as usual.

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

Each of the above to be four times repeated.



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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1895.

In the diocese of Hereford, where ringing and its concerns would appear to have experienced many vicissitudes, matters now seem to exhibit an improvement. Efforts made of late show that the ringers in more than one town in the diocese are very desirous to attain to some sort of proficiency, and in many of the villages the same anxiety is displayed. Something has also been done in the way of bell-restoration; several peals have been re-hung, while others have been increased in number. Notably among the latter may be mentioned the bells of the Priory Church of Leominster, where the old peal of eight, which had stood in a forest of timber for about 200 years, has been entirely re-hung in a new frame, and at the same time increased to ten—the only peal of ten in the diocese except the unwieldy one at Hereford Cathedral. While we are glad to point to such a development of progress, we cannot help saying that such improvement is not premature. By no means. The diocesan organization has been in existence for some years, yet what little has there been done hitherto to warrant its continuance? It is hoped the present revival may be lasting. The diocese, though small, is certainly not the most convenient for an itinerant teacher to carry out his operations, and it has appeared to us that the Diocesan Guild may well consider the advisability of providing additional instructors, who would have smaller circuits to attend to than at present. Perhaps the Hon. Secretary will think of the suggestion.



**The Metropolis.****THE WATERLOO SOCIETY AND THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.***On Thursday, January 10, 1895, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.**

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK J. PITTS .. .. Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 2.	CHARLES HINDES .. .. 7.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. 3.	WALTER C. HASTED .. .. 8.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 4.	DANSIE W. GRIGGS .. .. 9.
ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 5.	EDWARD W. FRASER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN NELMS and Conducted by FREDERICK J. PITTS.

This is the first peal of Stedman Caters by all the band except Messrs. G. Smith and H. N. Davis, and the first peal in the method by Messrs. F. G. Perrin, W. C. Hasted, D. W. Griggs, and E. W. Fraser, also the first peal in the method by F. J. Pitts as conductor. This is the first peal of Stedman Caters by this Society since 1879, and it was rung as a birthday compliment to A. J. Neale, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. This was the author's famous composition containing the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th in consecutive order behind the 9th.

**THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.***On Saturday, January 12, 1895, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. Treble.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 6.
ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 2.	GEORGE WELLING .. .. 7.
WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 3.	JAMES NICHOLLS .. .. 8.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 9.
WILLIAM T. ELSON .. .. 5.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob Royal by the Fulham Society, and was rung at the first attempt.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, January 14, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM G. GROVE* .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 5.
JOHN TURNER* .. .. 2.	GEORGE SMITH .. .. 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 3.	*ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

\*First peal in the method. Messrs. H. and J. Davis hail from Camberwell; G. Smith from Hampstead; Turner, Conyard, and Barnett from Crayford, Grove and Neale belong to Woolwich. The last peal of Double Norwich on these bells was rung by the Banister family, more than forty years ago.

**The Provinces.****BURFORD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, January 4, 1895, in Two Hours Fifty-six and a-half-Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

J. J. PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS BOND .. .. Treble.	*ERNEST GREGORY .. .. 5.
HENRY SMITH, JUN. .. .. 2.	WALTER SHIRLEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM LAUNCHBURY, JUN. 3.	WALTER LARGE .. .. 7.
THOMAS E. GLANVELL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM LAUNCHBURY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

\*First peal. E. Gregory hails from Wantage.

**CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (READING BRANCH.)***On Saturday, January 12, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN MENDAY .. .. Treble.	HENRY SMITH .. .. 5.
FRANK HOPWOOD .. .. 2.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 6.
JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 7.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. .. 4.	HENRY SIMMONDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

Messrs. Hopgood and Newell belong to Reading.

**WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.****THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS D. MILLER .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK GROCOTT .. .. 5.
GEORGE SIDDONS† .. .. 2.	ALFRED GROCOTT .. .. 6.
SAMUEL J. HOLDEN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM MILLER .. .. 7.
EPHRAIM HORNE .. .. 4.	*JOSEPH BEARDMORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. D. MILLER.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Siddons hails from Kids Grove; Horne from Hanley; and Beardmore from Newcastle-under-Lyme.

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

(THE NUNEATON SOCIETY).

*On Thursday, January 10, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

JOHN WARREN .. .. Treble.	*WALTER STONE .. .. 5.
THOMAS LINGARD .. .. 2.	HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. .. 3.	HARRY HORWOOD .. .. 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM JOHNSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by HARRY ARGYLE.

Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble, who is 54 years of age, this being his first peal with a working bell. \*First peal in the method.

**BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, January 10, 1895, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK HILL .. .. 5.
GEORGE SMART .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ALLFREY .. .. 6.
A. J. ALLFREY* .. .. 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 7.
PHILLIP ALLFREY .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal with a bob bell. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Rev. T. W. S. Collis, late Vicar of St. Bartholomew's, Brighton, and whose funeral took place on the above date at the parochial cemetery, Brighton.

**WORCESTER.****THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

*On Thursday, January 10, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

W. BRIGHT .. .. Treble.	W. H. JOHNSON .. .. 5.
W. COTTON .. .. 2.	W. BRADFORD .. .. 6.
W. POWELL .. .. 3.	W. PAGE .. .. 7.
G. HINTON .. .. 4.	E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. PAGE.

This is W. Bright's first peal, and the first peal of Major by all except W. Page.

**HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, January 11, 1895, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

E. B. JAMES'S TEN-PART, NO. 1.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

SEPTIMUS C. SKINNER .. .. Treble.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. .. 5.
JOHN T. HOLMES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM DICKINSON .. .. 6.
JOHN HILTON .. .. 3.	EDWARD HOULDEN .. .. 7.
JOHN H. CLARK .. .. 4.	FREDERICK WARRINGTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The Rev. H. Law James hails from Stamford, and was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal. The rest are local men.

## STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY BOWELL .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM WOOD .. .. 5.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM* .. 2.	†JOHN GEORGE WADE .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SOUTER .. .. 4.	ALFRED BOWELL .. .. Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned).

Messrs. Bowell (2), Gillingham, Motts (2), and Wood hail from Ipswich, the rest belong to the local company. \*First peal. †First peal in the method.

## PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1895, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

F. W. HARGREAVES .. Treble.	EDWIN WHEATER .. .. 5.
CHARLES PRATT .. .. 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL* .. 3.	JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 7.
JOHN THACKERAY .. .. 4.	*FRANK BIRKS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

\*First peal in the method. Messrs. Cotterell and Broadley hail from Bradford; Wheeler from Tong; Thackeray from Armley; Kendall from Shipley; Pratt from Calverley; Hargreaves from Drighlington; Birks belongs to the local company.

## PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

On Saturday, January 12, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN SMITH* .. .. Treble.	JOSIAH ROGERS .. .. 5.
SAMUEL GREENHALGH* .. 2.	*THOMAS SMITH .. .. 6.
GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTHAM* .. 4.	*FRANCIS SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

First peal in the method on the bells. \*First peal in the method. Great credit is due to the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th, 6th, and tenor for the progress they have made in the method, they having rung their first touch of Stedman Triples in August last. Rung as a compliment to J. Rogers, he having attained his 53rd birthday. All the above are of the local company, except R. Ridyard, who hails from Worsley. The above was rung at the third attempt.

## BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 14, 1895, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF CHAMPION SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE A. KING .. Treble.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 5.
JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 2.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
GEORGE SMART .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by GEO. F. ATTREE.

This, the second peal in the method, was rung on the birthday of the conductor, and at the conclusion the usual good wishes were expressed.

## BARNET, HERTS.—THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 14, 1895, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs.

ARTHUR E. DOLTON .. Treble.	ERNEST E. PRATCHETT .. 5.
JOHN CORNELL* .. .. 2.	HENRY JAMES MARTIN .. 6.
FRANK BLONDELL .. .. 3.	HENRY STUBBS .. .. 7.
FRANCIS CARROWAY .. .. 4.	CHARLES HENRY MARTIN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES HENRY MARTIN.

First peal in this method on the bells. \*First peal on eight bells.

## EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE FEDERICK .. Treble.	JAMES EASTON .. .. 5.
THOMAS MILES .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM CANNING .. .. 6.
ALFRED E. BASSETT .. 3.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. 7.
HARRY FEDERICK .. .. 4.	THOMAS EVERETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILES.

\*First peal.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## AMBERLEY, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, January 12, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF DOUBLES,

In the following methods:

1200 Bristol Doubles, 1200 Bob Doubles, 1320 Canterbury Doubles, and 1320 Grandsire Doubles.

ERNEST TALBOT .. Treble.	G. H. LEE .. .. 3.
OLIVER RATLEY .. .. 2.	THOMAS SEARLE .. .. 4.
WALTER SEARLE .. ..	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. SEARLE.

First 5040 in four methods by all.

## Date Touches.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH (STAFFORDSHIRE).—On Christmas eve, eight members of the above rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Windridge, 1; J. Pratt, 2; C. Chapman, 3; J. Timmins (conductor), 4; A. Everitt, 5; R. Brindley, 6; W. Chapman, 7; \*H. Chapman, 8. \*Longest length. Composed by P. Brickett, Northenden, Cheshire.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN.—On Thursday, December 13th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1894 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. G. Goodwin, 1; J. Smith, jun., 2; J. Watson (conductor), 3; E. A. Baker, 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; J. Brown, 6; J. Walker (composer), 7; M. Adams, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. E. A. Baker hails from Padiham, Lancashire; the rest belong to the local company.

COALEY (Gloucestershire).—On Christmas morning, a date touch of Grandsire and Plain Bob, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. R. T. Prout, 1; C. East, 2; F. G. Prout, 3; G. Condict (conductor), 4; T. Savage, 5; S. Smith, 6. First touch of over 1000 attempted in this parish.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TEYNHAM (Kent).—On Wednesday, December 19th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Wood, 1; J. Dixon, 2; E. Day, 3; A. Hardy, 4; C. Milway, 5; C. Willshire (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 ever accomplished on this grand ring. Tenor about 16 cwt. And 720 Canterbury pleasure. E. Day, 1; H. Wood, 3; the rest as before. The ringers of the 4th, 5th, and 6th hail from Borden; the others from Rodmersham.

BORDEN (Kent).—On Monday, December 17th, for practice, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Tassell, 1; E. Allen, 2; H. Wood, 3; C. Millway, 4; A. Hardy, 5; C. Dutnall, 6; W. Hobbs, 7; C. Willshire, 8. On Friday, December 21st, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Tassell, 1; H. Wood, 2; S. Hutson, 3; E. Allen, 4; A. Hardy, 5; C. Dutnall, 6; W. Hobbs, 7; C. Willshire, 8. And 576. W. Tassell, 1; E. Allen, 2; H. Wood, 3; C. Milway, 4; A. Hardy, 5; C. Dutnall, 6; W. Hobbs, 7; C. Willshire, 8. All composed and conducted by W. Hobbs. First touches of treble eight by the Borden Society since 1814.

**FOLKESTONE (Kent).**—On Sunday, December 23rd, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. Pilcher, 1; S. Binfield, 2; J. Fisher, 3; S. Barker (conductor), 4; H. Croucher, 5; G. Holdom, 6; F. Finn, 7; G. Miller, 8. And on Christmas Day, 1008 Grandsire Triples with H. Croucher, jun., 8; the rest as before.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**NORTH SHIELDS.**—During December the following touches have been rung by the Christ church Guild at the parish church. A 1036 of Grandsire Triples. J. Browell, 1; E. Keen (conductor), 2; J. Rosseter, 3; G. Holmes, 4; R. Morrison, 5; T. Teasdale, 6; A. Tully, 7; T. Hare, 8. Also 1036 Grandsire Triples with G. Dix, 5; the rest as before. Also 720 Bob Minor conducted by A. Tully. Also 360 Bob Minor conducted by A. Tully. Also 504 Grandsire Triples conducted by T. Teasdale. Also 504 Bob Triples conducted by A. Tully. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Dix, 1; T. Teasdale, 2; J. Holmes, 3; E. Keen, 4; H. Dall (conductor), 5; A. Tully, 6; T. Hare, 7. Also 504 Grandsire Triples conducted by E. Keen. Also 672 Grandsire Triples conducted by E. Keen. Also 336 Bob Major conducted by T. Teasdale. Also 720 Bob Minor. W. Lancaster (first touch in the method), 1; G. Holmes, 2; E. Keen, 3; R. Johnson, 4; G. Dix, 5; T. Teasdale (conductor), 6; T. Hare, 7. Also 1680 Bob Triples in an attempt for a peal. Also 720 Bob Minor conducted by A. Tully. Also two 360s Bob Minor conducted by A. Tully. Also 720 Bob Minor. W. Lancaster, 1; E. Keen, 2; A. Tully, 3; G. Holmes, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; G. Dix (conductor), 6; T. Hare, 7. Also 360 Bob Minor conducted by A. Tully. And 720 Bob Minor conducted by A. Tully.

**BISHOPWEARMOUTH (Durham).**—On Christmas Day, at the parish church, in the early morning, Shipway's quarter-peal of Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. R. C. Hudson (conductor), 1; W. T. Robson, 2; R. W. Lovie, 3; G. Lowden, 4; H. G. Dawson, 5; J. Field, 6; T. Hudson, jun., 7; R. W. Langton, 8. This is the longest touch of Triples by all except the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, and 7th. And for morning service, three courses of Bob Major. And in the evening, 576 Bob Major, when T. Hudson, sen., rang the 2nd.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD.**—On Thursday, December 13th, on handbells, a plain course and 336 of Bob Major. On Sunday, December 23rd, a plain course and 800 of Bob Major. W. Dronfield, 1; T. McKegg, 2; E. Robbins, 3; A. Saxby, 4; E. Dronfield, 5; I. Dronfield, 6; D. Brearley (conductor), 7-8. The above is the longest touch on handbells by all the band, who hope soon to accomplish a peal.

**HULL (Yorks).**—Early on Christmas day a company of the Hull branch of the above Association rang at Holy Trinity church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. G. T. Marsh, 1; W. T. Verity, 2; J. Highfield, 3; G. T. Miller, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. W. Dale, 8.

**PONTERFRACT (Yorks).**—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service at All Saints' church, 720 Oxford. W. Pease, 1; J. M. Brook, 2; A. Walker, 3; B. Watkinson, 4; R. Brook (conductor), 5; Jos. Heckingbottom, 6. On Christmas day, for morning service, an attempt was made for 720 Woodbine, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 600 changes. F. Lee, 1; R. Brook, 2; J. Gelder, 3; B. Watkinson, 4; Jos. Heckingbottom (conductor), 5; A. Walker, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. J. M. Brook hails from Alfreton, Derbyshire; and Heckingbottom from Armley, Yorks., both late of this tower. Although these bells have recently been rehung, they do not go satisfactorily, the two tenors especially running very heavy.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**LUDLOW.**—On Monday evening, December 10th, at the weekly practice, the local ringers with some visitors, rang 504 Grandsire Triples was rung. \*J. Palmer, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; \*W. R. Nash, 3; J. E. Groves, 4; \*R. Marston, 5; T. J. Bratton, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; \*A. Chester, 8. \*Longest touch.

**COALBROOKDALE.**—On Thursday, December 13th, 546 Grandsire Triples, for practice. J. Griffiths, 1; W. H. Hughes, 2; J. Day, 3; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 4; R. Jones, 5; S. J. Hughes, 6; W. Price, 7; W. Humphries, 8. On Saturday, December 22nd, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2 hrs. 25 mins., it came to an unsuccessful termination. J. Griffiths (longest touch), 1; \*W. H. Hughes, 2; J. Overton, 3; \*J. W. Howard, 4; \*S. J. Hughes, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6; W. Morgan, 7; R. Jones, 8. Messrs. Overton and Howard hail from Bridgnorth; W. H. Fussell is the instructor to the Guild; the rest are local men. \*Longest length of Grandsire Triples.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

**OTTERY (Devonshire).**—The members of the St. Mary's branch of the above Guild have done some good ringing during the Christmas season. On Christmas Day, for evening service, they rang an excellent touch of 1008 of Grandsire Triples. G. Godfrey, 1; S. Godfrey, 2; J. Baker, 3; Rev. M. Kelly, 4; J. Godfrey, 5; G. White, 6; A. Pike, 7; J. Lovering, 8. And on the following day a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part) was attempted. The half-way single was safely passed in 1 hr. 35 mins. and half of the 6th part was accomplished when the treble rope hitched and the bell dropped, and thus the peal was lost. The striking up to this point was excellent, and there is but little doubt that the bells would have been brought successfully home if this mishap had not occurred. This is the longest touch hitherto performed on these bells by Ottery men. G. Godfrey, 1; S. Godfrey (conductor), 2; F. Godfrey, 3; J. Godfrey, 4; J. Baker, 5; G. White, 6; A. Pike, 7; J. Lovering, 8. Tenor 18 cwt.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

**BURNLEY (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, December 2nd, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; T. Redman (conductor), 4; N. Townend, 5; H. Heyworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; D. Heys, 8. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Baldwin, 1; D. Heys, 2; J. Wilkinson, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 4th, 720 in the same method (fifteen bobs). T. Baldwin, 1; J. Boothman, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; D. Heys, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. Also 360 in the same method. H. Heyworth, 1; J. Boothman, 2; F. Town, 3; T. Redman (conductor), 4; N. Townend, 5; D. Heys, 6. On Sunday, December 9th, 360 in the same method. T. Redman, 1; J. Wilkinson (conductor), 2; F. Town, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; D. Heys, 6. For evening service 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; N. Townend, 4; T. Redman (conductor), 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; D. Heys, 8. On Tuesday, December 18th, 720 in the same method. H. Heyworth, 1; D. Heys, 2; J. Boothman, 3; J. Wilkinson, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6.

**BLACKBURN.**—On Sunday, December 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 840 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. G. Goodwin, 1; J. Smith, sen., 2; J. Smith, jun., 3; J. Brown, 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; J. Watson, 6; J. Walker, sen. (composer and conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. On Monday, December 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. G. Goodwin, 1; J. Smith, jun., 2; E. A. Baker, 3; J. Brown, 4; J. Smith, sen., 5; J. Watson, 6; J. Walter (conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8.

#### THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, November 18th, at the church of St. Margaret, Westminster, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 47 mins. \*G. Turl, jun., 1; H. Barton, 2; J. Bonney, 3; \*W. Howell, 4; D. W. Griggs, 5; J. George (composer), 6; C. Hinde, 7; A. Deane, 8; F. J. Pitts, 9; C. W. Ward, 10. After service, 540 Plain Bob Royal. †E. Fraser, 1; J. Bonney, 2; G. Smith, 3; †W. Howell, 4; H. Barton, 5; D. W. Griggs, 6; C. Hinde, 7; R. Bevan, 8; A. Dean, 9; F. J. Pitts, 10. \*First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. †First touch of Royal. W. Howell hails from Sudbury, Suffolk. Both conducted by F. J. Pitts. On Sunday, December 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 50 mins. J. C. Teasdale, 1; H. Barton, 2; T. H. Taffender, 3; \*J. Baxter, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; D. W. Griggs, 6; C. Hinde, 7; F. J. Pitts, 8; W. C. Hasted, 9; C. W. Ward, 10. On Tuesday, December 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1272 changes, in 46 mins. †H. Barton, 1; E. P. O'Meara, 2; \*T. H. Taffender, 3; †F. G. Perrin, 4; †A. R. Davis, 5; F. J. Pitts (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor), 6; †W. C. Hasted, 7; D. W. Griggs, 8; H. N. Davis, 9; \*E. Fraser, 10. The above was rung before a special carol service. †First quarter-peal of Caters in the method. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**BIDSTON (Cheshire).**—On Sunday, December 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). W. Joynson, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. And for evening service, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen singles four bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joynson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Christmas morning, for service, 720 Canterbury (twenty-six bobs ten singles). W. Joynson, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday evening, December 30th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs two singles, 2nd the observation). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walters, 3; W. Joynson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. All conducted by W. Wilcox, and this is his 300th 720.

**WALLASEY (Cheshire).**—On Wednesday, December 26th, 720 Oxford Single (fourteen singles four bobs). J. Rogers, 1; J. Wood, 2; S. Strong, 3; W. Wilcox (conductor), 4; S. Wood, 5; G. Rogers, 6.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**REIGATE (Surrey).**—On Monday, December 24th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, for evening service, 546 Court Bob Triples. E. Dewey, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; E. Moses, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; H. Reeves, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8. And on Tuesday December 25th, for service, 252 Grandsire Triples. E. Moses, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; G. Hoad, 3; W. Argent, 4; H. Reeves, 5; E. Dewey, 6; F. T. Hoad, jun., 7; J. Howard, 8. Also 244 Bob Major. J. Howard, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; E. Moses, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; T. Brown, 5; G. Croucher, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Reeves (conductor), 8. Also 546 Oxford Bob Triples. E. Dewey, 1; E. Moses (conductor), 2; F. T. Hoad, sen., 3; G. Croucher, 4; F. T. Hoad, jun., 5; H. Reeves, 6; W. Argent, 7; J. Howard, 8. Also before morning service, 784 Court Bob Triples. E. Dewey, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; F. Linter, 3; E. Moses, 4; H. Reeves, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8. Also in the afternoon in honour of the 15th anniversary of the wedding of Captain and Mrs. Cox, of Reigate, 1024 Bob Major. J. Howard, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; F. Linter, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; G. Croucher, 5; E. Moses, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Reeves, 8. Also on Thursday, December 27th, in honour of the wedding of the Rev. C. Adams to Miss Sprules, of Reigate, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Howard, 1; F. Linter, 2; P. Knight, 3; H. Reeves, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Argent (conductor), 6; E. Kenward, 7; A. Moseley, 8. Also 168 standing as before. Also 308 Grandsire Triples. J. Howard, 1; F. Linter, 2; P. Knight, 3; E. Moses, 4; H. Reeves (conductor), 5; W. Argent, 6; E. Kenward, 7; A. Moseley, 8. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. J. Howard, 1; P. Knight, 2; F. Linter, 3; E. Kenward, 4; H. Reeves, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

**GOSPEL OAK (Middlesex).**—On Wednesday, December 26th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 23 mins. J. E. Davis, 1; A. R. Davis, 2; W. C. Hasted, 3; J. Nixon, 4; H. N. Davis, 5; A. J. Neale (conductor), 6.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**AYLSHAM (Norfolk).**—On Thursday, December 27th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2730 changes, in 1 hr. 38 mins. it came to grief owing to a change-course. D. Winterbourne, 1; W. Rought, 2; J. Rought, 3; J. Moy, 4; A. B. Rought, 5; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6; A. G. Warnes, 7; G. Moy, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. And a touch of Grandsire Caters, 575 changes. D. Winterbourne, 1; J. Moy, 2; J. Rought, 3; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 4; J. Moy, 5; W. Rought, 6; A. B. Rought, 7; G. Moy, 8; A. G. Warnes, 9; J. M. Roberts, 10. Tenor 20 cwt. Also 305 in the same method. G. Moy, 4; A. W. Brighton, 8; the rest as above. And a touch of the same method on handbells. J. Moy, 1-2; A. G. Warnes, 3-4; G. Moy, 5-6; A. W. Brighton, 7-8; W. Rought, 9-10. Messrs. Warnes and Brighton hail from Norwich; the rest belong to the local company.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**EAST RETFORD.**—On Christmas morning, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1278 changes, in 47 mins. T. Spurr, 1; J. T. Bottomley, 2; G. Winter, 3; H. Haigh, 4; G. E. Sharp, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; J. Swannack, 10. First quarter-peal on an extreme bell by G. Winter. This quarter-peal is the first part of Hubbard's peal of 5129 changes, taken from the Yorkshire Association Report.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

**TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, December 23rd, for morning service, 714 Grandsire Triples. J. Windridge, 1; J. Timms (conductor), 2; C. Chapman, 3; R. P. Brindley, 4; A. Everitt, 5; W. Chapman, 6; J. Pratt, 7; J. H. Chatterton, 8. On Christmas eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Windridge, 1; J. Timms (conductor), 2; C. Chapman, 3; R. Brindley, 4; W. Chapman, 5; A. Everitt, 6; J. Pratt, 7; J. H. Chatterton, 8. Composed by H. Franks, London. On Sunday, December 30th, for morning service, 546 in the same method.

#### THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

**EDINBURGH.**—On Monday, December 10th, on handbells, in the cathedral belfry, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles called differently

in 12 mins. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1-2; C. C. Ellis, 3; W. R. Fyfe, 4; W. Martin, 5-6. Longest length by all except the conductor. Also 180 Grandsire Minor. Also on Monday, December 17th, three separate courses of Grandsire Triples. C. C. Ellis, 1-2; W. R. Fyfe, 3; G. G. Cunningham, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5-6; W. Martin, 7-8. First attempt at Triples by all except Routledge. Also on the front six of the fine peal of ten in St. Mary's cathedral, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles called in two different ways. W. R. Fyfe, 1; C. C. Ellis, 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; W. Martin, 4; G. G. Cunningham, 5; S. French, 6. Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

**ARMLEY (Yorks).**—On Monday evening, December 17th, at the residence of Mr. John Thackray, 1050 Grandsire Triples on handbells. John Thackray, 1-2; Joe Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams, 5-6; J. Whitaker, 7-8. This touch was conducted by H. Williams, blindfolded.

**ASHTED (Surrey).**—On Sunday, December 23rd, for Divine Service, a touch of 1540 Grandsire Triples, taken from Reeves's ten-part. T. Page, 1; H. Newnham (longest touch as conductor), 2; W. E. Otway, 3; W. R. Crookford, 4; W. Cook, 5; J. Wyatt, 6; H. Wilkinson, 7; H. Corbett, 8.

**BEENHAM (Berks).**—On Tuesday, December 25th, at 6 a.m., at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. W. Fude, 1; E. Bruce, 2; F. Richardson, 3; H. Keal, 4; C. Gardner, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6. Before the 10.30 service another 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins., the band standing as before. Before the 3.30 service 360 Bob Minor, the band standing as in the other, but called differently. After service 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Fude, 1; E. Bruce, 2; F. Richardson, 3; C. Gardner, 4; J. Hatto (conductor), 5; F. Wigmore, 6.

**BASINGSTOKE (Hants).**—On Sunday, December 30th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 464 Bob Major. H. Lawes, 1; T. Curtis, 2; F. Wilson, 3; C. Hansford, 4; W. Wadey, 5; F. Bennett, 6; J. Ballard, 7; H. White (conductor), 8.

**CAPEL (Surrey).**—On Christmas morning, before the early celebration, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). A. Weeden, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; C. Weeden, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; R. Jordan, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 360 Kent. E. Jordan, 5; R. Jordan, 6; the rest as before. And in the afternoon, 720 College Pleasure. J. Akehurst, 1; R. Jordan, 2; C. Weeden, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 720 College Exercise. E. Jordan, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; C. Weeden, 3; R. Jordan, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Friday evening, December 28th, 360 Kent Treble Bob. A. Weeden, 1; C. Taylor (first in the method), 2; C. Weeden, 3; J. Akehurst, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 720 New London Pleasure. C. Taylor, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; C. Weeden, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

**CLENT (Worcestershire).**—On Monday, December 24th, at midnight, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Short, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; C. Boughton, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. And for service on Christmas morning, 360 Bob Minor. G. Workman, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; W. Short, 4; W. Huxley, 5; W. H. Barber (conductor), 6.

**ELHAM (Kent).**—On Monday, December 10th, 360 Bob Minor. E. Smith, 1; E. Bush (conductor), 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Andrews, 4; C. Richards, 5; A. Castle, 6. On Wednesday, December 12th, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. G. Shepherd, 1; E. Bush, 2; H. Pitcher, 3; C. Richards (conductor), 4; A. Castle, 5; W. Smith, 6. And three 6-scores. A. Hogben, 6. Conducted by C. Richards. On Monday, December 17th, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles. G. Stevens, 1; G. Shepherd, 2; E. Bush, 3; C. Richards, 4; A. Castle (conductor), 5; A. Hogben, 6. And a 6-score of the same, conducted by E. Bush. G. Shepherd, 1; G. Stevens, 2; the rest as before.

**EYE (Suffolk).**—On Wednesday, December 26th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, an attempt for 5184 of Oxford came to grief after ringing 2816 changes in 1 hr. 55 mins. J. A. Trollop, 1; F. Day, 2; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 3; F. E. W. Meadows, 4; F. Clayton, 5; E. Clayton, 6; W. Flory, 7; C. Palmer, 8.

**FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).**—On Wednesday, December 19th, at the church of St. Michael, 1680 of Bob Major in 1 hr. and 5 mins. W. Ostler, 1; W. W. Miller, 2; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 3; F. E. W. Meadows (composer), 4; C. F. Ling, 5; F. Clayton, 6; S. Garnham, 7; J. Self, 8. This was an attempt for a 5040 which came to grief through a change-course.

\* \* A great number of touches and reports are crowded out this week. We ask our friends who are thereby disappointed, to extend to us their kind forbearance; everything will appear in due course.

## 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.

**Preliminary Notice.-Hollingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.**—The annual change-ringing contest on handbells, for the above cup, will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. For further particulars apply Sec.

JONATHAN PILLING.

Lee Street, Uppermill, near Oldham.

**All Saints Society, Fulham**—The annual general meeting will take place to-day, Saturday, January 19th, 1895. The tower will be open to members and friends at 4.30 p.m. Tea in church room at 6 p.m., business meeting afterwards.

J. GREEN, Hon. Sec.

Fulham Palace, S.W.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, January 19th, 1895, at the parish church, Stafford. Bells available from 2 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by committee meeting. Tea at 6 p.m.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Leicester, to-day, Saturday, January 19th. The following towers will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., viz.: St. Margaret's (10 bells), St. Martin's (10 bells), St. Mary's (8 bells), St. Mark's (8 bells), St. Saviour's (8 bells), St. Peter's, Belgrave (8 bells), and St. George's (6 bells). Committee meeting at 4.30, tea at 5, followed by general meeting, both held at St. Margaret's Coffee House, Church Gate. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station. In order to make the 1894 report as perfect as possible, all members whose present addresses are incorrect in the last report are requested to notify same to their local secretaries or to the honorary secretary not later than Saturday, February 2nd.

J. O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec.

22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**The Heavy Woollen Districts Association.**—Yorkshire.—The yearly meeting of the above will be held at Batley, to-day, Saturday, January 19th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, West End hotel (above the church). Business:—Election of officers, draw for the next contest; extension of radius, also the following proposals to consider. 1. That all 8-bell towers be eligible to ring at a 6-bell contest, providing they send four out of their tower. 2. That 6 and 8-bell towers may ring at either contest if they send four out of their tower. 3. That each tower be represented on the committee by one elected member out of their tower, no other allowed to vote. Other business of importance will be transacted, and it is hoped each member will avail himself of the opportunity to be present. Subscriptions are now due for the ensuing year.

GEORGE H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The Middlesex Association.**—The next meeting will take place at All Saints' parish church, Edmonton, to-day, Saturday, January 19th. Tower open at 6 o'clock.

FRANK BLONDELL, Hon. Sec.

15, Thornton Road, Barnet.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, to-day, Saturday, January 19th, 1895. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A free tea will be given to all who send in their names or numbers to S. Lord, 1, Church Lane, Newchurch, near Manchester, on or before January 16th. Meeting after tea.

J. B. TAYLOR, Branch Sec.

7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Crayford, to-day, Saturday, January 19. The tower of the parish church will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, Hon. Sec.

25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Philip's church, Hulme, Manchester, to-day, Saturday, January 19th. Tower open at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m. All ringers welcome.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—Members are requested to attend the annual meeting to be held on Monday, January 21st, 1895, at St. Margaret's, when officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Meeting time 7.45 p.m.

H. BARTON, Hon. Sec.

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—The next committee and quarterly meeting of this Association will be held in St. Thomas's School Room, King Street, Dudley, at 5.30 p.m. prompt, on Saturday, January 26th, 1895. The tower and bells will be open for ringing. The Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar, has kindly consented to preside at the meeting, and gives all members a hearty welcome. A free tea will be provided for all members who send in their names to me, not later than Wednesday, January 23rd. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

36, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—By kind permission, the next monthly meeting will be held at All Saints' church, Isleworth, on Saturday, January 26th, 1895. Ringing to commence at 5 o'clock.

E. J. WALSON, Hon. Sec.

11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Wooburn, Bucks., on Saturday, January 26th, and will be open to the whole Guild. Ringing from 2 to 4.30 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m. Evensong and Sermon 4.30 p.m., tea 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present at the tea should send their names to Rev. A. Woodin, the Vicarage, Wooburn, on or before Wednesday, January 23rd.

K. P. NEWHOUSE, Branch Sec.

**Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Grinstead, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8), available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Will all members in the Eastern Division kindly make an effort to attend.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec. pro. tem.

101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Wye, on Saturday afternoon, January 26th. No allowances.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, District Sec.

Hythe.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Rothwell, on Saturday, January 26th (8 bells). A peal will be attempted, commence at 2 p.m. Meeting house, The White Swan.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 29th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Books will be open at 8.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Headquarters, Leeds, on Saturday, February 2nd. Committee meeting in the Parochial room at 3 o'clock, business meeting in the same place at 4.45. The Local Committee will sit at The Crown and Fleece inn, near the Corn Exchange, during the afternoon. By kind permission of the respective vicars, the rings at the parish church (twelve), St. Michael's, Headingley (eight), St. Chad's, Far Headingley (eight), and Christ Church, Armley (six), will be at disposal of members. The local hon. sec. is Mr. Francis Woodhead, Brown lane, Top Moor Side, Holbeck.

B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—District meeting at Hatfield, on Saturday, February 2.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Colchester on Saturday, February 16th. The tower of St. Peter (eight bells), will be open for ringing, also the tower of St. Mary, Ardeleigh (eight bells). Tea will be provided at the parish room at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present must notify their intention, and the station from which they proceed, not later than the previous Monday, to me.

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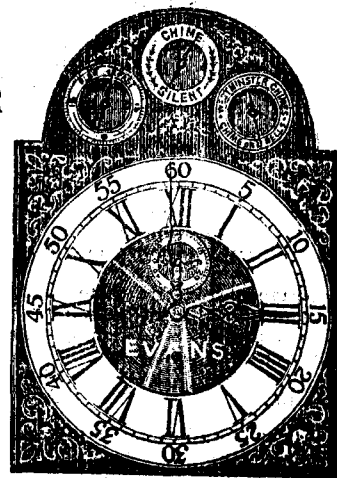
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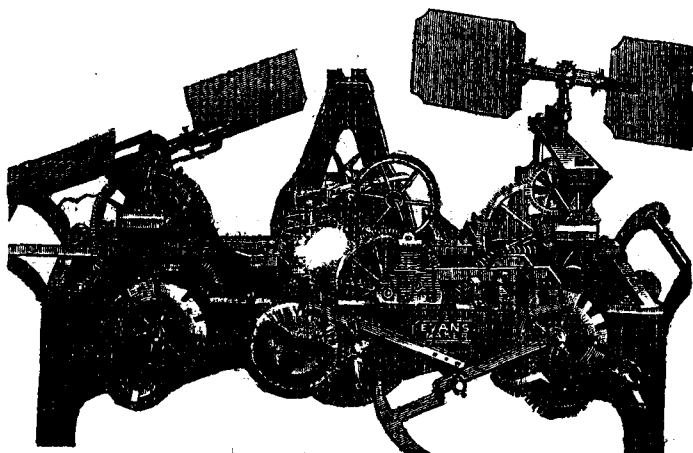
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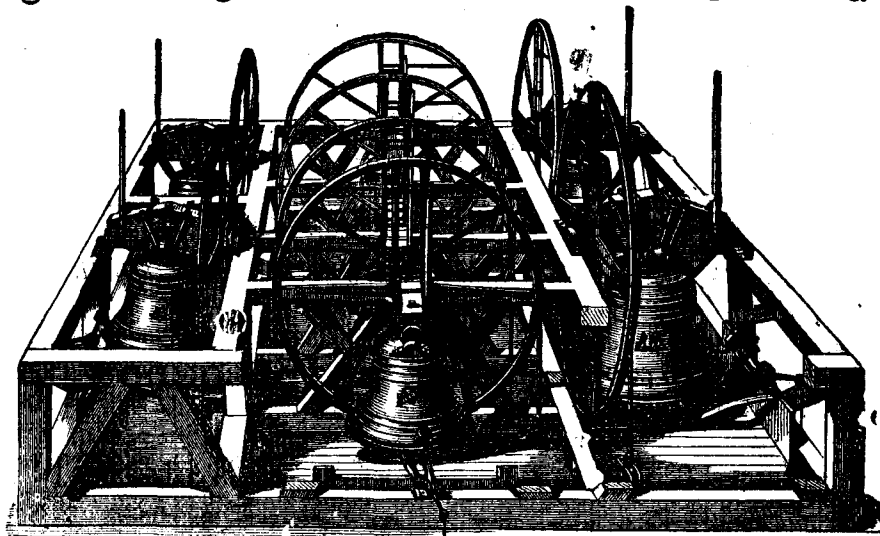
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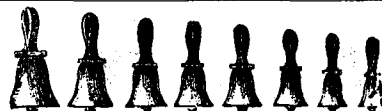
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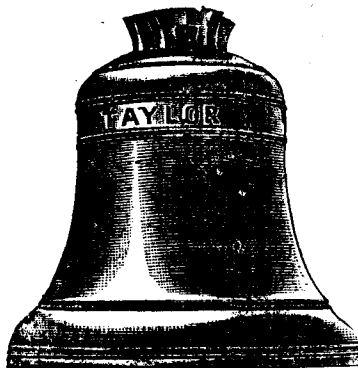
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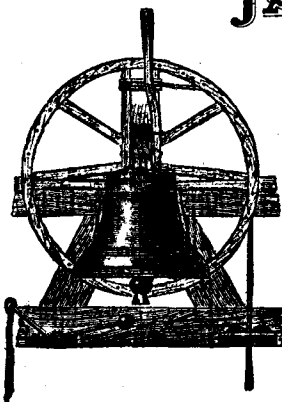
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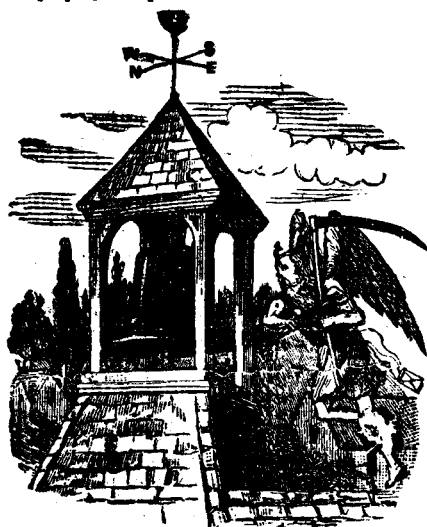
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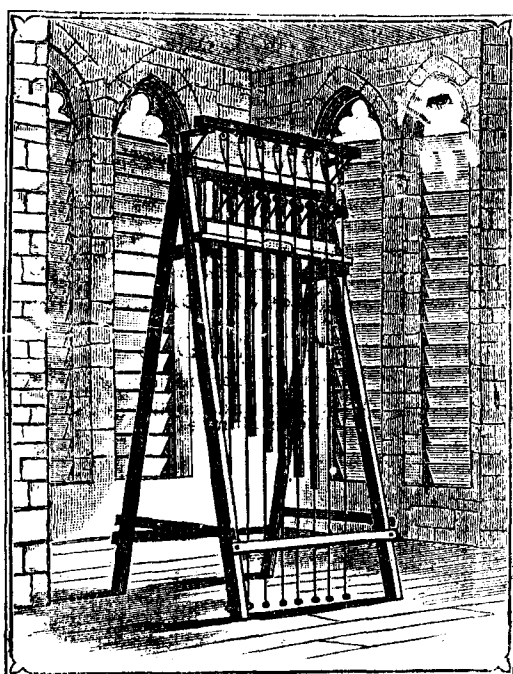
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## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

"A very good meeting." This was the general opinion of the members of the above Association who met together on Monday, January 14th, at Kingston-on-Thames, for the purpose of united practice on the fine peal of ten, tenor 33 cwt., which hang in the ancient and commodious square tower of the church of All Saints. Although the circle of ropes drop the reverse way, or as some were heard to remark "back-handed" or "left-handed," some good practice was got through in various methods, viz., Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Treble Bob, etc., a good muster putting in an appearance early in the afternoon. Later on some forty were comfortably seated in the Albany Hall to a substantial tea, the usual business meeting following, Mr. H. Daniels, of Streatham, in the unavoidable absence of the vicar (Rev. A. S. Young), in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Hon. Secretary reported that twelve peals had been rung since the last meeting. These included a 10,000 of Kent Treble Bob Major, and a 5088 of Superlative Surprise Major, the former being the longest length yet rung, and the latter the first peal of Surprise by members of the Association. It was resolved that these two peals be illuminated.

The nomination of two representatives for the Central Council resulted in Dr. A. B. Carpenter and R. B. Blanchard being elected to represent the Association at the forthcoming meeting on Easter Tuesday.

The Secretary gave his report for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1894, showing that twenty-nine peals had been rung during that time, bringing the total number to 203.

Four quarterly meetings had been attended by 240 members. Four Honorary, two Life, and forty-nine ringing members have joined the Association.

The receipts show an increase of some seven pounds, while the expenditure also shows an increase of some ten pounds, the present balance standing at £20 1s. 0d.

The next place of meeting on Easter Monday being put to the vote, St. Giles' church, Camberwell, was carried by a large majority.

One life member (Mr. Bayley, of Lewisham), and six ordinary members were elected.

Votes of thanks to the chairman, also to Mr. Strutt (steeple-keeper), and to the Secretary, brought the meeting to a close.

The following towers were represented: Benhlilton, Beddington, Bletchingley, Carshalton, Ewell, Epsom, East Molesey, Guildford, Kingston, Mitcham, Streatham, and Wimbledon.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting of this Association was held at All Saints' parish church, Edmonton, on Saturday, January 19th, which, taking into consideration the weather, was very well attended. Mr. F. A. Milne, the treasurer, was unanimously voted to the chair, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, and signed. On the proposition of Mr. W. Martin, seconded by Mr. Waghorn, jun., Mr. G. B. Lucas was elected to represent the Association on the Central Council. The Rev. D. W. Barrett, Rector of Barnet, was elected an hon. member of the Association. The following ordinary members were also elected: Messrs. H. A. Barnett, C. A. Button, F. Clements, W. Dickenson, H. Ellis, L. Iverson, and W. Tibson, of Tottenham; Messrs. P. J. Darlington, L. J. Darlington, W. J. Darlington, S. T. Darlington, H. W. Wise, R. Goodchild, and J. Pightling, of Edmonton, and Mr. W. Simms, of Barnet. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the steeplekeeper for having everything in readiness. During the evening touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Triples, and Bob Major, were rung.

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The tower of Northop church is 116 feet in height, being the second highest tower in Wales, the highest being that of Wrexham, in Denbighshire. It was re-roofed and thoroughly repaired throughout in the year 1891, through the exertions of the Rev. Canon Richardson, M.A., Vicar of Northop, and formerly Vicar of Rhyl.

**RINGERS' SUPPER.**—On Friday, January 11th, the Society of Northop ringers, eight in number, were, through the generosity of Mrs. and Miss Sandars, entertained to their annual supper at Lower Soughton. The repast was of a most liberal character, and ample justice was done to the good things provided. The table was beautifully decorated, and presented a very gay appearance. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. and Miss Sandars for their great kindness and interest, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, during which a few touches were rung upon the handbells.

## DEATH OF THE REV. SEPTIMUS HANSARD.

We regret to say that the Rev. Septimus C. H. Hansard, for more than thirty years Rector of the important parish of Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green, London, died at the rectory on Saturday last. On Wednesday, the 23rd instant, at St. Matthew's church, as a token of respect to the deceased gentleman, the bells were rung half-muffled in the usual whole pull and stand manner, concluding with a touch of Grandsire Triples, 518 changes, the ringers being:—

A. Hughes, 1; H. F. Wood, 2; J. Bonney, 3; J. Comb, 4; W. Cooter, 5; M. A. Wood (conductor), 6; J. West, 7; J. Monday, 8.

The decease of the rev. gentleman will be deeply regretted by the parishioners. In him the ringers have lost a good friend. He was always ready with a few words of encouragement, and frequently expressed to them the pleasure which he always felt at hearing the sound of his bells.

## FORESTERS' WEDDING.

On Saturday, January 19th, at Bradford parish church, the marriage took place between Mr. Charles Graham, P.C.R., (son of W. Graham, district secretary of the Ancient Order of Foresters), and Miss Emily Lockwood, daughter of T. Lockwood, P.D.C.R. In honour of the event, the following band met to ring a touch of Triples: J. and W. Joyce (Nottingham Imperial Oddfellows); Arthur Gill, Sam. Palframan, and W. Titterton (Free and Independent Oddfellows); B. T. Copley P.P.G.M. (Manchester Unity); J. Broadley and J. Wotton. Unfortunately during the ringing a rope broke, so Triples was abandoned, and in its place a 720 of Bob Minor with the tenor covering.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**ROSSENDALE BRANCH.**—A meeting of this branch was held at Newchurch, and was well attended by members from Christ Church (Bacup), St. Saviour's (Bacup), Helmshore, Newchurch, Ramsbottom, Rawtenstall, and Waterfoot. A short touch was rung at 5 o'clock. At 5.30 over thirty members sat down to tea, which was presided over by the Rev. T. B. Eddrup, who in welcoming the Association said he was glad to see so many present, and was sure the rector would have been glad if he had been present. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Haslingden. It was proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the rector for the tea he had provided, and for the use of the bells; also to the ringers for having all in readiness; and to the chairman for presiding. This brought the meeting to a close, and the tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Union Triples, Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and College Single were rung. The bells were kept going till 9.30.

**FYLDE BRANCH.**—The quarterly meeting of this branch was held at St. Anne's-on-Sea on Saturday, January 19th, but, unfortunately, the attendance was very meagre. Various methods in the Art of change-ringing were satisfactorily rung. Mr. Townsend occupied the chair at the after proceedings, in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. W. G. Terry. Mr. J. Fell (Lytham), said that in accordance with a wish expressed by Mr. Cookson, of Kirkham, he had endeavoured to call together a good meeting, but his efforts had not been successful. He read the correspondence explanatory of the reasons through which members of the Association would be unable to attend. A post-card was read which had been received from the President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, who stated that he would be unable to leave his work. Otherwise he would have been glad to visit St. Anne's, as he had never rang there. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Kirkham on April 27th. There was very little business, and at the conclusion a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. W. G. Terry for the use of the schoolroom and bells.

## OLNEY, BUCKS.

On Wednesday, December 26th, the Biddenham branch of the Bedfordshire Association held their annual outing at this place, where the peal of six bells, tenor about 25 cwt., have been rehung by Mr. Blackburn. A start being made from Bedford at 11.30 by train, we found ourselves soon in sight of the fine old spire of Olney church. On arriving at the station, we at once made our way to the belfry, when the bells were soon set swinging, and some good touches of Doubles and Minor were rung, including two 720s of Bob Minor. First 720: W. West, 1; W. Davison, 2; H. King, 3; C. West, 4; P. Howard, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. Second 720: J. Davison, 1; H. King, 2; W. Davison, 3; C. West, 4; P. Howard, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. Ringing was kept on till about five o'clock when the bells were lowered and a start was made for the house of Mr. S. Smith, who had so kindly arranged for tea at his own expense, which for a party of about fifteen is no slight undertaking. After this a start had to be made for the station, as the last train left at 6.50, and we all knew well that time and trains wait for no man. Altogether a most enjoyable day was spent, everyone being delighted with their outing. The ringers wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also give their hearty thanks to Mr. and Mrs. S. Smith for their hospitality to them, hoping that this will not be their last visit to Olney. D.

**NOTICE.**—We ask our friends to exercise their forbearance if their touch reports have not yet appeared; they will all appear in due course. We hope to be able to announce in our next number the appearance of an extensive collection of musical touches of Stedman Triples, easy to call, composed by Mr. JOHN CARTER, of Birmingham.

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## ST. NICOLAS, PEVENSEY.—PRESENTATION.

On Friday, January 18th, the local ringers tried for 1080 Grandsire Doubles, all to be called differently, but after a capitally struck 600 had been rung, they came to grief. The fact of the matter was the captain and conductor (Mr. Brant), saw the absurdity of calling "single" to his right-hand neighbour, Mr. T. Beale, for he—T. B.—had taken to himself a wife, being utterly disgusted at being called "single" so often.

After the breakdown the ringers adjourned to the vestry, where the Ven. Archdeacon Sutton (vicar), and President, presented the aforesaid "Double" man with a clock. Although the vicar is not a ringer, he always comes forward with his "bobs" when anything is required, and the curate, the Rev. E. B. Walsh—who by the way will soon become a practical ringer it is hoped—and all the band came to "lead" with "bobs," not one "dodged behind" when the idea of a testimonial was raised. The captain drew attention to the alarm of the clock, and informed the recipient that it was to be "set" for seven o'clock on Saturdays and Fridays—the ringing nights—for though he had been "belle ringing" on his own account, he could not be excused from ringing with the rest.

## ELHAM, KENT.

The members of the local company held their annual festival on Tuesday, January 15th, in the old infants' school. The band is unpaid, and the yearly rennion is supplied by subscriptions of the residents of the parish and friends of the ringers. The programme commenced with a capital hot supper, which was satisfactorily disposed of, the vicar presiding, with his warden as vice. After supper harmony was the order of the evening. The ringers make it a rule to invite all subscribers to spend the evening with them, and these with the ringers from Lyminge (also the guests of the Elham ringers), formed a goodly company. Plenty of singers were found to enliven the proceedings, Mr. F. Bush, a former member of the band, coming specially from Chatham to add to the success of the evening by presiding at the piano. No time was lost, song following song in quick succession, and midnight (the time for dispersing) arrived only too soon, but with the comforting reflection that a capital evening had been spent, and the hope that the Elham ringers may go on and prosper, and have the pleasure of meeting their friends in similar social gatherings "Again" and yet "Again."

## THE HOLY TRINITY GUILD, BARKING, ESSEX.

On Tuesday, January 15th, the members of the above Guild entertained about eighty church friends, ladies and gentlemen, at an "At Home" held in the school rooms, which were set out for the event. Various parlour games were indulged in by the visitors, while some found amusement in cards, chess, draughts, etc. During the evening the ringers regaled their guests with tea and coffee, fruits and sweets, and other light refreshment. At intervals touches were rung upon the hand-bells consisting of Bob Cinques, by the following ringers: W. Dallimore (conductor), H. F. Crick, H. H. Wilkins, A. Worwood, A. Saunderson, and W. Floyd. Songs and selections on the piano and mandoline were rendered by some of the friends present, all going on merrily up till about 11.30 p.m., when the head ringer, Mr. W. Dallimore, thanked all present on behalf of the ringers, for making the evening so bright and gay. Mr. E. Perry responded by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the ringers for their great kindness and very pleasant evening, which was seconded by the Rev. J. Manus, and carried in the usual way. Some dancing and the National Anthem ended the ringers' first "At Home."

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## BARNET, HERTS.

The members of the Parish Church Guild held their second annual dinner on Friday evening, January 18th, at the Church House. A substantial repast was provided by Host and Hostess Dolton, and when "go" was called the company present showed that they all understood the "knife and fork" method very well. The Rector, the Rev. D. W. Barrett, presided, and was supported by the Rev. D. J. Learoyd, Mr. F. A. Milne, and Mr. A. T. King. After the cloth was cleared, the rev. chairman proposed the loyal and patriotic toasts, and these having been drunk, proposed the health of the members of the Barnet Guild of Ringers. He said he must congratulate them on their success during the past year. They had not only took an interest in the ringing, but they had also taken an interest in the church, and it gave him great pleasure to see them at the services after they had done ringing. He referred to some extracts he had made from the old parish records, some of which caused much laughter, and seemed rather eccentric. He concluded by wishing the society every success, and expressed the hope that they might be spared to attend many annual dinners.

Mr. A. T. King (treasurer), then read his financial statement, the receipts of which showed a great increase on the previous year. He said it gave him great pleasure to do anything for the ringers, and he hoped they would continue to work amicably together. The treasurer then proposed the health of "The Clergy," coupling with the toast the name of the Rev. D. J. Learoyd, which was received with loud applause.

The Rev. D. J. Learoyd acknowledged the toast in suitable terms.

Mr. F. A. Milne (on behalf of the ringers), proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. King for the services he had rendered to the Guild. He said he thought the members had reason to be proud of the progress they had made in the Art of change-ringing during the past year: he thought they were also very much indebted to Mr. C. H. Martin (Master of the Middlesex Association), their instructor, for the pains he had taken with them.

Mr. King replied in warm terms, and said he hoped the society would continue to flourish. They had had the misfortune to lose one or two of their members through their leaving the district, but they must not be disheartened; they had plenty of young ringers coming on, and they must pull together and make them proficient.

Mr. Martin said he was always glad to do anything to further change-ringing. At the previous dinner, he expressed the hope, he said, that he would have some of the members of the Guild through a peal before the year was out, but they had even done better than he anticipated, for they had also scored one of Bob Major. He thanked them for their appreciation of his services, and hoped they would continue to prosper.

Mr. F. Blondell proposed the healths of the "Host and Hostess," and said the success of the evening was no doubt due to their energies.

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

Vocal and instrumental music was contributed during the evening by Messrs. A. R. Samuels, W. Jinns, T. Sapshead, F. Blondell, A. E. Dolton, J. Sumpter, J. Thrussell, J. Waldoock, F. Butler, and R. Roffey, and Miss M. Dolton. "That's all" was called at an early hour in the morning, and the company separated after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Mr. C. Smart, of Church Street, Steyning, writes: "Looking through this week's issue of 'THE BELL NEWS,' I find that a date touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on Christmas Eve at Tamworth, Staffordshire, composed by P. Brickell. Should that be the same date touch which appeared in 'THE BELL NEWS' of March 17th, 1894, it was pointed out by me to be false in the following week's issue. Also the date touch of Grandsire Triples, published in last week's issue, and composed by G. Preston, of Christchurch, Hants., is false, the change 1245367 at the starting changes repeats at the seventh treble-lead in the fifth part."

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. Benjamin Foscett, on and after January 28th, will be Sydney Cottage, Vale of Health, Hampstead, N.W.

## HAYES, KENT.

On Thursday, January 3rd, the ringers of this church were invited by the rector (Rev. G. Clowes) to supper, the churchwardens, J. W. Selby, Esq., and T. H. Bower, Esq. being also present. An excellent supper was provided, each course being brought round in good style. The rector, in proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Hayes Bellringers," alluded to the progress which they had made during the past year. Mr. Selby, as Hon. Secretary, replied on behalf of the ringers. After thanking the rector for his kind remarks, he said that the band had made great progress, having rung a 5040 of Bob Minor, and twenty-six 720s in the year. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Selby for the presentation of a peal board denoting the performance of the 5040 changes, on Friday, June 1st, 1894, also thanking Messrs. Bedwell and Warnett, of Lewisham, for their assistance on that occasion. The remainder of the evening was spent in singing, etc., and after a vote of thanks to the rector and Mrs. Clowes for their kindness, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

## RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Wednesday, January 9th, the annual supper of the Edenbridge band took place at The White Horse hotel. There was an unusually large number of tradespeople and visitors generally present, thirty-five sitting down to a first-class supper, and they had not forgotten to invite the hard-working new district secretary, Mr. W. Latter, of Tunbridge Wells, who readily attended. The chair was taken by Mr. F. Holmden, vicar's warden, Mr. H. Whitmore occupying the vice-chair. After all had done justice to the splendid repast provided, the toast of "The Queen" was drunk, being followed by "The Archbishop." Then came that of "The Kent County Association," coupled with the name of the district secretary.

Mr. Latter, in responding, gave a descriptive account of the work and reform being done by the society, and made a strong and not fruitless appeal for honorary members, and spoke of the need of an additional two bells to make a ring of eight. Songs and instrumental music combined to make it enjoyable for all concerned, and the hour of ten came too quickly. It is with much pleasure stated that the idea for two more bells is receiving the support and consideration of the principal inhabitants, and it is hoped ere long to be able to state something more definite in the matter.

## WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 12th, the ringers of the parish church held their annual dinner at the house of Mr. Joseph Bates (a member of the band), and partook of an excellent repast, which was catered for by Mr. and Mrs. Bates in first class style. Mr. Thomas Foster (captain), presided, and after the usual toasts had been duly honoured, it was said that more public interest ought to be taken in bellringing in all its forms. The members also strongly commented upon the bad condition of the bells and the urgent need of help to put them in proper order, and hoped the same would soon be forthcoming. Messrs. W. E. Brittan and H. Tinsley supplied the harmony during the evening, and after the usual votes of thanks, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

CORRECTION.—In the report printed in a recent issue from the Guild of St. Mary's, Portsea, it was by mistake stated that Mr. Gould had been elected to represent the band on the council of the Diocesan Guild as in former years. It was Mr. Harper who was elected. It should have been noticed that Mr. Gould presented a complete set of "THE BELL NEWS" for 1894 to the tower, as in former years.

Mr. A. Jacob, Hon. Secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths, writes: "The society of Royal Cumberland Youths wish to state that the peal of Grandsire Caters rang on Wednesday, December 26th, at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, and published in 'BELL NEWS' of January 5th, is not a Cumberlands' peal, as one of the band is a non-member."

**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 DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

By FREDK. S. W. BUTLER, *Gainsborough.*

1895.

1 2 4 3 6 5 7  
2 1 4 3 5 6 7  
1 2 3 4 5 7 6 odd changes  
2 1 3 4 5 6 7  
1 2 3 5 4 6 7  
6 7 2 4 5 3 2  
4 7 6 3 2 5 5  
5 3 4 2 7 6 1  
3 4 5 2 7 6 4  
7 6 3 5 2 4 2  
6 3 7 5 2 4 4  
7 2 6 3 4 5 3  
5 3 7 4 2 6 1  
2 6 5 7 4 3 2  
5 4 2 6 3 7 3

Four times repeated.

**A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

By D. H. BURTON, *Thirsk, Yorks.*

1895.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
1 2 3 4 5 7 6 odd changes—  
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 start at back.  
3 1 2 4 5 6 7 stroke.  
1 3 2 4 5 7 6  
1 2 3 5 4 6 7  
2 1 3 5 4 7 6

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

Twice repeated, and contains twelve 4-6s, twelve 7-4s, and twelve 6-7s.

**A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

By EDWARD COOK, *Cardiff.*

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

Twice repeated.

**A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.**

By E. BENNETT, *Beddington, Surrey.*

1895.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
2 1 3 5 4 7 6 9 8  
1 2 5 3 7 4 9 6 8  
2 1 5 7 3 9 4 8 6 odd changes  
1 2 7 5 9 3 8 4 6  
2 1 7 9 5 8 3 6 4  
1 2 9 7 8 5 6 3 4  
3 4 2 5 6 7 8 9 3  
7 5 3 9 4 8 2 6 1  
2 6 7 4 8 3 9 5 3  
2 3 4 5 6 9 7 8  
4 2 3 5 6 9th in 3  
5 4 2 5 6 9th in 3  
4 5 2 3 6 8th in 3  
2 5 6 3 4 8, 9  
6 5 4 3 2 8, 9  
5 3 4 6 2 8th in 3  
4 5 3 6 2 9th in 3  
3 4 5 6 2 9th in 3  
5 4 2 6 3 8, 9  
2 4 3 6 5 8, 9  
3 2 4 6 5 9th in 3  
4 3 2 6 5 9th in 3  
2 3 5 6 4 8, 9  
5 2 3 6 4 9th in 3  
3 5 2 6 4 9th in 3  
2 5 4 6 3 8, 9  
4 2 5 6 3 9th in 3  
9th in and out at 2.

**A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

By CHARLES SMART, *Steyning.*

1895.

2 1 3 5 4 7 6  
2 3 1 4 5 6 7  
3 2 1 5 4 7 6 Odd changes.  
3 1 2 4 5 6 7  
1 3 2 4 5 6 7  
6 7 3 4 5 2 2  
2 4 6 5 7 3 1  
7 3 2 6 5 4 2  
3 2 7 6 5 4 4  
4 6 3 5 2 7 1  
6 3 4 5 2 7 4  
4 2 6 3 7 5 3  
6 7 4 2 5 3 3  
3 2 6 5 7 4 1  
7 4 3 6 5 2 2  
3 5 7 4 2 6 3  
6 4 3 2 5 7 1

Four times repeated. A single for bob at end of 5th part.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.**

By T. TEASDALE, *North Shields.*

6720.

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

Five times repeated; single instead of bob midway and end.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.**

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Staveley.*

5184.

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

Contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6. Three times repeated, calling single for bob at 6 in the tenth course of the 2nd and 4th parts.

**PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.**

By G. LINDOFF.

9312.

2 3 4 5 6 5ths M W in 4ths H  
6 5 4 3 2 - - -  
4 6 5 3 2 - - -  
3 5 2 6 4 - - -  
6 2 4 5 3 - - -  
5 4 3 2 6 - - -  
2 3 6 4 5 - - -  
5 4 6 3 2 - - -  
6 3 5 4 2 - - -  
5 7 2 3 6 4 - - -  
2 7 6 3 5 4 - - -  
4 2 5 6 3 - - -  
5 4 2 6 3 - - -  
3 6 2 4 5 - - -  
6 4 3 7 5 2 - - -  
3 4 6 2 5 - - -  
6 7 5 4 3 2 - - -  
5 7 3 4 6 2 - - -  
2 5 6 3 4 - - -  
6 2 5 3 4 - - -

The last seven courses three times repeated. Longest length in the method yet composed. First rung at Crawley, Sussex, on Wednesday, December 26th, 1894, conducted by James Parker.

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL**

By CORNELIUS CHARGE, *Fulham.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H  
4 6 2 3 5 - - S  
2 3 4 6 5 - - -  
5 4 2 3 6 - - -  
2 5 4 3 6 - - -  
4 2 5 3 6 - - -  
5 3 4 2 6 - - -  
4 5 3 2 6 - - -  
3 4 5 2 6 - - -  
5 2 3 4 6 - - -  
3 5 2 4 6 - - -  
3 2 5 4 6 S  
5 3 2 4 6 - - -  
2 5 3 4 6 - - -  
2 3 5 4 6 S

Repeated. This peal has the 6th its extent at home.

## 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."

## "CRITICISMS."

SIR,—In answer to the Rev. H. Law James' letter which appeared in a recent issue, I quite appreciate the relationship between Darlaston Bob and College Single, but the two cannot be identical, as the one contains a bell in the hunt and the other does not, and in the one 5ths place is made, and in the other 4ths place. If Mr. James be of opinion that Darlaston Bob and College Single are the same, why does he allow his name to appear in connection with Grandsire when it is Plain Bob? I cannot at all tell what method it was he rang in a short time ago, although it appears in "Shipway" under the name of Double Norwich Caters. I should be glad of a clearer explanation concerning "Surprise" methods. Does Mr. James allude to "Champion Surprise," and does he think it is not a Surprise method? Forward Villa, Park Road, Aston, Birmingham. JOHN CARTER.

In "THE BELL NEWS" of January 12th, the Rev. H. Law James calls attention to what, in his opinion, is a serious fault in my system of points. In reply, I would say firstly; I did not fix the value of the respective peals, but that the value in points per man was arranged by three of the best known of the ringers in England; secondly, I fail to see any injustice in the examples he quotes. Why if eight ringers in Stedman Triples score four points per man, should not ten ringers in Stedman Caters also be credited with a similar number of points each? Again, why should not a peal of Treble Ten, in which ten ringers take part, score five-sixths of what eight ringers can obtain in a method after all only a little more difficult. I propose to submit the scale of points for consideration, and if necessary, for revision at the next meeting of the Central Council, when Mr. James will have an opportunity of expressing his views upon the matter. 8, Hanover Crescent, Brighton. G. F. ATTREE.

## A COINCIDENCE.

SIR,—Having neither seen nor heard, prior to its publication in these columns, of the principle on which Mr. Carter's "Champion Major" was founded, I was struck with the resemblance it bore to a method that I originated ten weeks ago. Indeed in my search after this one, and previous to its being produced, it is a fact that I produced Mr. Carter's new method in exactly the same form in which it was published, but as it did not conveniently lend itself to sixth-place bob making, I did not feel inclined to rest satisfied until I had produced on similar lines a method that would conveniently admit of bobs being made in that position. Below is the first section of the plain course:

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

2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7

Round in sixty-four changes.

I may say that for the greater part of the ten weeks which have elapsed, that copies of this method have been in the possession of Messrs. R. Ridyard (Worsley), W. Holmes (Newcastle), G. Whitfield (Oswestry), S. Wood and G. Longden (Ashton). Beyond being able to satisfy myself that the composition in this method would not be more than ordinarily difficult, I have had very little opportunity for prosecuting my studies any further in this direction. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to present to the Exercise either touches or peals at present, and on this account request their indulgence for presenting this method in its crude state. J. S. WILDE.  
Hyde.

## BEDFORDSHIRE BELLS

SIR,—Will any member of the Bedfordshire Association give me information concerning the bells (rings of eight) at Luton, Leighton Buzzard, and Dunstable. Are they in good condition, or bad, and are the ringers and clergy at those places favorable to change-ringing, and the visits of the County Association? ENQUIRER.

## Obituary.

## THOMAS ASPINWALL.

On Sunday, December 30th, the death took place of the above at his residence, "Eureka," Aughton, Ormskirk, at the age of eighty-four years, and he was interred on Friday, January 4th. On Tuesday, January 8th, members of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild rang as a tribute of respect at Ormskirk parish church, the usual whole pull and stand eighty-four times with the bells half-muffled. Afterwards 1013 Grandsire Triples, being the exact number of months the deceased had lived. J. Taylor, 1; J. Sholicar (conductor), 2; W. Benthams, 3; J. Watts, 4; J. Pilkington, 5; H. J. Ellis, 6; G. Prescott, 7; T. Martland, 8. Mr. Aspinwall commenced his ringing career nearly seventy years ago, and was for fourteen years the respected superintendent of the Ormskirk belfry. He was the oldest ringer in the district, Ormskirk having within the last two years three veteran ringers whose united ages were 241 years; one only now remaining. Mr. Aspinwall took part in ringing on the occasion of the Accession and Coronation of the Queen, and the lying in state of the Duke of Wellington and the Prince Consort. After his retirement on business grounds from the superintendency of the ringers, he always took great interest in the ringers of Ormskirk parish church, and was always ready to assist, not only with advice, but with his purse, to encourage change-ringing and belfry reform. The 1013 changes rang above is the composition of Mr. John Aspinwall, of Liverpool, eldest son of the deceased. Mr. Aspinwall during his lifetime held several public offices, being a member for some years of the Ormskirk Board of Guardians, and the Aughton Parochial Committee. He leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters to mourn his loss. The only remaining ringer of Mr. Aspinwall's youth is Mr. John Prescott, who still remains a ringer at Ormskirk parish church; but in life's peal of these veteran ringers there is only one more bob to call, and then the unwelcome "that is all" of the veteran ringers of Ormskirk.

## CHARLES WILLIAM CARR.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, at his home, Northfield Lane, Horbury, at the early age of twenty-four. He complained of being ill on December 31st, and died of pneumonia on January 7th. He had chiefly devoted his attention to tune-playing until a few months ago, when he began to learn the Art of change-ringing, and had rung several touches. He took a deep interest in ringing, and those who were present at his bedside during his hours of delirium, say how constantly his mind ran on ringing. His presence will be missed in the belfry, and also in the choir, of which he was a member. The funeral, which took place on Thursday, January 10th, was largely attended. He was borne from the hearse to the church by four of his brother-ringers, who were met by the choir. The Rev. B. Moultrie officiated at the service, which was fully choral. He was carried from the church to the hearse by four members of the choir, while the Dead March was being played by the organist, Mr. B. Whitworth, A.R.C.O. On arrival at the cemetery he was carried to his last resting-place by four members of the Enlightened Order of Shepherds, of which he was a member. The service at the grave was also fully choral, and the hymn "Brief life is here our portion" was beautifully rendered by the choir. Before the funeral the usual whole pull and stand, and a 720 of Bob Minor, and during the evening 180 of Bob Minor and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of the respect and esteem in which he was held by his fellow-ringers. A. Yelland, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. A handsome wreath was placed on the grave by the ringers, and similar tokens of respect were shown by many kind friends. Whilst standing at the graveside and witnessing the last rites of the church, one may have been led to think this early call to rest unseasonable. But we mortals cannot see the wisdom of Him who commands the angel of death to summon our loved ones away. We have however the happy consolation to know that though the cold hand of death has separated us for a time from our dear friend, it is for his benefit and early reward. Mr. C. W. Carr was the grandson of the late Mr. T. Carr, who conducted the peal of 10,080 changes rung at Horbury, Yorks. W. H. G.

## JOHN JAMES.

We regret to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at his residence, 59, Vauxhall Street, Birmingham, on the 11th inst., after a severe illness, aged fifty-five years. Deceased was up till this last few years the respected tower-keeper of St. Martin's, he having succeeded his father in the same office. He took part in the long peal of Stedman Cinques, and rung other peals of an high order. He was interred at Witton cemetery on the 16th inst., on which occasion a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside. A muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted at St. Martin's, but came to grief.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1895.

A lengthy notice from the secretary of the Old East Derbyshire Association, to be found in its proper place, begets considerations worthy of comment. That institution known as "prize-ringing," may be said to have had its day, or nearly so. But we see no reason why the Exercise should be without the means of bestowing some tangible guerdon to those who show, not only efficiency in the Art, but commendable punctuality and steadiness in the performance of those duties which in the present day devolve on parochial ringers. Whether the suggestion of the purchase of a cup—we suppose of silver—is the best that can be made for such object, remains to be seen. It appears to us that in the districts wherein the above-named society confines its operations, a small sum of money would be greatly preferred by those who are to be favored with a reward for the conscientious observance and faithful execution of their duties, or the talent and ability they had shown in the practice of change-ringing. The subject, however, will be well considered at the meeting of the members to be held on the 9th proximo. While we are only making a bare suggestion with reference to this subject, we unhesitatingly say that the presentation of a cup under such circumstances is not the proper thing. Of what use is such an article to the recipient? Let the guerdon be of some use, and then the prize will be coveted and striven for.

**The Metropolis.****THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, January 5, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE SMITH .. .. Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER.. .. 5.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 2.	ALBERT PITAM.. .. 6.
JAMES HANNINGTON .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by G. NEWSON.

The composition, now rang for the first time in this method, has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6th's place at nine and twelve course-ends respectively. This is T. Titchener's first peal in the method with a bob bell, and the performance was arranged for his birthday anniversary, the band wishing him many happy returns.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Four Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5328 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 41 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 7.
RICHARD FRENCH .. .. 2.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW.. .. 8.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 9.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. 4.	GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. 10.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 11.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 6.	JOHN M. HAYES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by JOHN M. HAYES.

This is the longest peal in the method on the bells.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

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

HOLT's TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. in E flat.

WILLIAM J. COAKHAM .. Treble.	WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM B. MANNING .. 2.	WILLIAM R. PINSENT .. 6.
WILLIAM D. SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM H. DALLIMORE .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BURKIN.

Rung in honour of the 54th birthday of W. Pinsent, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.***On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

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

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

BROOK's VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK J. PITTS.. .. Treble.	*HARRY BARTON .. .. 5.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 2.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN* .. 3.	†WALTER C. HASTED.. .. 7.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 4.	†EDWARD W. FRASER.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER C. HASTED.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal of Stedman Triples. This was also the conductor's first attempt at calling a peal in this method.

**The Provinces.****OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, January 15, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER's TEN-PART, No. 3. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE STANBROOK .. .. 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 2.	ALFRED ANDREWS .. .. 6.
EUSTACE T. HARWOOD .. 3.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE .. .. 7.
THOMAS GOSLING .. .. 4.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 2nd, 5th, and tenor, and rest in the method on the bells.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, January 17, 1895, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HUBBARD's TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PAGE* .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK A. BAKER .. .. 5.
ALBERT J. BROWN .. .. 2.	*THOMAS W. BURDOCK .. .. 6.
THOMAS ATTWELL* .. .. 3.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. EADES.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in the method. This was arranged as a birthday peal for W. J. Freakes, but who, owing to illness, was unable to stand in, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Attwell and Burdock hail from Chiddingfold.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.****THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, January 12, 1895, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**

5152 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY MACEY .. .. Treble.	THOMAS GROVES.. .. 5.
ALFRED P. GODDARD .. .. 2.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP.. 7.
WALTER S. WISE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by W. W. GIFFORD.

This peal was rung at the third attempt, the two previous attempts being each over 4500 changes.

**DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(DERBY BRANCH.)

*On Thursday, January 17, 1895, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

T. MORRIS's SIX-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

T. ANTHONY .. .. Treble.	J. HOWE .. .. 5.
W. H. POYSER .. .. 2.	A. E. THOMPSON .. .. 6.
J. W. THOMPSON.. .. 3.	L. LOMAS .. .. 7.
J. NEWBOLD .. .. 4.	T. GRIFFITHS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. R. Hey, M.A.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.****THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, January 17, 1895, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,*

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. GIFFORD, DEVIZES ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

WALTER S. WISE .. .. 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD.. 5-6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3-4.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. 7-8.

Composed by WILLIAM J. SEVIER and

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

This peal has the 6th fourteen times wrong and twenty-four times right.

**MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, MOSSLEY.)

*On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL H. COOPER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BENTLEY .. .. 2.	JOHN HOLDEN .. .. 6.
JOHN GREAVES .. .. 3.	THOS. B. DICKEN .. .. 7.
HERBERT MAYALL .. .. 4.	HARRY MANNS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and

Conducted by JOHN HOLDEN.

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## SALISBURY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY MACEY .. .. Treble.	THOMAS GROVES .. .. 5.
ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 2.	WALTER S. WISE .. .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 7.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK and  
Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

## WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Four Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7008 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 5.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 2.	WILLIAM A. ARNOTT .. 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	CHARLES WARD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 4.	FREDERICK J. TILLET .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

The calling of the peal will be found in Shipway, page 134. This is the longest peal rung upon these bells. The majority of members, who reside in Ipswich, were conveyed home through the kindheartedness of one of their number, Mr. Charles Ward, of Melton.

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN PERKINS .. .. 5.
PERCIVAL BROOKER .. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 6.
GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 7.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. .. 4.	HERBERT WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

H. Wood's first peal. The brothers Lambert hail from Horsmonden.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH .. .. Treble.	ERNEST F. GOPPY .. .. 5.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 2.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 6.
JAMES BOUGHTON .. .. 3.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. 7.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 4.	JAMES SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

This composition has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th's place. A. W. Brighton hails from Norwich.

## SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

E. B. METCALFE .. .. Treble.	W. L. MASON .. .. 5.
J. BOOTHMAN .. .. 2.	C. LANGSTROTH .. .. 6.
W. CLARK .. .. 3.	W. BILLOWS .. .. 7.
FRED MTCALFE .. .. 4.	H. HORNER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

This peal, in one part, has the 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Clark, Mason and Langstroth hail from Gargrave; the rest belong to the local company.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 16, 1895, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## SEVEN 720s OF MINOR,

In the following methods:

Double Stedman, Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Oxford Bob.

STEPHEN W. MARTIN .. Treble.	JAMES DURRANT .. .. 4.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 3.	S. WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

## HEMPSTED, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 16, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR,

Each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK BARTLETT .. Treble.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 4.
WILLIAM PONTON .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIES .. .. 5.
ROBERT A. BARRETT .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

## KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE  
ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR;

In the following methods:

Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Tulip, Primrose, College Treble, City Delight, and College Pleasure.

THOMAS BETTISON .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM .. .. 4.
WILLIAM LAMBERT, JUN. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. TURTON .. 5.
JAMES EMSN .. .. 3.	CHARLES SEVERN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

W. Lambert jun. hails from Treeton. The above was rung on the birthday of G. Burnham, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day.

## BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 22, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## SEVEN 720s OF SURPRISE MINOR;

In the following Methods:

London, Wells, Durham, York, Lichfield, Superlative, and Cambridge. Tenor 11½ cwt.

DANIEL PRESTON .. .. Treble.	CHARLES PRESTON .. .. 4.
JOHN E. WHEELDON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WHEELDON .. 5.
ROBERT WM. TWIGG .. 3.	WILLIAM TWIGG .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM TWIGG.

This is the first 5040 of Surprise by all, also the first by the Association, and the first in North Staffordshire.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A report of a peal of Treble Bob has reached us, rung by the Yorkshire and Old East Derbyshire Associations, but no church or town is mentioned. Will our correspondent kindly send an amended report?

PEAL CORRECTION.—The late peal of Superlative rung at St. Ann's, Highgate, is reported in "THE BELL NEWS," December 29th, as rung in 2 hrs. and 23 mins. The actual time occupied in this performance was 2 hrs. and 57 mins.

**BARGAIN.—GRAND OFFER.—PEAL OF OVER 50 MUSICAL HANDBELLS IN CHROMATIC SCALE,** with travelling Box complete, in good condition, cost over £30. What offers? Testimonials concerning the above Peal and reasons for selling, on application to X.Y.Z., care of printers of this paper.



## Date Touches.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorkshire).—On new year's eve, a date touch (1895 changes), consisting of 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 720 College Single, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 72 Plain Bob, and 23 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; W. Ingham, 5; J. Robertshaw, 6.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LITTLEDEAN (Gloucestershire).—On New Year's Day, at the parish church, a date touch, 1895 changes, in three Minor methods, viz.: Plain Bob, Grandsire, and College Single. H. Grindon, 1; J. Gleed, 2; R. Guy, 3; F. Blurton, 4; W. Gleed, 5; T. Hart (conductor), 6.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Monday, December 31st, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. Andrews, 1; A. Andrews, 2; R. Scott (conductor), 3; W. Andrews, 4; I. Richards, 5; W. Chapman, 6; R. Andrews, 7; G. Andrews, 8. And for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; J. Thomas, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Christmas morning, at the Cathedral, for early morning celebration, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. J. Pitcher, 1; J. W. Smythe, 2; C. Lloyd (composer), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. And for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; J. Thomas, 8.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Friday, November 16th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Broom, 1; G. Hayes, 2; L. Digweed, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Milhams, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 23rd, 720 Bob Minor. A. Roots, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 25th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Cotton, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 30th, 720 Superlative Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, December 18th, for practice, a 630 of Grandsire Triples. J. Town, 1; G. Durling, 2; J. Hack (longest length in the method), 3; R. Humphery, 4; E. Dunn, 5; T. Groombridge, 6; T. Harford (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday, December 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Simpson, 1; E. Dunn, 2; W. Smith, 3; P. Harman, 4; G. Durling (composer and conductor), 5; H. P. Harman, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; W. James, 8. On Christmas morning, for early celebration, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. Harman, 4; G. Durling (composer), 5; H. P. Harman, 6; T. Harford (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday, December 30th, for morning service, a 720 of Bob Minor with the tenor covering. J. Town (composer), 1; E. Dunn, 3; R. Humphery, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; G. Simpson (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 6; T. Groombridge, 7; W. James, 8.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WEST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).—On Thursday, December 6th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; E. C. Boniface, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, December 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; E. C. Boniface (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 20th, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Summersell, 1; W. Pierce, 2; W. Denman, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; E. C. Boniface (conductor), 6. On Saturday, December 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 27th, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 24 mins. W. Pierce, 1; W.

Denman, 2; S. Woolgar, jun., 3; E. C. Boniface, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; H. Tourle (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 Plain Bob Minor. R. Summersell, 1; W. Pierce, 2; S. Woolgar, jun., 3; H. Tourle, 4; E. C. Boniface, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 360 Court Bob Minor. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; E. C. Boniface, 3; R. Summersell, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SHIPLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, December 9th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; E. C. Boniface, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH.—On Wednesday, December 26th, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the above Association, the following touches were rung; 560 Grandsire Triples. W. D. Tinker, 1; F. S. W. Butler (conductor), 2; G. Swannack, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; G. M. Farr, 5; H. Haigh, 6; T. Spurr, 7; G. Wilson, 8. Also 224 in the same method. A. H. Wheeler, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; Rev. R. Bond, 3; G. M. Farr, 4; J. T. Ladd, 5; W. D. Tinker, 6; F. S. W. Butler, 7; G. Wilson, 8. And a touch of Bob Minor. A. H. Wheeler, 1; E. Daddy, 2; H. Haigh (conductor), 3; W. D. Tinker, 4; G. Wilson, 5; F. S. W. Butler, 6; W. W. Burt (covering), 7. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. \*A. H. Wheeler, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; Rev. R. Bond, 3; G. Swannack, 4; J. T. Ladd, 5; G. Wilson, 6; F. S. Butler, 7; R. S. Lakin, 8. \*First quarter-peal. And 168 in the same method. H. Haigh (conductor), 1; G. Swannack, 2; A. H. Wheeler, 3; G. Wilson, 4; J. T. Ladd, 5; W. D. Tinker, 6; G. M. Farr, 7; R. S. Lakin, 8.

LINCOLN.—On Thursday evening, December 27th, at the cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins., rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of Mr. John Brook Canham, joiner, of Branstow, aged 40. During the gale on Saturday, December 22nd, Mr. Canham was looking after his men at Heighington, when a stone cross was blown from the east end of the church, said to weigh 2 cwt., part of which fell on Mr. Canham's skull, injuring it terribly, and he expired on the Monday following. Deceased was an old cathedral ringer, and leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss. W. Stiles, 1; H. Maidens, 2; H. Hoyes, 3; G. Doughty, 4; H. Woodthorpe, 5; J. Vickers (conductor), 6; F. Rose, 7; F. Stewart, 8.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTWICH.—On new year's morning, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. S. Barlow (conductor), 1; J. Brooke, 2; J. Gratrix (Swinton), 3; W. Stevens, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Christmas morning, December 25th, a quarter-peal, consisting of 720 College Single and 540 Plain Bob, in 42 mins. H. Hill, 1; J. W. Smith, 2; R. Round, 3; W. Talbot, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 30th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 27½ mins., with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Blanche Skidmore, the donor of the bells, this being the 22nd anniversary of her death. J. W. Smith, 1; J. Townsend, 2; W. Talbot, 3; J. Smith, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round (conductor), 6.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—Handbell Ringing.—On Thursday, December 27th, 360 Bob Minor. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. And another 360 Bob Minor. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; P. P. W. Meadows, 5-6. A course of Canterbury Pleasure. C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. First by all in the method. A 720 of Doubles, being two 6-scores of Grandsire and four 6-scores of Plain Doubles, each called differently. C. C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; P. P. W. Meadows, 5-6. First 720 on handbells by all. A 316 of Bob Minor. A. C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. On Monday, December 31st, 720 of Bob Minor in 17 mins. (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. A. C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. First 720 of Bob Minor on handbells by all, and rung at the 3rd attempt. On Tuesday, January 1st, a 6-score of Canterbury Pleasure Doubles. A. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; P. P. W. Meadows, 5-6. First by all in the method. A 168 Bob Triples. C. A. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Mea-

dows, 5-6; P. P. W. Meadows, 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Triples. S. M. W. Meadows, 1-2; Miss Constance Meadows, 3-4; F. E. W. Meadows, 5-6; P. P. W. Meadows, 7-8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HEPTONSTALL (Yorkshire).**—On Monday, December 24th, at St. Thomas's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) T. Robertshaw, 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; W. Ingham, 5; J. Robertshaw, 6. Conducted by F. T. Powell. Also 360 Bob Minor, and courses of Kent, Woodbine, Violet, Heptonstall Surprise, etc. On Christmas day, for service, 360 Woodbine Treble Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; W. Ingham, 5; J. Robertshaw, 6. On Sunday, December 30th, for morning service, 360 Yorkshire Court. A. Burn, 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; W. Ingham, 5; J. Robertshaw, 6. And for afternoon service, 360 Heptonstall Surprise, standing as above. On new year's eve, touches of Bob Minor, Oxford, Kent, etc. Tenor 12 cwt.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BAGBOROUGH (Somerset).**—On Wednesday, December 26th, by seven members of the St. James' Society, Taunton, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26½ mins. T. Wyatt, 1; J. Maddock (conductor), 2; F. Millard, 3; H. Poole, 4; G. Yendall, 5; W. Thorne, 6. This is the first 720 on the bells.

**STOGUMBER (Somerset).**—On Wednesday, December 26th, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. H. Pearce, 1; F. Millard, 2; H. Poole, 3; G. Yendall, 4; J. Maddock (conductor), 5; W. Thorne, 6. This is the first 720 of Bob Minor on the bells. And a few 6-scores of Grandsire Triples, with S. Wyatt, 2.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**TREETON (Yorks).**—Recently at the parish church, for practice, 720 Woodbine. A. Woofinden, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. A 360 of New London Pleasure. W. Lambert, jun., 2; J. H. Brothwell (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Sunday, December 17th, for Divine Service, 720 College Exercise. A. Woofinden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; J. H. Brothwell, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service, 720 City Delight standing as above. On Sunday, December 30th, for morning service, 240 Duke of York. A. Woofinden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; J. A. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. A 240 of New London Pleasure. J. H. Brothwell, 5; the rest as above. For evening service, 360 of Violet. W. J. Nicholson, 6; the rest as before. For service on New Year's Eve, 720 of Oxford. A. Woofinden, 1; T. Whitworth (conductor), 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun., 6. And after service 720 of Kent standing as above. The 720 of Oxford makes W. Lambert, jun.'s 117th 720 in 1894, which were rung in the following methods. Cambridge Surprise, 8, Primrose, 6, Oxford, 9, College Exercise, 15, Kent, 2, Plain Bob, 3, Violet, 10, College Pleasure, 8, City Delight, 8, Tulip, 1, London Scholars, 11, Duke of York, 7, Killamarsh Treble Bob, 5, College Treble Bob, 2, Arnold's Victory, 2, Woodbine, 6, Oxford Delight, 1, Canterbury Pleasure, 1, New London, 3, Brothwell's Surprise, 1, Superlative, 1.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**BRIDGNORTH (Herefordshire).**—St. Leonard's church. —Progress with tower-bell practice has been delayed since October owing to the tenor, 18 cwt. 1 qr., being seriously cracked and unringable. On Thursday, December 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part), without the tenor. T. Overton, 1; \*J. E. Overton, 2; \*H. Overton, 3; \*W. Richards, 4; \*S. Richards, 5; J. Howard, 6; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 7. \*First 500 on tower-bells. On Wednesday, December 26th, on the middle six bells, muffled in memoriam of the late Bishop of Hereford, 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. H. Overton, 1; J. E. Overton, 2; W. Richards, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; W. Maund, 5; J. Overton (conductor), 6. The same band also visited St. Mary's tower in the evening, and rang a muffled 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. Some 6-scores, with W. Mead (Clun), 4; were rung at both towers, and conducted by W. H. Fussell. On Wednesday, December 26th, at St. Leonard's, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles by the junior ringers, who first began change-ringing in Midsummer last, and have been instructed by J. Overton. J. E. Overton (age 15, conductor), 1; H. W. Overton (age 17), 2; H. Hammond (age 17), 3; W. Richards (age 16), 4; S. Richards (age 17), 5; J. Maiden (age 20), 6. The same lads also raised and fell the bells in peal very creditably. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, December 16th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles). H. Overton, 1; J. E. Overton, 2; W. Richards, 3; H. Hammond, 4; W. H. Fussell (con-

ductor), 5-6. And on Thursday, December 27th, at Mr. Overton's house, West Castle Street, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Overton, 1; J. E. Overton, 2; H. Hammond, 3; W. Mead, 4; W. Maund, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 18th, 720 Grandsire Minor by five of the junior ringers, conducted by J. Overton, 6.

#### STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**WOLSTANTON (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, December 30th, before service, a touch of Grandsire Triples, 1554 changes, in 57 mins. H. Bowers, 1; J. Goodhead, 2; S. Holden, 3; F. Grocott (conductor), 4; T. Miller, 5; A. Grocott, 6; C. Ollier, 7; W. Slater, 8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**STISTED (Essex).**—On Thursday, December 27th, at All Saints' church, 720 Bob Minor. C. Duncombe, 1; H. Saunders, 2; Rev. D. Hamer, 3; E. Radley, 4; E. Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. Also 180 Bob Minor. C. Duncombe, 1; A. Chaplin, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; E. Radley (conductor), 4; Rev. D. Hamer, 5; H. Saunders, 6. On Sunday, December, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor. H. Saunders, 1; E. Chaplin, 2; Rev. D. Hamer, 3; C. Duncombe, 4; A. Chaplin, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, January 3rd, 720 Bob Minor was rung, it being the last rung with the Rev. D. Hamer, who left the parish the following day. C. Duncombe, 1; Rev. D. Hamer, 2; E. Radley, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; E. Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin, 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**ROMSEY (Hants.).**—On Monday, December 31st, just before midnight, to keep up an old custom, 252 and 168 Bob Triples, with the bells half-muffled to ring the old year out. And with the bells open to ring the new year in at 12.10, January 1st, a start was made for a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, which was successfully brought round at 1 o'clock. C. Cole, 1; T. Cole, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; F. Russen, 6; J. Elcombe (conductor), 7; G. Taint, 8.

**ASHTREAD (Surrey).**—On Monday, December 31st, the first half of Reeves' ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 27 mins. †D. Anscombe, 1; \*H. Newnham, jun. (conductor), 2; \*W. E. Otway, 3; \*W. R. Crockford, 4; \*W. Cook, 5; J. Wyatt, 6; H. Wilkinson, 7; \*H. Corbett, 8. And 1260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. †H. Corbett, 1; H. Newnham, 2; W. E. Otway, 3; W. R. Crockford, 4; W. Cook, 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; J. Wyatt (conductor), 7; D. Anscombe, 8. \*Longest length. †Longest length away from tenor.

**BETCHWORTH (Surrey).**—On new year's day, 720 London Surprise. R. Botting, 1; W. H. Judd, 2; G. Huggett, 3; G. Ansell, 4; W. H. Street, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. This is the first in the method by all the band.

**CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, November 25th, at the church of St. Bartholomew, 360 Bob Minor (nine bobs). J. Green, 1; T. Millington, 2; W. Goodge, 3; F. Maycock, 4; F. Marshall, 5; J. Maycock, 6. First 360 by W. Goodge. On Sunday, December 2nd, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles). J. Green, 1; T. Millington, 2; F. Marshall, 3; F. Maycock, 4; J. Maycock, 5; J. J. Cook, 6.

**COLCHESTER (Essex).**—On Monday, November 19th, for practice on handbells at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 24 mins. F. Bumpstead, 1; W. E. Green, 2; J. Kittle, 3-4; G. M. Rashbrook, 5-6. On Monday, December 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 29 mins. W. W. Scott, 1; W. Button, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; W. E. Green, 5; W. Burch, 6. Conducted by J. Kittle, who is totally blind.

**EAST DEREHAM (Norfolk).**—On Sunday, December 9th, at the church of St. Nicholas, 1260 Bob Triples in 52 mins. \*F. Adcock, 1; †A. Crisp, 2; J. W. Marjoram, 3; F. G. Burleigh (conductor), 4; F. M. Aldis, 5; J. Wells, 6; W. Leggett, 7; S. F. Burleigh, 8. \*First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal with a bob bell. On Thursday, December 20th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. F. Adcock, 1; A. Crisp, 2; J. W. Marjoram, 3; F. G. Burleigh (conductor), 4; J. Wells, 5; W. Leggett, 6; S. F. Burleigh, 8. On Sunday morning, December 23rd, 504 Bob Triples, standing the same as on December 9th. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

**OSWESTRY (Salop).**—On Christmas day, at the parish church, at 6.40 a.m., 350 Grandsire Triples. H. Jarman, 1; G. Whitfield, 2; D. Davies (conductor), 3; R. Marlin, 4; E. Jones, 5; R. Edwards, 6; M. J. Morris, 7; R. Evans, 8. And for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, standing as above. Composed and conducted by M. J. Morris. On Sunday afternoon, December 23rd, W. Worton covered three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

## Notices.

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**Midland Counties' Association.**—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Leicester, to-day, Saturday, January 19th. The following towers will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., viz.: St. Margaret's (10 bells), St. Martin's (10 bells), St. Mary's (8 bells), St. Mark's (8 bells), St. Saviour's (8 bells), St. Peter's, Belgrave (8 bells), and St. George's (6 bells). Committee meeting at 4.30, tea at 5, followed by general meeting, both held at St. Margaret's Coffee House, Church Gate. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station. In order to make the 1894 report as perfect as possible, all members whose present addresses are incorrect in the last report are requested to notify same to their local secretaries or to the honorary secretary not later than Saturday, February 2nd.

J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—The next committee and quarterly meeting of this Association will be held in St. Thomas's School Room, King Street, Dudley, at 5.30 p.m. prompt, to-day, Saturday, January 26th, 1895. The tower and bells will be open for ringing. The Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar, has kindly consented to preside at the meeting, and gives all members a hearty welcome.  
JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
36, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—By kind permission, the next monthly meeting will be held at All Saints' church, Isleworth, to-day, Saturday, January 26th, 1895. Ringing to commence at 5 o'clock.

E. J. WALSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Wooburn, Bucks., to-day, Saturday, January 26th, and will be open to the whole Guild. Ringing from 2 to 4.30 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m. Evensong and Sermon 4.30 p.m., tea 5.30 p.m.

R. P. NEWHOUSE, *Branch Sec.*

**Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The meeting fixed for to-day, Saturday, January 26th, at East Grinstead, is unavoidably postponed. Further notice as to date will appear in due course.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*  
101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Wye, this Saturday afternoon, January 26th. No allowances.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *District Sec.*  
Hythe.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Rothwell, to-day, Saturday, January 26th (8 bells). A peal will be attempted, commence at 2 p.m. Meeting house, The White Swan.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, Dam Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 29th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Books will be open at 8.30 p.m.  
W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Headquarters, Leeds, on Saturday, February 2nd. Committee meeting in the Parochial room at 3 o'clock, business meeting in the same place at 4.45. The Local Committee will sit at The Crown and Fleece inn, near the Corn Exchange, during the afternoon. By kind permission of the respective vicars, the rings at the parish church (twelve), St. Michael's, Headingley (eight), St. Chad's, Far Headingley (eight), and Christ Church, Armley (six), will be at disposal of members. The local hon. sec. is Mr. Francis Woodhead, Brown lane, Top Moor Side, Holbeck.  
B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Colchester on Saturday, February 16th. The tower of St. Peter (eight bells), will be open for ringing, also the tower of St. Mary, Ardleigh (eight bells). Tea will be provided at the parish room at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present must notify their intention, and the station from which they proceed, not later than the previous Monday, to me,  
HENRY T. W. EYRE,  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham, Essex.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—District meeting at Hatfield, on Saturday, February 2. The church tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at Coffee Tavern, business meeting to follow. Members and visitors intending to be present are requested to communicate with me by Wednesday, January 30.  
E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Albans, Herts.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Longton, on Saturday next, February 2nd. All who intend being present are requested to give notice to Mr. G. Woods, 44, Uttoxeter Road, Longton, not later than Wednesday, January 30th.  
REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. TWIGG,

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—At the quarterly meeting of the above Association held at Eckington, on September 26th, 1894, Mr. J. W. Nicholson, Treeton, proposed, Mr. W. Worthington, Staveley, seconded: "That to further encourage the Art of Change-Ringing in the Association, some kind of reward should be given each year as an inducement to make each band at the various towers more efficient in the Art of Change-Ringing, and to stir up into life some of the members who are now practically dead, not only to peal-ringing, but to the more important duty of Sunday ringing." The proposer suggested that a cup should be purchased, the necessary funds to be raised by subscription among the clergy and ringers. Now, as the former cannot be expected to help to any great extent financially, considering the many calls which from time to time are made upon their limited resources, therefore if the consent of the clergy can only be obtained to sanction such ringing as proposed at their respective towers, it will then be the duty of each ringing member (if his conscience assures him that the proposal will be a benefit and not an abuse to the Association) to assist financially the furtherance of the movement, for which end a special meeting will be held at Staveley, on

Saturday, February 9th, at 4 o'clock, when each member will oblige by attending, and it not able to attend kindly send, or cause to be sent, word to the Secretary if they are in favour of the proposal, and if so what sum they are prepared to subscribe to the same, hoping each member will give a decided "yes" or "no," so that the matter may be well gone into, trusting that it may be the means of making our Association stronger and the members more efficient in the future.  
EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, The Dale, Woodseats, Sheffield.

**Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting will be held at Town Malling, on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower (8 bells), open at 3 o. East Malling (6) will also be available. Committee meeting at 5 o. At 5.30 a tea will be provided at The George for those who have applied to me for tea-tickets not later than February 19th. Travelling expenses allowed up to 2s.  
A. L. BRINE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Bearsted Green.

**Hollingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.**—The annual change-ringing contest on hand-bells, for the above cup, and other prizes, will be held at the Oddfellows' Hall, Uppermill, Saddleworth, on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. Best two courses, one of Grandsire Triples and one of Grandsire Major. 1st prize, Cup, and £2; 2nd prize, £1; 3rd prize, 10s.; 4th prize, 5s. Entrance fee, 2s. 6d. each company. Cup to be held for twelve months. Best course of Grandsire Caters. 1st prize, 15s.; 2nd prize, 7s. 6d. Entrance fee, 6d. each company. Best 120 changes (two in hand), of Treble Bob Minor (Kent or Oxford Variation). 1st prize, 10s.; 2nd prize, 5s. Entrance fee, 6d. each company.  
JONATHAN PILLING, *Sec.*  
Lee Street, Uppermill, near Oldham.

To whom all entries and fees must be sent on or before February 2nd, 1895.

**The Borden Society.**—All communications respecting this society should now be made to  
C. DUTNALL,  
Hon. Sec. Borden C.R. Society.

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

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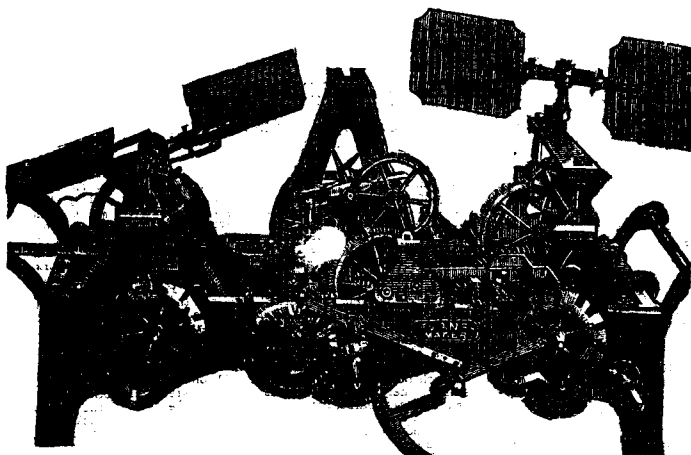
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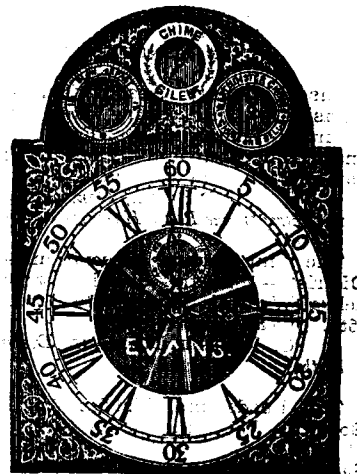
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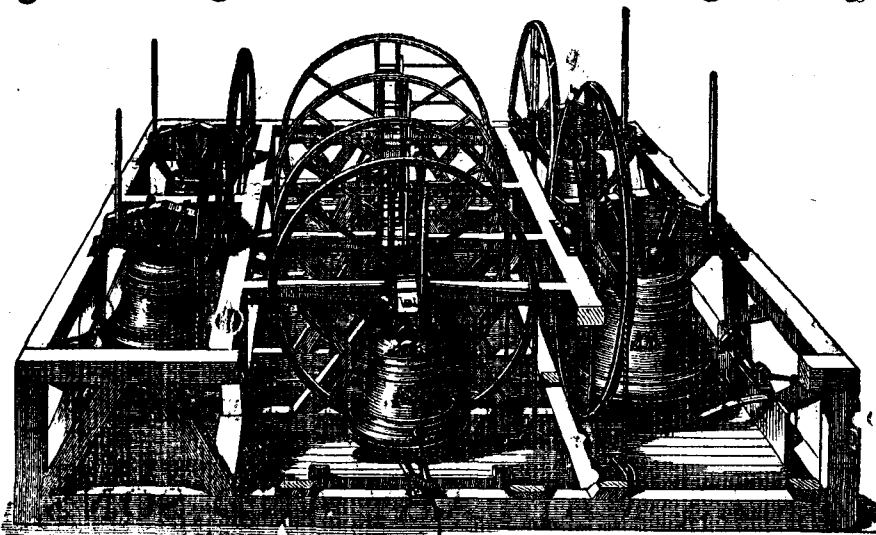
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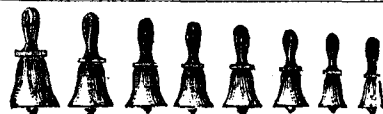
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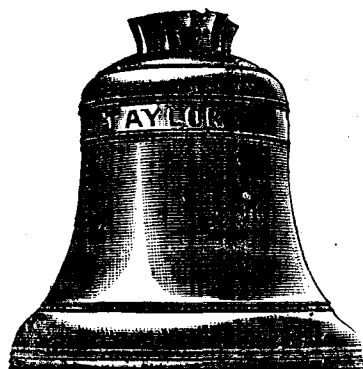
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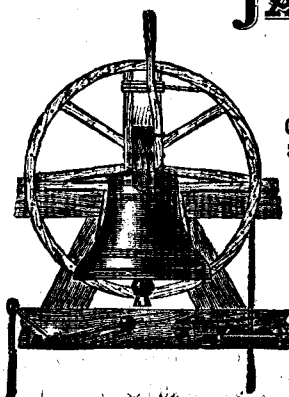
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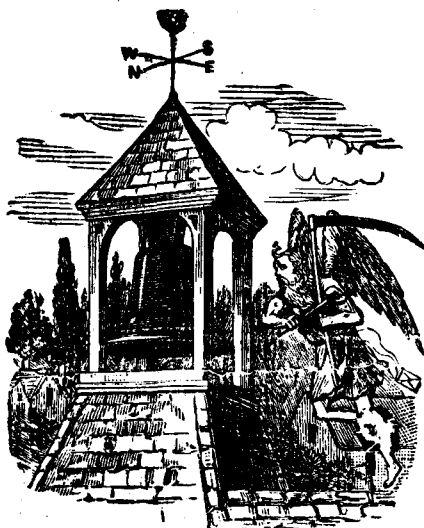
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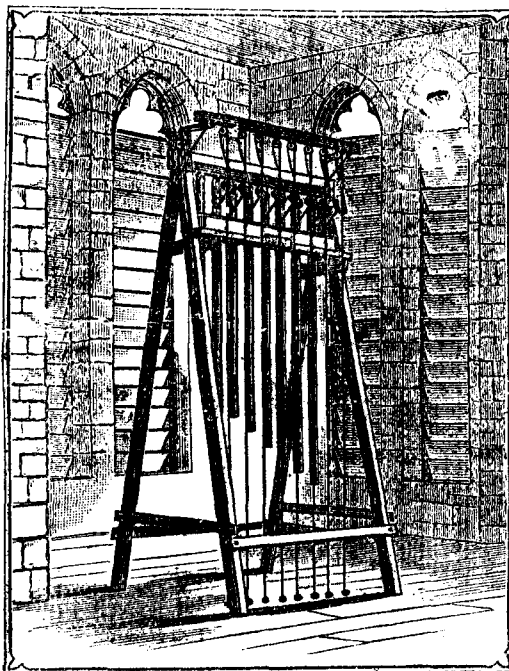
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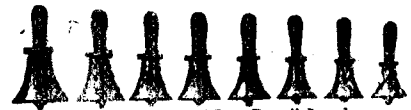
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The annual committee meeting of this Guild was held on Wednesday, January 23rd, at 4, High Town, Hereford, in a room placed at their disposal by Messrs. Jakeman and Carver. There were present the Master (J. G. Buchanan, Esq.), Revs. H. C. Sturges and A. C. Lee (Hon. Sec.), Messrs. J. G. Wall, (Ross), J. Cartwright (Foy), R. Marston, T. J. Beatley, and J. Jonas. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the Revs. Prebendary Oldham, and J. Davies (Bridgnorth), T. Hughes (Welshpool), and C. T. Wilton; as also from Messrs. Charles Edwards and J. Davies (Cathedral). The accounts of last year were presented and passed, a balance of £33 11s. 5d. being shown in favour of the Guild. A hearty vote of thanks to the Hon. Sec. for his services was proposed from the chair, which was seconded by Mr. Cartwright, and carried unanimously.

The Hon. Sec. in reply remarked that it was the hearty co-operation of others that brought about the well-being of the Guild.

The Committee next adjudicated upon the report, which will appear in the year-book about to be circulated among all the members of the Guild and its subscribers, and which while reporting its successes has to mourn the loss of its President, the late Bishop Atlay. No fewer than nine eight-bell peals stand to the credit of the Guild during the past year—these will appear in the year-book; and for the encouragement of Bob Minor, it was suggested that another year any such peals made by six-bell ringers should also find a place there too. The following were elected on the Committee: Rev. Canon C. S. Palmer, Prebendary A. L. Oldham, H. F. Bagshaw (Knighton), G. M. Custance, J. Davies (Bridgnorth), T. Hughes, H. C. Sturges, C. T. Wilton, and G. Whitehouse (Leominster), with Messrs. E. J. Beatley (Colwall), T. J. Bratton (Welshpool), J. Cartwright, C. H. Denton, John Davies, J. Davies (All Saints), Charles Edwards (Croft), John Jones (Hereford), E. S. Kings (Cradley), R. Marston (Ludlow), John Overton (Bridgnorth), R. J. Turner and J. G. Wall.

The suggested tower rules were revised, and ordered to appear in the year book.

The annual festival was proposed to be held on Tuesday, June 18th, at Leominster, if the authorities can and will kindly permit it; and it was resolved that touches at an occasion of this sort should be confined to 504 changes, so as to give all desirous of ringing an opportunity of so doing.

A vote of thanks to the Master for presiding, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

## MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, January 10th, the members of the local society, with a few friends, were invited to a capital supper at The Red Lion, the whole of the cost being defrayed by a generous lady in the town, well-known for her many acts of benevolence and charity. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the cloth was removed, and Mr. G. Mason took the chair, and Mr. W. Horton the vice-chair. The first toast of the evening, that of "The Queen," was given by the chairman and duly honoured. This was followed by a song by Mr. J. Butcher, which was well rendered. The health of "The Donor," given by the chairman, was received with three hearty cheers, and a touch on the handbells by A. Layton, G. Peacey, R. G. and H. T. Knowles. "The Malvern Bellringers" was given by Mr. W. Horton, and responded to by Mr. H. T. Knowles, who remarked that the past year had been one of success, the company having rang several quarter-peals, a half-peal, and numerous touches of good length. "The Senior Ringers," given by Mr. H. Knowles, was responded to by Mr. W. Burton, sen., and Mr. T. Gunnell. Songs and toasts were given by Messrs. Mason, Horton, Gadfield, Butcher, Perks, and others; and a recitation by R. G. Knowles. Touches on the handbells, and a selection by Mr. W. Horton, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

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## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—STEYNING BRANCH.

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The vicar in reply said that every attention should be given to the same.

The remainder of the toasts having been gone through, the rest of the evening was spent in songs, recitations, and handbell by the Steyning branch until eleven o'clock, when the singing of the National Anthem brought a most pleasant evening to a close. During the afternoon a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted by a mixed band, but came to grief after passing the half-way single, owing to a change-course. G. Gatland, 1; J. Frossell, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; W. F. Allis, 4; H. Meetens, 5; G. Smart, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; W. Wadey, 8.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The second annual meeting of the above association was held at The West End hotel, Batley, on Saturday, January 19th, when ringers assembled to transact business connected with the society. The president, Mr. J. Peacock, presided.

The Secretary having read the minutes (which were carried), the balance-sheet was read, which showed a balance of £1 2s. 5d., and that since the formation of the society by the Birstal company, two years since, they had expended about £30, including two silver cups, which are held by the Dewsbury and Batley Carr companies, respectively. The cups are contested for each year at the church which wins the ballot at the annual meeting, other prizes being given by the ringers at whose church the contest takes place.

The society was formed for the special purpose of promoting better ringing on Sundays. The ballot for the next contests were then drawn, and takes place at Brighouse (eight bells) on Easter Monday, and at Thornhill (six bells) on Whit Monday.

A proposition was brought forward to extend the radius of the society to fifteen miles, but this was not carried, it being thought advisable to keep the cups within the Heavy Woollen District. The following officers were re-elected: J. Peacock (Mirfield), President; D. Stephenson (Ossett), Vice-President; Jno. Garforth (Dewsbury), Treasurer; G. H. Simon (Batley Carr), Secretary; W. Illingworth (Ossett), and G. H. Hardy (Dewsbury), Auditors. After other sundry business had been gone through, Mr. G. Day proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the host and hostess for the use of the room, and to the vicar for the use of the bells, and this brought the meeting to a close.

The remainder of the evening was spent in ringing. The next monthly meeting will be held at Liversedge.

**OUR HEALTH IN WINTER.**—Dr. Andrew Wilson, writing in *Lloyd's Newspaper* on diet, says: "The teaching of nature should never be neglected, and in the matter of winter food let us see we are not wrong, and take sufficient fat, for the changes that result in the wear and tear of our bodies are lessened in intensity by the fat of food, and the need for flesh is always less when fat forms a due proportion of our diet." The Doctor proceeds to enumerate natural products that are admirable, among them "Cocoa" with its contained Cocoa Butter. Relatively to this it may be said that *EPPE'S PREPARED COCOA* retains all the constituents of the natural Cocoa, including the oil or butter, intact.

# THE LONG PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH AT ROMFORD, ESSEX.

[Vide Group Portrait.]

SIR,—As 13,440 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major is no ordinary peal to ring, the time occupied by the performance being 8 hrs. 16 mins., and as this is the first time in history it has been accomplished (although several attempts are known to have been made), you perhaps will pardon these notices, being something like the performance, rather lengthy.

The history of previous attempts by the leader of this band need not be recapitulated here, having been already written. It has also more than once been stated how greatly disappointed all the band and "friends and critics" were at the result of the attempt on Easter Monday, when (like Paddy in the Irish song), a rope broke. But after this attempt all were confident of success at the next attempt, bar accidents. The attempt was put off for Boxing Day, 1894, and no doubt would have waited till then had not the Caversham notice appeared in our paper.

This notice appeared on St. Martin's meeting-night. The anxious consultations, and conversations between those especially concerned, aye, and others too, at times, are events not to be forgotten. The earnest and final resolve of the band to go during the week to forestall the effect of that notice, will be remembered by members who were present at the meeting of the Cumberlands that evening.

The following are brief memoirs of each member of the company.

## BENJAMIN FOSKETT.—Treble.

It must here be told he could have rang the second just as well, being a master of the method. He was born at Aston-Clinton, Buckinghamshire, in 1846. When quite a lad he was fond of bells, and received chastisement at Sunday School for his inattention to the teacher, by listening to the chiming of the bells for service. His first of the many subsequent visits to the belfry was at the age of nine years, and became quite a little man amongst the ringers of Nortchurch, Herts., where he then lived. He first started ringing at Great Missenden, Bucks., on that famous old ring of six, which is said to be the finest-toned bells for miles round. Soon after he removed to Oxford, where he found good opportunity for his favourite amusement with Mr. C. Hounslow and other Oxford men, and at Magdalen College in 1875, his first performance took place—a peal of Grandsire Triples. In 1881 he came to London, and very soon he became a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, of which society he now holds the honourable position of Master. This is the second year of his tenure of that office, which by his natural tact and good judgment, he most worthily fills. As a method-ringer his peal list will best tell the story. Besides this he is one of the representatives of this society upon the Central Council, and membership is held in the Oxford Guild, Waterloo Society, Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Surrey, and Kent Associations. The accomplished performances are: Grandsire Triples, 9; Grandsire Caters, 4; Stedman Triples, 9; Stedman Caters, 6; Cinques, 7; Plain Bob Major, 3; Treble Bob Major, 14; Treble Bob Royal, 10; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Double Norwich Major, 38; Cambridge Surprise, 3; Superlative, 3; total, 107.

## EDWIN BARNETT.—2.

Born at Ross, Herefordshire, in 1862, and is therefore in his thirty-second year. At twelve years of age he removed to Welshpool, where he became a Sunday chimer. At twenty years of age he arrived in the metropolis, and joining the Royal Cumberlands in 1883, rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at West Ham. He conducted his first peal of Caters at Monmouth two years later. In 1886 he settled down at Crayford, Kent, where his labours for the Kent County Association are familiar to readers of this paper, having called the first peals in five new methods by the Association, composing and conducting a 10,000 of Canterbury Pleasure. Business matters prevents him ringing as much now as formerly, but the will to do so remains. He has some good compositions, and the list shows him a conductor of no ordinary merit. Grandsire Triples, 48, conducted 10; Union Triples, 10, conducted 3; Oxford Bob Triples, 3, conducted 2; Court Bob Triples, 1, conducted 1; Darlaston Bob Triples, 3,

conducted 1; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1, conducted 1; Bob Triples, 2, conducted 1; Stedman Triples, 14, conducted 7; Grandsire Caters, 5; Stedman Caters, 1; Bob Major, 10, conducted 5; Canterbury Major, 17, conducted 9; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 15, conducted 5; Treble Bob Major, 27, conducted 15; Treble Bob Royal, 3, conducted 1; total 160, conducted 60.

## HENRY DAINS.—3.

The oldest member of the band, and this is the third occasion he has been portrayed in this paper. He became a member of the society in 1873, and has several times been re-elected to various offices, both Master and Hon. Secretary, and represents the society upon the Central Council. His name is familiar to the readers of this paper from its commencement, and is noticeable as the author of many excellent compositions in most of the best standard methods. In October 1894, he introduced to students of the Art, through the medium of this paper, a new principle, under the distinctive title of "Alliance." He is a member of the following Associations: Royal Cumberlands, St. James' Society, Waterloo Society, Norwich Diocesan Association, Yorkshire Association, Midland Counties' Association, Essex Association, Sussex County Association, Kent County Association, Winchester Guild, St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. The following is a list of accomplished performances: Grandsire Triples, 16; Grandsire Caters, 14; Grandsire Cinques, 2; Stedman Triples, 9; Stedman Caters, 11; Stedman Cinques, 14; Treble Bob Major, 36; Treble Bob Royal, 15; Treble Bob Maximus, 4; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 26; Superlative Surprise Major, 8; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 1; total 157; conducted 5.

## GEORGE SMITH.—4.

Born at Hertingfordbury, Hertfordshire, on July 13th, 1866, and is in his twenty-ninth year. At his native place he commenced upon the ring of five bells. He removed to London in 1889, and joined the society in 1891. The following is a list of peals accomplished: Plain Bob Major, 4; Grandsire Triples, 4; Grandsire Caters, 3; Stedman Caters, 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 14; Treble Bob Major, 4; Treble Bob Royal, 1; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 4. He is a member of the Royal Cumberland Society, Kent County Association, and the Waterloo Society. Total number of peals, 37.

## CHARLES WILKINS.—5.

Born at Crayford, Kent, on March 9th, 1869, and therefore is in his twenty-fifth year. His first peal was rung in 1890, and it should be stated that he still resides in the village of his birth. He joined the society in the year 1891, and as will be seen by the following list, has scored well in peal-ringing during that time, and is a very promising young ringer, having conducted several performances, besides taking part in a 10,000 of Canterbury Pleasure. He is the youngest member of the long peal band, and has scored peals in a greater variety of methods than any other member. Grandsire Triples, 6; Union Triples, 6; Plain Bob Triples, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 3; Court Bob Triples, 1; Darlaston Bob Triples, 3; Stedman Triples, 9, conducted 1; Stedman Caters, 3; Bob Major, 5; Canterbury Pleasure, 12; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1, conducted 4; Kent Treble Bob Major, 20; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 6; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 29, conducted 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; total 109.

## ALBERT PITTAM.—6.

Born at Little Milton, Oxfordshire, on Old Michaelmas Day, 1861, and is therefore in his thirty-fourth year. He first commenced to ring on the little ring of six at his native place. In 1881 he removed to Willesden, and in the year 1887 joined the society, and has accomplished a goodly number of peals, as the following list will show. He is a member of the Royal Cumberlands, St. James' Society, Kent County Association, and the Middlesex Association. Peals—Grandsire Triples, 7; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 4; Stedman Caters, 6; Stedman Cinques, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 29; Treble Bob Major, 11; Treble Bob Royal, 8; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 4; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Total number of peals, 74.

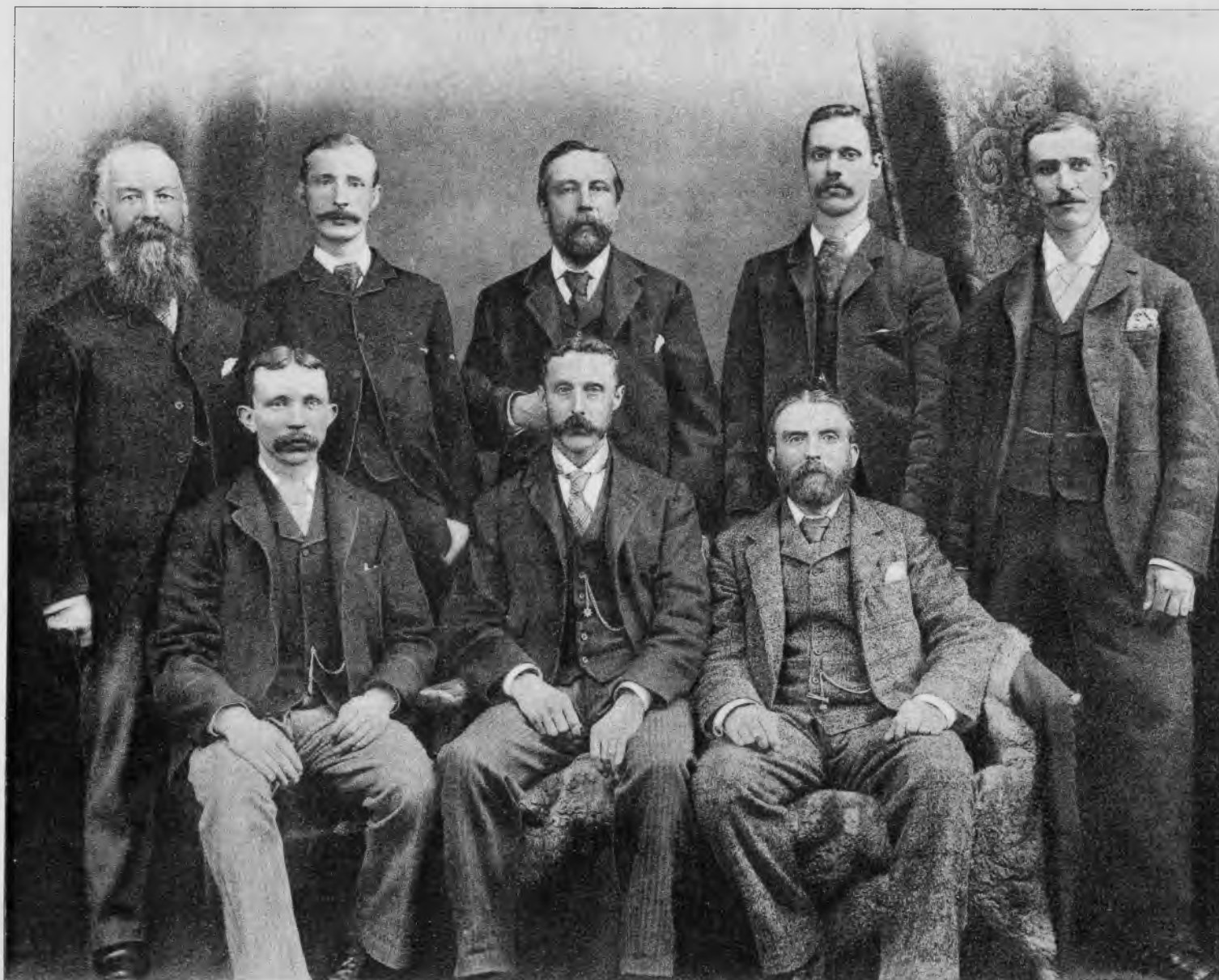
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THE BAND.



ARTHUR JACOB.—7.

Is the only cockney in the band, being born in St. Marylebone in 1853, and is in his forty-second year. When he was two years of age his parents removed to Thorndon, Suffolk, and his first touch on eight bells was with Mr. George Day, of Eye. He did but little ringing after his return to town except the golden changes, until he went to reside in Hornsey, and joined the Cumberland Society in 1881. But as will be seen by the following list, he has not been idle since recording his first peal in 1882, and he is generally to be found at the heavy end. He has been re-elected Hon. Secretary of the society, which position he at present holds, and is one of its representatives upon the Central Council. He is a member of the following societies: The Royal Cumberland Youths, the St. James' Society, the Waterloo Society, the Norwich Diocesan Association, the Oxford Guild, the Midland Counties' Association, the Essex Association, the Kent County Association, the Surrey Association, the Middlesex Association, and the Norwich Scholars. He has rung in the following peals: Grandsire Triples, 24; Grandsire Caters, 7; Grandsire Cinques, 2; Stedman Triples, 13; Stedman Caters, 13; Stedman Cinques, 9; Bob Major, 5; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 53; Treble Bob Major, 52; Treble Bob Royal, 18; Treble Bob Maximus, 5; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; 5040 upon six bells, 2; total 208, conducted 13.

GEORGE NEWSON.—Tenor.

Composed the peal, and conducted the performance. He was born at Carbrook, Norfolk, in 1844, and during last year attained his Jubilee. In the village of his birth are a ring of five bells, which were under the control of the late Mr. D. Stackwood. Young Newson soon mastered the Art of five-bell ringing, and longed for a knowledge of the intricacies of higher numbers. When twenty-two years of age he arrived in London, and very soon joined the society with which he has ever since been identified with. His principal idea we are told, was if possible to work his way to the top of the ladder of change-ringing. We will not attempt to say if this has been accomplished or not; it is sufficient to know that our friend ranks with those who are considered the best. He has some excellent compositions, and as ringer and conductor, be it at the light or heavy end of the ring, he has been found equal to any in the science. He has served the society in every way required of him necessary to gain respect and affection from all sides and shades of opinion. He was one of the representative band who were chosen to open the grand ring at the Imperial Institute, and has represented the Royal Cumberlands upon the Central Council from its formation. For several years he has made up a band for this long peal of Double Norwich, and it is through his untiring zeal and indomitable perseverance that the final success came, and this grand performance is recorded. Besides being a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths he belongs to the St. James and Waterloo Societies, the Oxford Guild, the Norwich, Yorkshire, Midland Counties', Kent, Essex, Middlesex, Hertfordshire, and Surrey Associations. The following is a list of the peals he has rung: Grandsire Triples, 69; Grandsire Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 20; Grandsire Cinques, 3; Stedman Triples, 23; Stedman Caters, 21; Stedman Cinques, 14; Treble Bob Major, 83; Treble Bob Royal, 30; Treble Bob Maximus, 8; Bob Major, 6; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 55; Cambridge Surprise Major, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 6; total 342; conducted 246.

DOUBLE NORWICH.

[The figures of this peal will appear next week. Through the pressure upon our space at the last moment they are unavoidably left over.—Ed.]

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

On Thursday, January 17th, the members and friends of the above society held their annual dinner and smoking concert at The Blue Anchor inn, Bow. An excellent spread was provided by the host and hostess in their usual good style, to which ample justice was done. On the cloth being removed, Mr. D. J. Sutton, the chairman of the society, took the chair, Mr. S. Hayes acting as "vice." Harmony commenced with a selection on the pianoforte by Mr. Ernest G. Richards, who also accom-

panied throughout the evening. The first toast of the evening was "The Queen and Royal Family," which was duly honoured.

The Vice-Chairman, in a few well-chosen words next gave "The Bow Society of Change-Ringers," to which the chairman, as senior member, responded. He said it was very gratifying to him to meet them at these annual gatherings. He thanked them all for their attendance during the past year, and hoped he should meet them at these annual gatherings for many years to come.

The toasts of "The Visitors," "Dinner Committee," and "The Pianist" were next given and responded to: "The Visitors" by Mr. Hardy, the obliging and courteous verger of St. Mary's; "The Dinner Committee" by the Chairman; "The Pianist" by Mr. Richards.

The toast of "The Press" was proposed by the Chairman. He said they were all very glad to see and read their papers, but the journal he more particularly alluded to on that occasion was what he might call specially their own organ—"THE BELL NEWS." These remarks were most enthusiastically received. Mr. S. Hayes being called upon to respond, said that while he wished some one else more competent than he had been selected, it afforded him, nevertheless, very great pleasure to respond to this toast, and especially after the very kind words of the chairman, and the very enthusiastic manner in which the toast had been received. He thought if all ringing societies supported the paper as the Bow society did, there would soon be such an increase in its circulation that it would become permanently enlarged to double its present size. The apathy said to be peculiar to ringers even affected "THE BELL NEWS." He appealed to them all to promote the circulation of their own journal by every means in their power. If during the present year they could each obtain a dozen more permanent subscribers, such an example would do good and become contagious, he hoped. There was every desire, he was assured, on the part of the Editor and those concerned in the production of the paper, to go ahead and keep pace with the times. He thanked them for the hearty reception they had given to the toast, and he should have much pleasure in conveying to the Editor and the staff of the paper their good wishes for its advancement.

"The Host" was then given from the chair with musical honours; and he in reply said it was very gratifying to himself and his wife to know they had given such satisfaction. Songs were sung during the evening by Messrs. Sutton, Springall, Bradley, Dallimore, Lucas, Joyce, Deards, Dempsey, Hardy, Thompson, and Richards, and a recitation was given by the vice-chairman. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the Queen."

#### RUTHIN, DENBIGHSHIRE.

The ringers of St. Peter's church were entertained to supper at The Castle hotel on Wednesday, January 2nd, by the rev. the Warden, and churchwardens. There were present the Rev. J. Fisher, B.D., curate: Messrs. Byford, Rouw, Magin, and Roberts, churchwardens; and the verger, Mr. T. Williams.

A capital supper was provided by Miss Goodall, the manageress, and afterwards the usual toasts were proposed, an enjoyable evening was spent, enlivened with songs by the ringers. The Mayor (G. F. Byford, Esq.), promised to present the ringers with a new set of handbells. There are now eight regular ringers and five probationers, and it is intended to ring regularly upon Sundays and on certain nights of the week.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—For practice, on Monday, December 17th, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. King, 1; G. Walder, sen., 2; J. Prevett, 3; F. Scutt, 4; W. Walder, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; J. Osborne, sen., 8. Also the following touches in the same method. Early on Christmas morning, 672, the band standing as above, and for Divine Service on the same morning, a quarter-peal (1260 changes), in 45 mins. And 168 with W. Walder, 3; J. Prevett, 4; F. Scutt, 5; the rest as before. For practice, on Saturday, January 12th, a 504. J. King, 1; G. Walder, sen., 2; W. Walder, 3; J. Osborne, jun. (first 504), 4; F. Scutt, 5; J. Prevett, 6; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; J. Osborne, sen., 8. A 504 with G. Walder, jun., 3; W. Walder (conductor), 7; the rest as before.



ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF THE YEAR 1894  
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						Treble Bob Methods.	Grandsire.	On 6 bells.	Dble Mth.	Plain Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedman.																			
	January. to October.	November.	Total.	Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	In 7 Treble Bob Minor methods.	Cinques.	Caters.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.	In 1, 2, or 3 Minor methods.	In 4, 5, 6 or 7 Minor methods.	Dble, Norwich C.B. Caters	Dble, Norwich C.B. Major.	Double Oxford Bob Major.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	London	Cambridge	Superlative	New Cumber- land	In 7 Surprise Minor methods.	Cinques.	Caters.	Triples.	Value in points see	
1	Norwich Diocesan Assn.....	61	4 65	2	—	21	—	—	1	—	1	2	2	4	—	3	—	1	17	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	900	
2	Midland Counties Assn.....	49	12 61	—	1	1	—	—	5	—	—	17	1	2	—	1	1	5	7	4	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	3	7	1020	
3	Yorkshire Association.....	44	7 51	—	—	24	9	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	836	
4	Sussex County Assn.....	35	14 49	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	2	—	1	—	4	2	—	3	6	13	1	—	—	—	—	8	1496	
5	Kent County Assn.....	46	3 49	—	1	13	—	—	1	—	—	19	2	2	—	—	—	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	635	
6	Oxford Diocesan Guild....	40	8 48	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	18	—	—	—	2	—	7	1	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	2	9	952		
7	Lancashire Association.....	34	5 39	—	—	7	1	—	—	—	—	26	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	420	
8	Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths....	35	2 37	1	1	10	—	—	1	—	—	5	—	—	—	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	2	2	7	854		
9	Winchester Dio. Guild....	32	4 36	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	21	—	—	—	3	—	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	474	
10	Durham & New'cle Assn....	29	5 34	1	1	11	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	2	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	1	6	788	
11	Gloucstr. & Bristol Assn....	26	3 29	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	15	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	2	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	479	
12	Surrey Association.....	20	3 23	—	1	3	—	—	2	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	344	
13	Soc. Archdnry. of Staff....	19	1 20	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	2	9	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	218
14	Royal Cumberland Yths....	16	2 18	1	1	1	—	—	4	—	—	3	—	—	—	5	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	332
15	Worstr. & Dist. Assn.....	12	2 14	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	328
16	Bedford Association.....	12	2 14	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	192
17	Salisbury Dio. Guild.....	13	0 13	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	196
18	Essex Association.....	11	2 13	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	246
19	Waterloo Society Lond....	9	0 9	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	104
20	Chester Diocsn. Guild....	6	3 9	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	82
21	North Lincs. Assocn.....	8	0 8	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	96
22	Raunds Wellnboro' Assn....	7	0 7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	60
23	St. Martin's Soc. Birm....	5	2 7	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	204
24	Hertford Association.....	6	0 6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	56
25	Hereford Dio. Guild.....	3	1 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	88
26	Sth. & Wst. Middlx. Assn....	3	1 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32
27	Bath and Wells Assn.....	3	0 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
28	Stoke Archidcl. Assn.....	3	0 3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40
29	United Counties' Assn.....	2	1 3	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	48
30	Middlesex Association....	2	0 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
31	South Lincs. Assocn.....	2	0 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
32	S. James' Soc., Lond.....	2	0 2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
33	Liverpool Dio. Guild.....	2	0 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
34	Llandaff Dio. Assocn.....	2	0 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
35	Old East Derby Assn.....	1	1 2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30
36	Heavy Wltn Dist. Assn....	1	1 2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36
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February ..	63	February ..	90	February ..	59
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May ..	54	May ..	48	May ..	81
June ..	39	June ..	38	June ..	66
July ..	34	July ..	29	July ..	26
August ..	48	August ..	29	August ..	45
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Increase on the corresponding ten months of 1893:—122.

\*Schedule of points per ringer for ascertaining the respective value of peals in various methods as giving 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, 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.

8, Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

N.B.—Performances on six bells not in accord with the Central Council's definition, are omitted from the above analysis.—G. F. A.

GEORGE F. ATTREE.

## Notices.

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

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Headquarters, Leeds, to-day, Saturday, February 2nd. Committee meeting in the Parochial room at 3 o'clock, business meeting in the same place at 4.45. The Local Committee will sit at The Crown and Fleece inn, near the Corn Exchange, during the afternoon. By kind permission of the respective vicars, the rings at the parish church (twelve), St. Michael's, Headingley (eight), St. Chad's, Far Headingley (eight), and Christ Church, Armley (six), will be at disposal of members. The local hon. sec. is Mr. Francis Woodhead, Brown lane, Top Moor Side, Holbeck. B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.  
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Colchester on Saturday, February 16th. The tower of St. Peter (eight bells), will be open for ringing, also the tower of St. Mary, Ardeley (eight bells). Tea will be provided at the parish room at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present must notify their intention, and the station from which they proceed, not later than the previous Monday, to me, HENRY T. W. EYRE.  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham, Essex.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—District meeting at Hatfield, to-day, Saturday, February 2nd. The church tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at Coffee Tavern, business meeting to follow.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.  
St. Albans, Herts.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Longton, to-day, Saturday, February 2nd.  
REV. J. W. ALSTON, } Hon. Secs.  
W. TWIGG, }

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—At the quarterly meeting of the above Association held at Eckington, on September 26th, 1894, Mr. J. W. Nicholson, Treton, proposed, Mr. W. Worthington, Staveley, seconded: "That to further encourage the Art of Change-Ringing in the Association, some kind of reward should be given each year as an inducement to make each band at the various towers more efficient in the Art of Change-Ringing, and to stir up into life some of the members who are now practically dead, not only to peal-ringing, but to the more important duty of Sunday ringing." The proposer suggested that a cup should be purchased, the necessary funds to be raised by subscription among the clergy and ringers. Now, as the former cannot be expected to help to any great extent financially, considering the many calls which from time to time are made upon their limited resources, therefore if the consent of the clergy can only be obtained to sanction such ringing as proposed at their respective towers, it will then be the duty of each ringing member (if his conscience assures him that the proposal will be a benefit and not an abuse to the Association) to assist financially the furtherance of the movement, for which end a special meeting will be held at Staveley, on Saturday, February 9th, at 4 o'clock, when each member will oblige by attending, and it not able to attend kindly send, or cause to be sent, word to the Secretary if they are in favour of

the proposal, and if so what sum they are prepared to subscribe to the same, hoping each member will give a decided "yes" or "no," so that the matter may be well gone into, trusting that it may be the means of making our Association stronger and the members more efficient in the future.  
EDWIN JAMES, Hon. Sec.  
18, The Dale, Woodseats, Sheffield.

**Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting will be held at Town Malling, on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower (8 bells), open at 3 o. East Malling (6) will also be available. Committee meeting at 5 o. At 5.30 a tea will be provided at The George for those who have applied to me for tea-tickets not later than February 19th. Travelling expenses allowed up to 2s.

A. L. BRINE, Hon. Dist. Sec.  
Bearsted Green.

**Hollingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.**—The annual change-ringing contest on handbells, for the above cup, and other prizes, will be held at the Oddfellows' Hall, Uppermill, Saddleworth, on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. Best two courses, one of Grandsire Triples and one of Grandsire Major. 1st prize, Cup, and £2; 2nd prize, £1; 3rd prize, 10s.; 4th prize, 5s. Entrance fee, 2s. 6d. each company. Cup to be held for twelve months. Best course of Grandsire Caters. 1st prize, 15s.; 2nd prize, 7s. 6d. Entrance fee, 6d. each company. Best 120 changes (two in hand), of Treble Bob Minor (Kent or Oxford Variation). 1st prize, 10s.; 2nd prize, 5s. Entrance fee, 6d. each company.  
JONATHAN PILLING, Sec.  
Lee Street, Uppermill, near Oldham.

To whom all entries and fees must be sent on or before February 2nd, 1895.

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Diss, on Tuesday, February 5th. The bells, recently rehung, are in excellent going order. Dinner at The King's Head at 1.30 p.m., at 2s. 3d. hon., and 1s. 3d. company members.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, February 9th, at 5.30, in the St. Peter's belfry. The tower will be open for ringing after the meeting until 8.30.  
W. E. WHITE, Local Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Bury, on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. Meeting will be held in Grammar School, at 6.30.  
G. HOYLE, Branch Sec.

**Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Ormskirk, on Saturday, February 9th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.0 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.  
W. BENTHAM, }

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, February 23rd. Particulars next week.

HENRY W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec.  
The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.

Mr. Arthur Craven writes: "With reference to the peal of mine you published last week (the 5184 I mean), you have omitted to say that it was a correction of the peal of 5184 which was published on November 17th, 1894, which was false."

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. Henry Bastable is 20, Crompton Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

## 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 LONDON SURPRISE  
MAJOR.

Arranged by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

5088.

2 3 4 5 6

M W H

4 2 3 5 6

3 4 2 5 6

3 4 5 6 2

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Before

H. Johnson's

variation of

Middleton's.

These three courses repeated, produce—

4 5 6 2 3

M W H

6 4 5 2 3

5 6 4 2 3

3 2 4 6 5

4 6 3 2 5

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Harrison's 6720.

The last six courses repeated, produce—

6 2 3 4 5

M W H

3 6 2 4 5

2 3 6 4 5

6 3 5 4 2

4 5 2 3 6

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Middleton's.

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

NOTE.—The advertisements of Ringers wanting situations will appear four consecutive insertions free. Those advertising must watch this column week by week, as the reception of all letters addressed care of Editor, will be notified therein. This privilege is only for bona fide ringers, whether subscribers to this paper or otherwise. To ensure publicity in the current number, advertisements ought to reach the office by Tuesday morning.

**WANTED** Situation as Baker. Could take management of bakehouse if required. Over nine years' experience. Age 25 years. Member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. C. W., care of Editor.

**WANTED** by a young man a situation as improver. Carpenter and wheelwright. Indoor preferred. Five years' experience. Change-Ringer. Apply W. S., care of the Editor.

**YOUNG** Married man, age 26, wants some light employment indoors or out. Change-ringer. State wages, etc., to G.T., care of the Editor.

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**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.

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Contains rules and instructions for pricking and ringing the method; a linear diagram of the plain course; a collection of touches and peals; instructions for proving, and a history of the earlier performances with a list of peals down to 1884 (78 pages)

A few copies are still left of "An Account of the Society of Union Scholars." (49 pages). Post free, 8½d.

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## THE REV. DR. RAVEN'S WORK.

NOW READY.

**THE CHURCH BELLS OF SUFFOLK.—By JOHN JAMES RAVEN, D.D., of Emmanuel College, Cambridge; Vicar of Fressingfield-with-Withersdale; Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral; and President of the Norwich Diocesan Association).—WITH ABOUT NINETY ILLUSTRATIONS.**—This most interesting work contains an account of all the Church Bells in the County of Suffolk—their makers and history—so far as they can be discovered. Incidental notices are introduced of the ancient uses of Bells—the individuals mentioned on them—and many historical events connected therewith. Introductory remarks on the general history of the Bells are prefixed to local portion of the work. The book is fully illustrated with engravings of ornaments, letterings, founders' marks, shields, etc., of which some will be found hitherto unknown. The latter portion of the work contains a complete list of Churches in the County, with the Inscriptions on the Bells now belonging to them, as well as on many which have been re-cast. The Demy 8vo. Edition is limited to 500 copies, and is now offered at 20s. nett; or Bound in Half-morocco, Roxburgh style, 27s. 6d. nett. Copies by post 1s. 6d. extra. The Large Paper Edition was subscribed for within a few days of the issue of the Prospectuses, and is now unobtainable.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1895.

THE fact of a date touch of Grandsire Triples appearing in our last number, which upon superficial investigation proved to be untrue, has, if the quantity of correspondence received is any criterion, aroused the indignation of the composing world. We have had very liberal treatment of late in the way of these productions, and the only wonder is that with the enigmatical arrangement known as "odd changes," more falsity has not been discovered than what is already known. We do not wish to speak unkindly about the authors of such matters; they hope, no doubt, in time to do something in the way of composition which shall be considered orthodox; but we should like to point out to them that the corrupting of one of our most-admired methods is a very bad beginning. We have known many good ringers who would really have felt insulted had they been solicited to take part in ringing such mutilated productions, and it is to be hoped that many more will be found to refuse their co-operation in such performances. The evil is not only the mutilation of a method; this is bad enough, considering how the Exercise insists generally on correctness; but the door is opened, as it were, for all kinds of irregularity, where the art of composition is concerned. The thing seems to grow year by year, until it seems likely that in the course of time it will be not only acquiesced in, but held to be perfectly regular. To hinder and throw back such a period, we conceive it to be our duty, and so long as the practice continues, we shall periodically animadvert upon it.

On Saturday, February 17th, we shall issue a double number of this paper. This number will contain a selection of touches of Stedman Triples of various lengths, and easy to call, composed by Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham. The price of publication will be twopence. We shall refer to this in our next issue.

**The Metropolis.****THE ST. LUKE'S (CHELSEA) ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, January 26, 1895, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

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

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 23½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNY .. Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. 5.
WILLIAM H. ROWLAND* .. 2.	*WILLIAM J. BARBER .. 6.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. 3.	THOMAS E. BARBER .. 7.
CORNELIUS CHARGE .. 4.	GEORGE CHESTERMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

\*First peal of Stedman. The band met for Stedman Caters but through some misunderstanding two of the men left and the above peal of Triples was rung.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, January 26, 1895, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 22 cwt.

HARRY BARRETT .. Treble.	HARRY WARNETT .. 5.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. 2.	WILLIAM G. GROVE .. 6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE .. 3.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 7.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. 4.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. Tenor.

Composed by HAROLD N. DAVIS and

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

This peal contains forty-three courses, with the full combination of 4-5-6, with the and never in 5-6, and the 3rd one course only in 6th's place at a course-end, and is now rung for the first time.

**The Provinces.****WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

On Saturday, November 24, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

W. JOHNSON .. Treble.	W. PARDOE .. 5.
G. ASTON .. 2.	J. APPELBY .. 6.
B. HODSON .. 3.	J. ADAMS .. 7.
H. V. WILKINS .. 4.	N. KIBBLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JABEZ APPELBY.

The above peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late David Bickley, Walsall Street, Willenhall. H. V. Williams hails from Sutton Coldfield; and W. Pardoe from Wolverhampton.  
[This peal has been delayed by mistake.]

**STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.****THE YORKSHIRE AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.**

On Saturday, January 19, 1895 (no time mentioned),

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN WORTHINGTON .. Treble.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. 5.
WILLIAM PRICE .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. 6.
STEPHEN DOUGHTY .. 3.	JOHN HARRIS .. 7.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 4.	HERBERT MADIN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

This peal contains the 5th eighteen times each way in 5-6, the 4th the extent in 6th's place, and the 6th the extent each way in 5-6, with all the 8-6s.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.****THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

On Tuesday, January 22, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs. in E.

H. HIPKISS .. Treble.	J. R. FRISBY .. 5.
T. HORTON .. 2.	R. HALL .. 6.
J. HARES .. 3.	J. HALL .. 7.
J. WALKER .. 4.	*E. JONES .. Tenor.

Composed by SOLOMON BIDDLESTON and Conducted by J. R. FRISBY.

\*First peal.

**HATFIELD, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Tuesday, January 22, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOSEPH HOLLINGSWORTH .. Treble.	JOHN T. KENTISH .. 5.
JOHN SHEPHERD .. 2.	HERBERT SHEPHERD .. 6.
WILLIAM J. RUMNEY .. 3.	ARTHUR SHEPHERD .. 7.
JOHN KENTISH .. 4.	GEORGE SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR SHEPHERD.

J. T. Kentish was proposed a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

**DISS, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, January 22, 1895, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24 cwt.

W. C. CHENERY* .. Treble.	G. ARCHER .. 5.
W. C. WHISKENS .. 2.	E. HAYWARD .. 6.
J. ARCHER* .. 3.	A. HART .. 7.
W. SALTER .. 4.	J. SOUTER .. Tenor.

Composed by J. C. TUCKER, of Bishops Stortford, and

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

\*First peal.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, January 23, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES .. Treble.	HUGH D. DALL .. 5.
ROBERT ALCOCK* .. 2.	FRANCIS LEES .. 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN* .. 3.	FREDERICK J. HARRISON .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 4.	ROBERT SIMM, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARRISON.

\*First peal of Stedman. R. Alcock hails from South Bank; J. E. R. Keen from North Shields.

**BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.****THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wednesday, January 23, 1895 (no time mentioned),

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN G. BUCHANAN .. Treble.	CHARLES LAYTON .. 5.
JOHN G. WALL .. 2.	CHARLES WATTS .. 6.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 3.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 7.
THOMAS WILLIAMS .. 4.	HENRY GAINES .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

First peal on the bells, and first peal by ringers of the 4th, 5th, and tenor. J. G. Buchanan hails from Clun, and is Master of the Guild; Wall from Ross; Williams from Eastnor; Layton from Cradley; the rest from Hereford.

**FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, January 23, 1895, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5344 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	JAMES DURKANT .. 5.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 2.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 6.
ALBERT READ* .. 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. 7.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method. This is the first two parts of a 7968. D. G. Wightman hails from Brandeston; Read from Framlingham; the rest from Creetingham.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thursday, January 24, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED J. LECLEERCQ .. Treble.	ALFRED WHITE .. .. 5.
ALBERT E. HEADEY .. .. 2.	CHARLES FRY .. .. 6.
HARRY E. WITHERS .. .. 3.	EDWARD CLAPSHAW .. .. 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. 4.	ALFRED BURGESS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY L. GARFATH,

This peal was rung, after the above attending the funeral, with the bells deeply muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Captain of the band, Mr. G. H. Barnett, who was interred in Farnham cemetery on this day. Messrs. Withers and Burgess hail from Alton. J. Goodale and W. May, also ringers from Alton, were present at the funeral. Mr. Barnett was Master of the band for many years, was District Secretary for the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and one of the Guild representatives on the Central Council, and was in his forty-sixth year.

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

On Friday, January 25, 1895, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WALTER F. BENNETT .. Treble.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON* .. 2.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. 6.
E. BANKES JAMES* .. .. 3.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 7.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

\*First peal of London Surprise. The composition is a musical variation of Middleton's peal of Cambridge Surprise, and will appear in its proper place.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 25, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM HAWKINS* .. Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 5.
CHARLES S. HEATH .. .. 2.	HENRY G. ROWE .. .. 6.
HARRY J. WRIGHT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 7.
GEORGE HUNT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM OAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

\*First peal.

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

On Saturday, January 26, 1895, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

THOMAS VERRY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 5.
JOSEPH PORTER .. .. 2.	†THOMAS WESTWOOD .. 6.
ARTHUR J. JONES .. .. 3.	W. VERRY .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN STARKEY .. .. 4.	*J. W. BACON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS WESTWOOD.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by ARTHUR W. PIKE.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND  
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 26, 1895, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES HAIGH .. .. Treble.	JOHN WHITAKER .. .. 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW .. .. 6.
J. C. ABBISHAW .. .. 3.	JOHN M. CHADWICK .. .. 7.
WALTER CHAPMAN .. .. 4.	ROBERT BINNS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY and Conducted by J. M. CHADWICK.

J. Haigh hails from Woodlesford; J. Whitaker from Headingley; R. Binns from Leeds; the rest belong to the local company.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 28, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

GEORGE GRAHAM .. Treble.	JOHN E. BALLARD .. .. 5.
JOHN STAPLES .. .. 2.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 6.
THOMAS CURTIS .. .. 3.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 7.
FREDERICK G. WILSON .. 4.	HENRY WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

Rung on the thirty-eighth birthday of the conductor. Graham and Whiting hail from Fareham; Staples from Havant; Blackbourn from Salisbury; the rest are local men.

BATH, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 28, 1895, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

W. JAMES HINTON .. Treble.	CHARLES BELL .. .. 5.
JAMES YORK .. .. 2.	JAMES FUSSELL .. .. 6.
CHARLES TOMKINS .. .. 3.	FRANCIS PRICE .. .. 7.
CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 4.	GEORGE BUTLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. JAMES HINTON.

Messrs. York, Price, and Hinton hail from Bristol; Tomkins from Hanham.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 29, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN HACK* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE DURLING .. .. 5.
THOMAS DURLING .. .. 2.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 6.
EDWARD DUNN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FRIGHT .. .. 7.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 4.	†THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

\*First peal on eight bells. †First peal of Major as conductor and first in the method. Hack hails from Hayes; T. Durling, Ingham, and Groombridge from Chislehurst; Emery from St. Mary Cray; the rest belong to the local band.

### Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORBURY (Yorks.)—On Sunday, January 6th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins., comprising 456 Violet, 719 Oxford, and 720 Duke of York. A. Yelland, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. Arranged by E. Brooke.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks.)—On Saturday, January 5th, at the church of St. Mary, a date touch, 1895 changes, in the following methods, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Oxford Bob, and 455 Grandsire, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Bovington, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; G. Basden, 4; A. Crook, 5; C. Clarke, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On New Year's Eve, at St. Nicholas' church an exceedingly well-struck date touch of 1894 changes was rung with the bells deeply muffled, in 1 hr. 9 mins. G. Coast, 1; J. G. Grensted, 2; S. Beech, 3; J. Dixon, 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6.

## STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

WOLSTANTON (Staffordshire).—On New Year's Eve, December 31st, at St. Margaret's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. F. Grocott, 1; W. Fitchford, 2; T. Miller, 3; S. Holden, 4; J. Goodhead, 5; A. Grocott, 6; W. Miller, 7; C. Ollier (conductor), 8.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—For practice on Monday, January 14th, a date touch (1895 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 9½ mins. J. King, 1; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 2; G. Walder, sen., 3; F. Scutt, 4; J. Prevett, 5; H. Chapman, 6; W. Welder, 7; J. Osborne, sen., 8. Composed by Morris J. Morris, Bangor. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On New Year's Eve, a date touch of 1894 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Ostler, 1; Rev. J. H. Pilkington (conductor), 2; A. E. Read, 3; H. Howlett, 4; C. Harper, 5; W. Norman, 6; S. Garnham, 7; J. Self, 8. The above touch was rung with the bells muffled shortly before midnight. At 12 o'clock on New Year's morning the same band attempted a touch of 1895, with the bells open, but it came to grief after ringing about 1850 changes.

OSSETT (Yorkshire).—On Sunday morning, January 6th, for Divine Service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 14 mins. M. Garforth, 1; G. Crawshaw, 2; D. Senior, 3; W. Illingworth, 4; J. Ruddleson, 5; W. Dixon, 6; W. Byram, 7; D. Stephenson (conductor), 8. Tenor 26½ cwt.

LIGHTCLIFFE (Yorks).—On Saturday, January 5th, at the church of St. Matthew, a date touch, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Reeds, 1; J. Rushworth, 2; J. Lawson (conductor), 3; H. Kershaw, 4; J. Reed, 5; F. Whiteley, 6; W. Sherwood, 7; C. Williamson, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Composed by A. Sykes, Huddersfield.

## Miscellaneous.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Monday, December 24th, at midnight, 720 Grandsire Minor on the back eight, with 6-8 covering. W. G. Hall, 1; E. Nicholls, 2; H. Knight, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; H. A. Hall, 5; F. Jones, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; C. Meddlcotte, 8. On Tuesday, December 25th, for morning service, 720 of Grandsire Minor. T. Marsh, H. Knight, E. Nicholls, J. Pardoe, H. A. Hall, W. Hall, F. Jones. Tenor 23 cwt. On Saturday, December 8th, at St. Peter's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing 2410 changes in 1 hr. 25 mins., owing to a change-course. B. Daulton, 1; H. Dawkes, 2; S. Atkins (composer and conductor), 3; J. Harper, 4; J. Gough, 5; J. Pardoe, 6; W. Smith, 7; James Gough, 8. Atkins hails from Willenhall; Harper from Bilston; Dalton from Tettenhall; Smith and John and James Gough from Darlaston; Pardoe and Dawkes belong to Wolverhampton.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Saturday, January 5th, at the parish church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Nichols, 1; W. Dyer, 2; C. Norfolk, 3; J. Sadler, 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 7th, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nichols, 4; J. Sadler, 5; D. Elliott, sen., 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 8. On Saturday, January 12th, 960 in the same method, with W. Elliott, 6; the rest as before. On Monday, January 14th, 720 Double Court. R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; J. Sadler, 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine. W. Dyer, 2; C. Norfolk, 3; the rest as before. The last two touches were rung as a birthday compliment on the conductor's birthday.

WITHAM (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 8th, at St. Nicholas' church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Pye, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; J. Frost, 3; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 4; H. Evers, 5; E. W. Beckwith, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Chaplin, 1; A. Chalk, 2; C. Norfolk, 3; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 4; E. Garnett, 5; E. W. Beckwith, 6. Messrs. Pye, Frost and Evers hail from Kelvedon; Norfolk, Elliott and Beckwith from Coggeshall; the others are local men.

BOCKING (Essex).—On new year's eve, as a tribute of respect to the

dying year, at the parish church of St. Mary, 720 of Bob Minor. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 6th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 New London Pleasure. H. Butcher, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. During the past year, fifty-two 720s have been rung at the above church, viz.:—Kent Treble Bob, 13; Bob Minor, 11; Oxford Treble Bob, 8; Double Court Bob, 5; New London Pleasure, 5; Woodbine Treble Bob, 3; Cambridge Surprise, Bocking Treble Bob, and Court Single, 2 each; and College Single Bob, 1. Twenty-seven have been conducted by C. Bearman; fifteen by C. H. Howard; three by H. E. Hammond; two by F. Rudkin; and one each by S. Sargent, E. Carter, E. Radley, W. Watts, and S. Hayes. Altogether a total of 57,014 changes have been rung. Visitors from Braintree, Bentley, Coggeshall, Kelvedon, London, Maldon, Nottingham, Stisted, and Stanstead have taken part in the above ringing.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITHAM (Hants).—On Sunday, October 28th, for afternoon service, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. F. Churcher, 1; W. Cooper, 2; S. Cummins, 3; E. Walker, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; G. Carpenter, 6. On Thursday, November 16th, for practice, 360 Grandsire Minor. G. Downs, 1; W. T. Langford, 2; W. F. Churcher, 3; G. Chequer, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; G. Carpenter, 6. On Christmas eve, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Singleton, 1; G. Downs, 2; W. T. Langford, 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; S. Conway, 6. And at 6 o'clock on Christmas morning, 960 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. W. Singleton, 1; G. Downs, 2; G. Carpenter, 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; S. Conway, 6.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 6th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. E. Headey, 1; H. L. Garfath, 2; A. J. Le Clercq (first quarter-peal as conductor), 3; F. A. Barnett, 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Wright, 8.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLIVE, NEAR SHREWSBURY.—On Saturday, December 22nd, the first 6-score of Doubles was rung on these bells by J. Palmer (Ludlow), 1; T. Burd (Shrewsbury), 2; J. G. Buchanan (Clun), 3; A. Chester (Ludlow), 4; R. Marston (conductor, Ludlow), 5; J. E. Groves (Wolverhampton), 6. Afterwards the first 720 of Grandsire Minor was rang in 26 mins. J. Palmer, 1; T. Burd, 2; J. G. Buchanan, 3; A. Chester, 4; G. Byolin, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. J. Palmer, 1; F. Burd, 2; G. Byolin, 3; A. Chester, 4; R. Marston, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by R. Marston. These are a new ring of six by Taylor, with a tenor nearly 26 cwt. in E flat, and are hung in a new tower and spire, built at the expense of a local gentleman. The noise in the belfry is deafening, making it very difficult to hear the calls. The Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Wood, paid a visit to the belfry and congratulated the band on their good ringing, and stated his intention of putting up another ceiling to deaden the sound. The ringers were afterwards entertained by Mr. Kilvert, of Grinnshill, to a capital spread, to which they did ample justice.

LUDLOW (Salop).—On Sunday, December 30th, for morning service, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Sweetman, 1; J. Palmer, 2; J. E. Groves (conductor), 3; A. Chester, 4; R. Marston, 5; W. Pritchard, 6; W. R. Nash, 7; W. Nash, sen., 8. For evening service 336 Grandsire Triples. Also several courses of Grandsire Triples, with R. Nash, W. Wood and D. Lloyd ringing a bob bell.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, November 25th, at St. Paul's church, a 504 of Stedman Triples. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hickley, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; C. W. Clark (conductor), 7; D. Thompson, 8. Also 448 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Keech, 4; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; H. Sharp, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; J. Sharman, 7; F. Smith, 8. On Sunday, December 2nd, 448 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Hull, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; H. Sharp, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; F. Smith, 7; J. Sharman, 8. On Sunday, December 9th, 432 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; H. Sharp, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; F. Smith, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Sunday, December 16th, 320 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Hull, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6. A 1008 Double Norwich in 42 mins. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; H. Sharp, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Tysoe, 6; F. Smith, 7; I. Hills, 8. On Tuesday, December 18th,



a 408 Stedman Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; F. Smith, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Sharman, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, December 30th, a 503 Grandsire Triples. F. A. Chasty, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Shimmans, 3; J. Sharman, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Tysoe, 7; D. Thompson, 8. A 416 Double Norwich. H. Tysoe, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Sharp, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; F. Smith, 7; P. Howard (conductor), 8. On Monday, December 31st, a 608 Double Norwich. F. Keech, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; I. Hills, 4; J. Sharman, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; P. Howard, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service at Christ Church, 720 Woodbine. Joe Thackray, 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; B. Cowling (first 720 as conductor), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. For evening service 240 each of Armley Pleasure and Primrose. H. Williams (Farnley), 1; B. Cowling (conductor), 2; Jno. Thackray, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEADCORN (Kent).—On Saturday evening, December 15th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and nine bobs), was rung on the back six, in 28 mins. P. Hodgkin (Headcorn), 1; D. Hodgkin (Marden), 2; R. Goodbourn, 3; G. Hooker, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. F. Hodgkin (Marden), 1; W. Sharwood, 2; W. Lambert (Horsmonden), 3; F. Lambert (Horsmonden), 4; P. Hodgkin (conductor), 5; R. Goodbourn, 6. And 216 in the same method. P. Hodgkin, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; W. Lambert, 3; R. Goodbourn, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; F. Lambert, 6. This peal of eight are in capital going order. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On Monday, December 31st, 360 Bob Minor. E. Perkess, 1; H. Wood, 2; S. Beech, 3; J. G. Grensted, 4; E. Day, 5; J. Dixon (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, January 3rd, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. E. Parkess, 1; J. G. Grensted, 2; S. Beech (first in the method), 3; J. Dixon, 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Also 144 Bob Minor. E. Perkess, 1; S. Beech, 2; J. Dixon, 3; H. Wood, 4; J. G. Grensted, 5; F. Shedd (conductor), 6.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, December 9th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Bedwell, 1; H. Skelt, 2; G. Daynes, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; T. Chandler, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; H. Barrett, 7; C. Walker, 8. Composed by H. Warnett. On Sunday, morning, December 16th, 420 Stedman Triples. A. C. Bedwell, 1; J. E. Davis, 2; W. H. Turner, 3; A. W. Brighton (Norwich), 4; T. Chandler, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; H. N. Davis, 7; C. Walker, 8.

WALWORTH (Surrey).—On Saturday, December 8th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 23 mins. owing to a change-course. A. R. Davies, 1; H. Barton, 2; W. Hasted, 3; F. Perrin, 4; W. Ingham, 5; H. N. Davis, 6; A. W. Brighton (conductor, Norwich), 7; G. Turl, 8.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Tuesday, December 25th, two 720s of Plain Bob Minor. G. Boswell, 1; F. R. Rump, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. On Thursday, December 27th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. R. Rump, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 3; C. Tribe, 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Sunday evening, December 30th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Boswell, 1; F. R. Rump, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, December 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Eastland, 1; C. J. Hyland, 2; F. Mathis, 3; W. Franks, 4; J. Curtis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; H. Elliott, 7; J. Mathis, 8. Composed and conducted by W. Franks. And on Christmas eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Eastland, 1; J. Curtis, 2; F. Mathis, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; J. Mathis, 5; C. Hyland, 6; H. Elliott, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. On Christmas day, 504 Grandsire Triples in 19 mins. W. Eastland, 1; J. Mathis, 2; F. Mathis, 3; J. Curtis, 4; C. J. Hyland, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 8th (the practice night of the Battle society), Mr. T. Rose, of Bromley, an old College Youth, paid the belfry a visit, and stood in for several touches. Amongst others, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Eastland, 1; T. Rose, 2; F. Mathis, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; C. J. Hyland, 5; J. Curtis, 6; W. Thomas, 7; J. Mathis, 8. Such visits as this the Battle society appreciate, and are always ready to welcome a distinguishedringer.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Wednesday, November 21st at St.

Mary's church, 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by C. Clarke. On Wednesday, December 5th, a 720 of Grandsire, conducted by J. J. Parker. On Wednesday, December 19th, 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by A. Crook. On Sunday, December 23rd, 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by C. Clarke. On Wednesday, December 26th, 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by A. Crook, and a 720 of Grandsire, conducted by J. J. Parker. On Tuesday, December 31st, 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by A. Crook. The following also took part in the ringing: E. Elderfield, J. Elderfield, G. Basden, J. Bovington, J. Parker.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Trendell, 1; R. Trendell (first quarter-peal and longest length), 2; F. Trendell, 3; C. Dean, 4; C. Trendell, 5; H. Bryant, 6; J. Trendell (conductor), 7; James Trendell, 8. For Matins the same band rang 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, December 31st, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, 546 Court Bob Triples. P. Knight, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; F. T. Hoad, jun., 3; E. Moses, 4; T. Brown, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8. And on Monday, January 7th, 672 Bob Major. F. Linter, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; G. Huggett, 3; J. Ansell (first attempt at Major), 4; E. Moses, 5; E. Kenward, 6; G. Croucher, 7; H. Reeves (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 13th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 1; F. Linter, 2; E. Moses, 3; G. Croucher, 4; E. Kenward, 5; H. Reeves, 6; W. Argent, 7; J. Stedman, 8. Also 308 Grandsire Triples. G. Croucher, 1; P. Knight, 2; E. Moses, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; H. Reeves (conductor), 5; F. Linter, 6; E. Kenward, 7; J. Stedman, 8. After service, 432 Bob Major. P. Knight, 1; F. Linter, 2; E. Moses, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; G. Croucher, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Reeves (conductor), 8. On Monday, January 14th, for practice, 560 Bob Major. E. Moses, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; G. Huggett, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; J. Ansell, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Reeves, 8. And 408 Stedman Triples. G. Croucher, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; G. Huggett, 3; E. Moses (conductor), 4; E. Kenward, 5; H. Reeves, 6; W. Argent, 7; J. Stedman, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. Messrs. Huggett and Ansell hail from Beichworth.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH (South Wales).—On Sunday, December 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. First in the method by all except the conductor and the first on the bells. Also same date, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Thomas (conductor), 2; W. Biss, 3; the rest as before. On Tuesday, December 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. D. Thomas, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. First 720 with a bob bell by J. Vinnicombe. On Sunday, December 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Smith (conductor), 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6.

MATHERN NEAR CHEPSTOW.—On Wednesday, December 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith, 6. This is believed to be the first in the method on the bells.

#### THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 6th, for evening service at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, 1124 Stedman Caters in 41 mins. H. N. Davis (conductor), 1; J. E. Davis, 2; T. H. Taffender, 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; H. Barton, 5; T. Langdon, 6; A. R. Davis, 7; J. George, 8; F. J. Pitts, 9; E. W. Fraser, 10. And after service, a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal. H. Beams, 1; H. Barton, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; A. R. Davis, 5; H. N. Davis, 6; R. Bevan, 7; J. George, 8; D. W. Griggs, 9; F. J. Pitts, 10.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, November 11th, before Divine Service, at the church of St. Lawrence, by the local company and a few friends a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 26 mins. A. E. Pegler, W. T. Pegler, G. Miles, R. A. Barrett, H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor). On Tuesday, November 13th, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. H. G. Gardner, W. T. Pegler (first 720 in the method), G. Miles, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). On Tuesday, November 27th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), and 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 52 mins. H. G. Gardner, W. T. Pegler (first 720 of Oxford Treble Bob with a bob bell), G. Miles, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). On Thursday, December 6th, five 720s of Minor in the four following methods: two of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Canterbury

Pleasure in 2 hrs. and ten mins. H. G. Gardner, W. T. Pegler, G. Miles, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). On Sunday evening, December 30th, for Divine Service, 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-five bobs and ten singles), in 26 mins. A. Howley, H. G. Gardner, G. Miles, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell (conductor), R. A. Barrett. Also on Tuesday, January 1st, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. A. Howley, H. G. Gardner, G. Miles, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell (conductor), R. A. Barrett. On Sunday, January 6th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 26½ mins. A. A. Waite, A. E. Pegler (first 720 in the method), W. T. Pegler, G. Miles, H. Mitchell (conductor), R. A. Barrett. On Tuesday, January 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 27 mins. A. E. Pegler, H. G. Gardner, A. Roberts, G. Miles, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). Messrs. Pegler belong to Hempstead; and A. Roberts to Gloucester.

**HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).**—On Saturday, November 24th, at the parish church, four of the Barnwood members visited this place and with the assistance of two of the local company succeeded in ringing 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. E. E. Davies, W. T. Pegler, G. Miles, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). And on Sunday afternoon, December 2nd, after Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. F. Bartlett, W. Poston (first 720 of Minor), H. Mitchell, A. E. Pegler, E. E. Davies, W. T. Pegler (conductor).

**LLANGOLLEN (North Wales).**—On Wednesday, December 26th, an attempt for the Rev. C. D. P. Davies's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples failed through a change-course in the ninth part. H. Jones, 1; M. J. Morris (Bangor), 2; A. R. James, 3; P. W. Davies (Bangor), 4; J. Davies, 5; J. W. Davies, 6; E. Rowlands (Wrexham), 7; T. Davies, 8. Conducted by M. J. Morris. This is the 1st and 4th ringers' longest length.

**SKIRBECK (Lincolnshire).**—On Monday, December 31st, at the church of St. Nicholas, with the bells muffled to ring the old year out, a 6-score each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, and to welcome the new year in, with the bells open, a 6-score each of April Day and Primrose. J. Coleman, 1; J. E. Clarke, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5. Tenor 18 cwt.

**TEWKESBURY ABBEY (Gloucestershire).**—On Sunday evening, December 23rd, before service, the Abbey bells were rung muffled as a token of regard for the late Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., and the late Rev. C. H. Steward, M.A.

**WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD (Herefordshire).**—On Sunday, December 30th, at the church of St. Lawrence, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 40 mins. J. Robbins, 1; W. Phillips, 2; J. Cartwright (conductor), 3; G. Wilkes, 4; R. Trehern, 5; — Thomson, 6. The treble, 4th, and tenor ringers are local men, the rest hail from Foye.

**WILLESDEN (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, December 30th, at the parish church of St. Mary, for evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. (eight bobs and six singles). R. Kirby, 1; H. Kilby, 2; J. Jackman, 3; \*A. Pittam, 4; R. Kilby, 5; \*H. Preskett (conductor), 6. On Monday evening, December 31st, for the old year, seven 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled, and for new year's morning, six 6-scores. H. Kirby, 1; H. Kilby, 2; J. Jackman (conductor), 3; H. Preskett, 4; R. Kilby, 5; J. Batsford, 6. For evening service, January 6th, a 720 of Bob Minor in 23 mins. R. Kirby, 1; H. Kilby, 2; J. Jackman, 3; H. Preskett, 4; R. Kilby, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6. \*Cumberland Youths. Tenor 9½ 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."

#### RATOCINATION.

SIR,—In reading over your editorial in last week's issue, calling attention to the meeting of the East Derbyshire Association, I was pleased to see your comments were more conciliatory in tone than formerly. I am not an old man, but it has been my privilege to see the decline and fall of change-ringing (in this part of Yorkshire, in which Huddersfield forms the centre) from a high state of efficiency to a very low ebb, but I am pleased to see that it bids fair to rise again through such efforts as the one you mention of the East Derbyshire Association; and let me say, in passing, that the performances of the East Derbyshire Association are very meritorious, and surpass anything I have noticed for some time. When the Yorkshire Association came into existence change-ringing in this part of Yorkshire was in a high state of efficiency, and thinking that such a society would do

good I joined in 1877, but I found that so far as change-ringing was concerned all its movements were of a retrograde character. I brought a motion before the Society for some such thing as the members of the East Derbyshire Association are trying for, but the committee treated me very discourteously, and I was given no chance to put my views before the meetings. But I am pleased to say that from that time my views have taken a very tangible shape in the formation of the Heavy Woollen District Association, and they have already had two contests or meetings, one at Kirkburton upon eight bells, and one at Sandal upon six bells, in which a silver cup and very useful prizes were given at each place to the winners. Both the meetings passed off to the satisfaction of everyone, and I am pleased to say that since the Association was formed change-ringing has made considerable progress in this district. It is in the very nature of Englishmen to strive to be the best at everything they put their hands to, and ringers are no exception to the rule; and in my opinion it is a most healthy state of things in any pastime when they have an opportunity in trying to surpass each other in the execution of it.

THOMAS STEAD.

[We are afraid our friend has mistaken the tenour of last week's comment. There is a difference between ringing contests, and the giving of rewards for excellence in ringing and punctual attention to duty.—Ed.]

#### THE TROUBLE AT LIVERPOOL.

SIR,—I have no doubt but that the general body of the Exercise agree with the substance of the editorial note which followed the extracts from the Liverpool journals that appeared in your issue of the 12th, but I submit that before they will accept as a logical conclusion that the *bona fide* cause for the silence of the bells was the Local Government Act of 1894 some further explanation must be forthcoming. *The Church Review* tells its readers that a singular and scandalous result of the new select vestry is the silence of the bells. *The Courier* says the grievance is against the Government. The Parish Council Act is in force. The authorities no longer have any funds which they can devote to payment for ringing. Liverpool is, I believe, under Municipal Government. If so it would be interesting to know how a Parish Council has come into operation there. The power removed by the Act is that churchwardens no longer act as *ex-officio* overseers of the poor. Governing bodies had the power to meet their expenditure so long as they existed, which was to the commencement of the present year. Hence the blame is to be credited to the old vestry (if one existed) and not to the new, which *The Church Review* sneers at by calling "select." So much for the grievance against the Government for putting self-government into the hands of those that reside in our rural villages. Who will give us the actual facts?

Romford, January 22.

B. KEEBLE.

#### "RING IN THE TRUE."

SIR,—What a pity it is that the date touch merchants do not examine their figures a little more before publishing them. Allowing that sometimes experienced composers may fall into errors, the newly-fledged seeker after fame invariably forgets that his starting change, etc., are far more likely to repeat than anything else. See the date touch of Grandsire Triples by D. H. Burton in last week's issue. Two starting changes, viz. :—

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

must necessarily render it false, as Mr. Burton will find if he pricks out the last lead of the touch. I should also like to ask the conductor of the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Christchurch, Hants., by the Winchester Diocesan Guild on December 24th last, whether the peal which was labelled "Burton's ten-part" was composed by the author of the above date touch? because if so it was pointed out in these columns to be as false as fire is hot.

Church Street, Leicester.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

[Several other letters have been forwarded on the same subject by various correspondents.—Ed.]

SIR,—Last week I sent for publication a peal of 6720 Bob Major composed by me. On looking through a book on the plain methods in Major and Triples I came across Annable's six-part peal of Bob Triples, and I find my composition is simply a variation of that well-known peal. I have also had it pointed out to me by a well-known composer and conductor since then. I relinquish all claim to the peal, and hope you will excuse me for the oversight.

T. TEASDALE.

SIR,—I write to thank Mr. C. Smart, of Steyning, for reporting the date touch of Grandsire Triples composed by me, and published in your issue of January 19th, to be false in the odd change 1245367 repeating. I had already discovered it myself, and was to blame for not writing to you at once. The change should be—1245376.

Christchurch, Hants.

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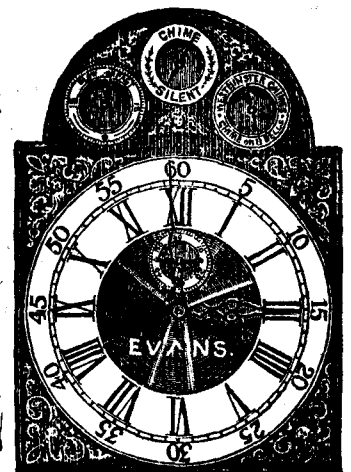
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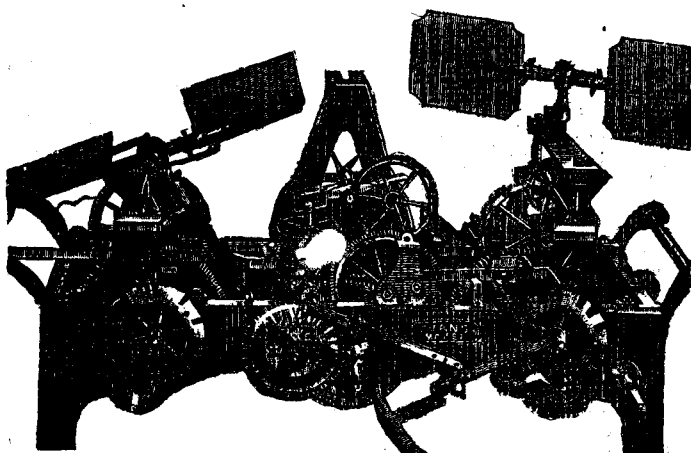
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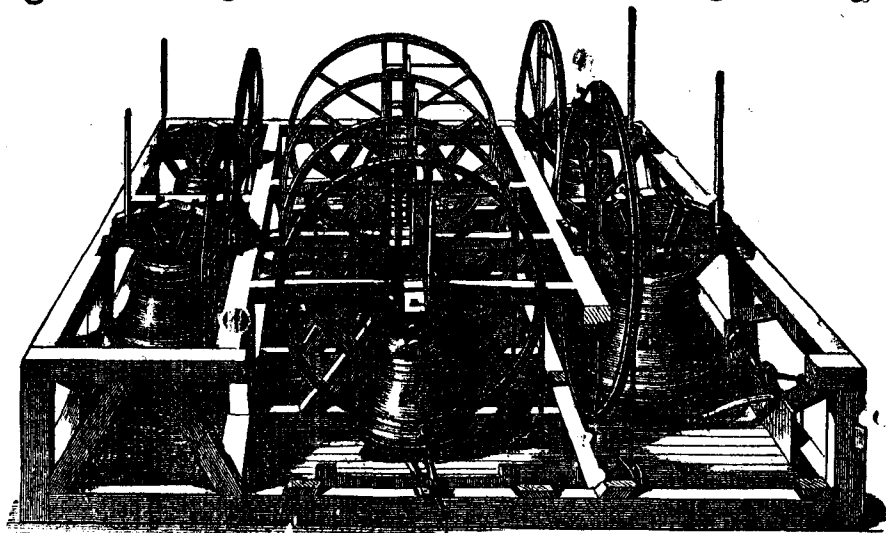
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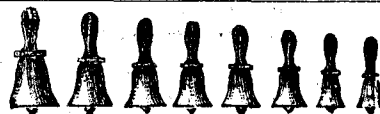
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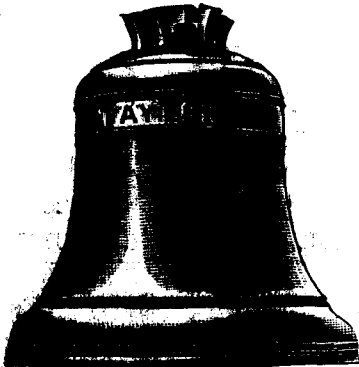
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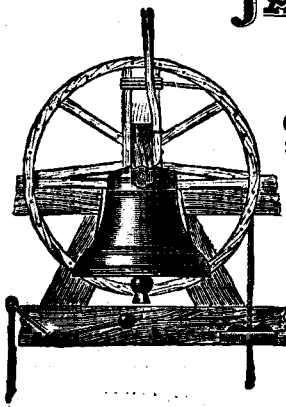
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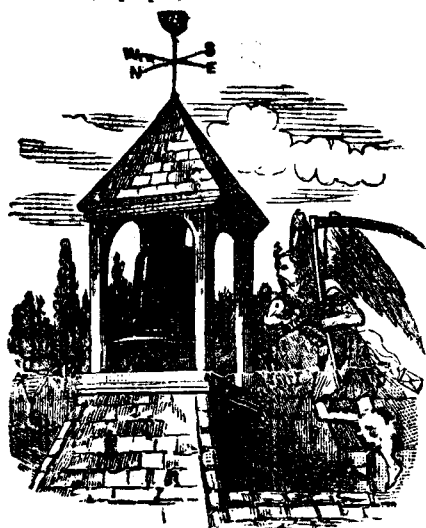
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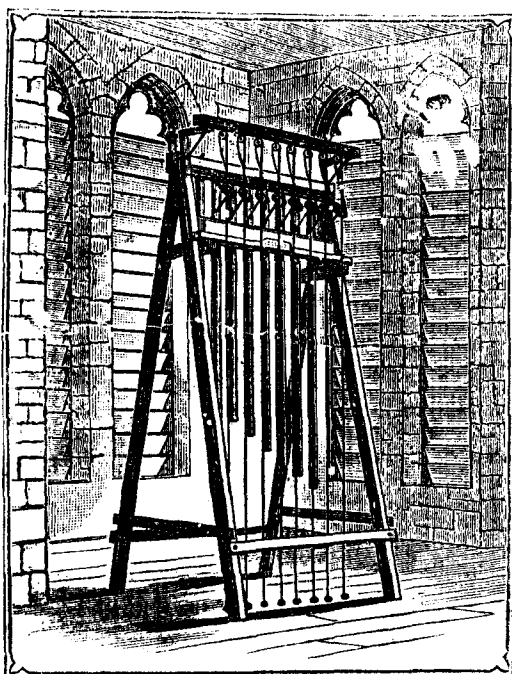
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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

For the first time for four years, the general meeting of this Association was held at headquarters (Leeds) on Saturday last, through the absence of invitations from any of the branches in accordance with rule. At a meeting of the Committee held a short time back, this unusual lack of an invite for once upon a time was considered to be not without its advantages, especially with the February meeting this year, in view of the inclemency of the weather, and its consequent desirability of having the General Meeting in so central a place as Leeds. Pressing business matters being unusually limited in quantity at the February meeting, the Leeds branch very kindly made more than usually extensive arrangements in the way of ringing facilities, and obtained the use of the rings of twelve at the parish church, eight at St. Michael's, Headingley, eight at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, and six at Christ Church, Armley, all within easy distance, a permission which was freely made use of during the afternoon by the large numbers attending, in spite of the most uncomfortable state of the elements, and the condition of the streets and roads through the recent heavy fall of snow.

At three o'clock the committee met in the Parochial Rooms, when twelve new members were admitted, making with twenty-seven elected at the previous committee meeting, thirty-nine members added to the Association since the Annual Meeting last October.

Daily choral evensong at the parish church, commencing at four o'clock, caused a cessation of ringing in the tower, several members attending the service, which has the reputation of being the finest daily service in any parish church in England, and justly so.

About five o'clock the business meeting was held in the Parochial Rooms, which was numerously attended, when Mr. W. Snowdon presided, being supported by the Rev. C. W. Tyler (precentor), Messrs. W. H. Howard (York), and G. Bolland (Tong), Vice-Presidents; W. Stainthorpe (Birstall), Hon. Treasurer; B. T. Copley (Bolton), Hon. Secretary; C. Jackson (Hull), Tom Lockwood (Leeds), W. Gill (Keighley), W. Barraclough (Halifax), W. Abbishaw (Rothwell), committee-men; and W. Whitaker, formerly Hon. Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the President referred to the circumstances which had led to the meeting being held at headquarters, concluding his remarks with a graceful allusion to the loss which the Association had sustained by the death of the Ven. Archdeacon Blakeney, D.D., vicar of Sheffield, who was its first honorary member from the ranks of the clergy, and who had ever proved himself one of the warmest friends of the Association. He moved that a vote of condolence be sent to the family of the late Archdeacon, which motion was seconded by Mr. W. H. Howard, senior vice-president, all the members shewing their approval by rising in silence.

Mr. George Barraclough (Leeds) moved, and Mr. Tom Lockwood seconded, the election of the Rev. Dr. Talbot, vicar of Leeds, as an honorary member.

Mr. George Bolland, junior vice-president, moved, and Mr. W. Stainthorpe, hon. treasurer, seconded, the election of Mr. J. H. Burton, of Hull, as a honorary member.

Both resolutions were adopted with applause.

Mr. W. H. Howard then proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Talbot for the use of the bells at the parish church, and the Parochial Room for the meeting.

Mr. W. Whitaker briefly seconded the motion, which was adopted amid loud cheers, and responded to by the Rev. C. W. Tyler in a most sympathetic speech, on behalf of the vicar, who was unavoidably absent.

For the place whereat to hold the June meeting, York was proposed by W. H. Howard, seconded by Mr. Haigh, of that city; Mr. J. Radcliffe proposed Saddleworth, which Mr. J. B. Dicken seconded; and Lightcliffe was proposed by Mr. J. Lawson, seconded by Mr. H. Kershaw. The first round of voting showed the votes very close, Lightcliffe being lowest by two votes only. Mr. Howard regretted his inability to withdraw

the York invitation owing to his instructions by resolution of of the branch, which he could not counteract without consultation with his fellow-members, seeing the other two kind and unexpected invitations which had been given; and upon the next vote Saddleworth was selected.

Mr. B. T. Copley thereupon proposed, and Mr. Stainthorpe seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the York and Lightcliffe branches for their kind invitations, which was adopted.

Mr. J. Thackray (Armley) moved, and Mr. J. Whitaker (Headingley) seconded a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Wood, M.A., vicar of Headingley; the Rev. J. T. Hoyle, M.A., vicar of St. Chad's, Far Headingley; and the Rev. G. P. H. Frost, M.A., vicar of Armley, for the use of their bells, which was carried.

The adjourned debate on the Committee's definition of six-bell peals was then resumed by the President, who reviewed the whole matter. Considerable discussion followed, from which it was evident that a strong feeling prevailed against the decision of the Central Council, and of ignoring the same. Towards the close of the debate, the Hon. Secretary made an earnest appeal to the members to accept the Committee's definition by way of compromise, and the motion was eventually carried by a fair majority.

Mr. W. Abbishaw (Rothwell) proposed, and Mr. J. Yeadon (Guiseley) seconded a vote of thanks to the Leeds branch for their arrangements, and to the branches at Headingley and Armley for their co-operation, which was heartily agreed to.

Mr. Maud (Tong) suggested the advisability of making overtures to the railway companies for reduced fares to members attending meetings; but it was pointed out that efforts had already been made in this direction without success, and that the question was now before the Central Council.

Mr. Tom Lockwood suggested the desirability of altering the dates of general meetings, so as to have two during summer months and one in winter, instead of, as now, the reverse.

The President, in reply stated that as this would involve an alteration of rule, it would be preferable to have the matter thoroughly dealt with in committee, a suggestion which met with evident approval; and a cordial vote of thanks to the President brought the business to a close.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting was held at Leicester on Saturday, January 19th. Soon after two o'clock visitors began to arrive from the various towns of the Association's district, including Derby, Burton, Nottingham, Loughborough, Nuneaton, Duffield, etc., and soon the visitors were engaged in piloting the bells at the various towers through methods simple and complex. However time soon flies, and shortly all adjourned to St. Margaret's Coffee House, where a substantial repast had been prepared, and to which the President, A. P. Heywood, Esq., the Rev. A. M. Rendell, vicar of St. Margaret's, W. Wakley (Hon. Treasurer), J. O. Lancashire (Hon. Secretary), and about seventy-nine members and friends sat down.

The general meeting immediately followed, and to commence business the Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed, and also the names of fourteen new members who were duly admitted.

The President, in addressing the meeting, apologised for being absent at the previous meeting, and in reviewing the record of the past half-year, he must first congratulate the Leicester band on the accomplishment of a peal of Stedman Triples on hand bells; also the band who accomplished the peal at Southwell Minster, the first peal on the bells of which he had any record. Great praise was due to the Nuneaton band for their first peal on handbells, as also to Mr. Carter's band for their efforts to advance the Association, especially naming the peal of Darlaston Bob Caters, the first in the method on ten bells. Referring to the 5160 of Doubles, he considered the practice of ringing more than 5040 on five bells not to be commended. Their position among the various Associations with regard to the number of peals rung during the past year was second, with a record of seventy-one peals, which he considered eminently satisfactory. Norwich stood first with eighty peals; Yorkshire third with sixty peals; Sussex fifty-seven; Oxford fifty-four; Kent fifty-three, etc. He was pleased that Chesterfield and Syston were

putting their shoulder to the wheel, and in conclusion he urged all companies to begin early in the year, and not to leave all the scoring to be done in the last quarter.

The election of auditors being the next business, Mr. T. Chapman was proposed by Mr. Draper, seconded by Mr. Thompson; Mr. S. Cooper was proposed by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Taylor. No other names being brought forward, the above was carried unanimously.

Mr. J. W. Taylor proposed that the best thanks of the Association be given to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to one of their number (the Rev. A. M. Rendell) for being present.

Mr. W. Wakley seconded.

The Rev. A. M. Rendell responding on behalf of the clergy, said that he was always pleased to welcome the Association, and ringers were always welcome to use St. Margaret's bells. He hoped at some future time that the bells would be rehung, but that was impossible just at present.

The Hon. Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the President for presiding, which was seconded by Mr. Buttery.

The President briefly responded, and the meeting terminated.

The members then adjourned to finish up the day according to their several tastes, all being loth to depart when train time at last came round.

#### LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The January ringing meeting of this society was held at Rothwell on Saturday, January 26th, and was started soon after 2 p.m. with a peal of Oxford Treble Bob, particulars of which appears in the peal columns. Other ringing followed in various methods. A business meeting was held at The White Swan, the President presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and passed, other matters of general interest were discussed, and one was that members could and should practice more intricate methods at these meetings. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the vicar (Rev. W. B. Pearson), the churchwardens and local ringers, for the use of the bells, etc.

Special thanks are also due to Mr. James Haigh, for his assistance in the peal; and also to J. Haigh and the Woodlesford company for so kindly providing handbells during the evening.

Mr. W. Abbishaw (Rothwell), ably responded on behalf of the above authorities, and expressed his great pleasure to welcome the society's visit to commemorate the fifty-eighth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

The Chairman in response to the vote of thanks, spoke in high terms of the band who had scored the peal on that eventful day.

Handbell ringing and songs followed in rapid succession up to 10 p.m., when the cry of a waggonette for Leeds and District (so much prized by visitors to this isolated village), caused an hasty termination to a pleasant gathering, which was attended by members from the following places: Arnley, Bramley, Woodlesford, Leeds, Holbeck, Headingley (St. Michael's), and other friends of the local company.

#### THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

The annual meeting of this society took place on Saturday, January 19th, in the Church Room. Members began to assemble at the tower at 4.30 p.m., when touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, and Plain Bob Royal were rung, conducted by Messrs. Driver, Newton, Ellis, and Adams. 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, the election of officers was then proceeded with, when the vicar was again re-elected President of the society; Mr. J. Green, Secretary; Mr. E. H. Adams, Steward; and Messrs. Elson, Nicholls, Chichester, How, and Ough were elected to serve on the committee.

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 in different methods were rung, after which the meeting was brought to a close, it having been a very pleasant and successful one.

#### SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of this society was held at Market Deeping on Saturday, January 12th. This small town possesses a good ring of six bells in very good order, and a belfry which is a credit to all connected with it. Unfortunately the town lies seven miles from all the railways, and owing to the severe cold the meeting was only a small one. The bells were raised about 11.30, and a short touch of Bob Minor was rung for service, which took place at mid-day. The preacher was the rector, the Rev. W. W. Howard, who was listened to with great attention by the members assembled. After service the members dined together, the rector in the chair, and several new members were elected at the meeting which followed. The next meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Stamford. College Single, Court Single Bob, and Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon, and five 720s were brought round.

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25364	—	—		25436	—	52463
56324	—			53426	—	64253
62354	—			32456	—	45263
53264	—	—		54236	—	56243
36254	—			43256	—	42653
65234	—			35246	—	25643
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63452	—			34265	—	24563
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46352	—			53642	—	32645
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The whole repeated.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this branch was held in the belfry of St. Augustine's church on Tuesday, January 15th, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. Vinnicombe, Captain; T. Northey, Vice-Captain; D. Thomas, Hon. Secretary.

The Secretary presented his report, from which it appears that seventy-one 720s had been rung during the past year in four different methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, showing an increase over 1893 of 27; increase in methods, 2. D. Thomas has conducted 50; C. Smith 19; C. Lloyd (Llandaff), 1; W. Davies (Liverpool), 1.

OUR HEALTH IN WINTER.—Dr. Andrew Wilson, writing in *Lloyd's Newspaper* on diet, says: "The teaching of nature should never be neglected, and in the matter of winter food let us see we are not wrong, and take sufficient fat, for the changes that result in the wear and tear of our bodies are lessened in intensity by the fat of food, and the need for flesh is always less when fat forms a due proportion of our diet." The Doctor proceeds to enumerate natural products that are admirable, among them "Cocoa" with its contained Cocoa Butter. Relatively to this it may be said that Epps's PREPARED COCOA retains all the constituents of the natural Cocoa, including the oil or butter, intact.

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# THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—CREWE BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of this branch was held at Crewe on Saturday, January 19th. The tower of Christ Church was open for ringing at two o'clock. By three o'clock the bells were set going to touches of Grandsire Triples, and a good number of members had arrived, and ringing was freely indulged in till five o'clock, when the welcome message came that tea was ready. "Stand" was called, and the ringers beat a hasty retreat to the Parish Room, where a splendid repast was laid out, provided by the worthy vicar and Branch President, the Rev. G. J. Howson. About twenty seven were present from the following places: Crewe, Acton, near Nantwich, Alsager, Market Drayton, and Sandbach. After tea the business meeting was held, the Rev. G. J. Howson in the chair. The Secretary opened the meeting by reading the minutes of the last meeting held at Acton, near Nantwich, which were duly passed. The chairman read a letter received by him from Mr. W. Walmisley, of Macclesfield, in reply to a vote of condolence passed at the last meeting on the loss of his dearly-loved wife.

The Secretary gave notice that the branch had lost two honorary members, which was a drawback to that branch. The financial affairs of the branch were then read, proving to be in a very satisfactory way, the balance in hand for the year 1893 being £1 11s. 3d., and the contributions for last year being £6 3s. 0d.; expenditure £4 13s. 8d.; total balance in hand for 1894, £2 10s. 3d. The above was signed as being correct, the chairman remarking that great credit was due to the Secretary and Auditors for the neat way in which the accounts had been kept.

The next item on the agenda paper was the election of various officers. The President was re-elected amid great applause; the offices of Secretary and Treasurer fell to the lot of Mr. R. Langford (Crewe), who returned thanks in a most characteristic manner. He mentioned that in the past year the number of members had increased from seventy-five to ninety, an increase of fifteen. The auditors were also re-elected in the persons of Messrs. R. T. Holding and John Wright. The representative on the General Committee; four names were submitted, but a poll resulted in favour of Mr. J. Wright (Crewe). The Instructor to the branch was also re-elected, namely, Mr. R. T. Holding. One new member was elected—Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Market Drayton. The meeting closed with the settling of places for quarterly meetings, the dates to be fixed at each successive meeting. The places are as follows: Audlem, Saturday, March 2nd; Wrenbury, Wybunbury, Sandbach, and Alsager. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the vicar for his kindness, and also to the ladies who had so kindly helped in the preparation of tea.

A shortened form of evensong was held at Christ Church at 6.30 p.m. The hymns 129 and 17 were taken out of the London Mission Hymn Book, and the lesson was taken from Acts ii. A short address concluded the service, the vicar taking for his text Romans xii. v. 5. In one word "Members," he expressed in his usual heart-felt manner, the duty of church bell ringers as workers for Christ, they were members of Christ, also members one to another; if we were members of Christ, let us draw nearer to Him and worship Him more often, and in a body.

After service a few touches were rung in various methods, including 504 of Grandsire Triples, and 120 Grandsire Doubles.

# THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of this branch was held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 19th, and was well attended, sixty-seven ringing-members being present out of a total of ninety-four, with nine honorary members. After tea at 6 p.m. the Secretary gave his report for the past year, with a statement of the accounts of the branch, which showed a balance of £8 7s. 5d. in favour of the Guild; and officers were elected for 1895. The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis presided. The meeting closed at 8 p.m. with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman, the Rural Dean, and the ladies who had superintended the arrangements for the tea. The total number of the members in this branch now stands at 135, an increase of eleven on the past year. Before the ringers finally separated, many of them adjourned to the towers of All Saints and St. Paul's, and joined in some short touches.

# LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 19th, a general muster of change-ringers, members of the Diocesan Guild from adjoining towers, and friends, took place at the parish church, Ledbury, which is noted for its handsome detached tower and spire and a fine old peal of eight bells, tenor 25 cwt., by Rudhall. Ringers in addition to some of the local men arrived in the afternoon from Hereford, Malvern, Cradley, Mathon, Ashperton, and Eastnor, and the bells were kept going till 8 o'clock, notwithstanding that the fittings are old and worn, and the ropes fall in a reverse circle. Several courses of Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rang, one or two of the hands acquitting themselves in their first experience of the methods beyond five or six bells. Three 504s of Grandsire Triples was rang in succession by mixed companies.

The visitors are indebted to the rector, the Rev. C. E. Maddison Green, M.A. for the four hours' use of the tower bells, rough as they are to ring; and Mr. Martin Mason, steeplekeeper, for the use of the handbells.

The church, dedicated to SS. Michael and All Angels, is undergoing restoration, old box pews making way for new seating, and the old north gallery removed, and plastered stone walls laid bare and re-pointed, including new window lights and improved heating arrangements. When completed, attention to the bells is promised to be given, and it is needless to add they sadly want rehangng.

# ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday, January 17th, by kind invitation of the vicar, the ringers were invited to supper at the old schoolroom. After supper was over, the handbells were brought forward, and several touches were rung. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the vicar and his good lady for their kindness, and also to the Rev. —. Broak who presided. The vicar spoke on behalf of the ringers, saying that they were fulfilling an office that a great many could not, and hoped that he should be many years with them. On Friday, January 18th, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung as a farewell touch to Mr. Gauntlett, who is leaving for Newcastle. T. L. Gauntlett, 1; H. Girling, 2; C. Smith, 3; R. Joy, 4; G. Churchyard, 5; E. Cooper (conductor), 6.

# ST. GILES' PARISH CHURCH, NORTHANTS.

The peal of eight bells are being rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Taylor and Son of Loughborough, and the clock is being restored and having Cambridge chimes fitted by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Derby.

# BIRMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

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21345687	46827153	86472513	75183624
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42168357	68742513	78564123	51378264
24618375	86472531	87561432	15738246
42163857	68745213	78654123	51372864
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## Correspondence.

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

## REPLY TO MR. JOHN CARTER.

SIR,—I write in reply to Mr. Carter with regard to College Single, and I hope to shew him that the Cater method which he published is College Single Caters. If Mr. Carter will refer to Snowden's *Grandsire* he will there find it stated that in certain remote districts he found ringers ringing Grandsire Bob Minor, and when he examined the method it proved to be Bob Minor. Now I have in my possession two copies of a work called "Campanologia: or, The Art of Ringing," to which Mr. Snowden also refers, and in this book on page 50 is a preliminary account of six-bell ringing with references to a method called Grandsire Bob; on the next page, 51, is the heading "Grandsire Bob, commonly called Plain Bob," and on page 53 appears the course of Grandsire, or Plain Bob, with the well-known course of Bob Minor underneath it, and on page 165 appears—Bob Major, or Plain Grandsire Bob on eight. From this it is evident that Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, etc., are all the same method, and the remarks on pages 23 and 24 in this same book, where the usual four and twenty on four bells and courses of Grandsire on five are given as examples on these two numbers of bells respectively, without the least indication that the author regards them as different methods. I now turn to the reprint of "Shipway." On page 50 we find Oxford Bob Minor to Maximus, and Triples, Caters and Cinques have a bell in the hunt, and on page 49 he states that Oxford bob on four bells is the ordinary Bob four-and-twenty, and on five bells Grandsire Doubles. Reverse Oxford Bob, page 52, and Double Oxford Bob, page 53, are similarly treated. On page 58 is Court Bob Minor and Major as usual, Triples and Caters with a bell in the hunt. Reverse Court Bob, page 59, and Double Court Bob, page 60, are similarly treated. London Court Bob, page 63, Reverse London, 64, Double London, 65, Norwich Court, 68, Reverse Norwich Court, 70, and Double Norwich Court, page 71, are all similarly treated, the method given on even numbers having the treble in the hunt, and on odd numbers the treble and 2nd in the hunt. From this it is evident that Shipway recognised the fact that an extra bell in the hunt does not alter the method. Lastly, what is a method? It is an arrangement of any given number of bells about the bell or bells in the hunt. Take the usual bob four-and-twenty, introduce an extra bell in the hunt and you get the 2nd place pushed up into thirds and made when the 2nd hunt bell turns the first from lead, since that is the central point of the four blows. From this we get the following rule, which applies without exception to every method. If you wish to turn a Minor method into a Triple method add a bell in the hunt and move all the even places which are made one place nearer the back, leaving all the odd places which are made as they were. This rule applied to College Single Minor produces College Single Triples, and applied to Major produces Caters. To illustrate the application I give a lead of Double Stedman Slow Course Triples produced in this manner from the well-known Minor method:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
2 1 4 3 5 7 6  
2 4 1 3 7 5 6  
4 2 3 1 7 6 5  
4 3 2 7 1 5 6  
3 4 7 2 5 1 6  
4 3 7 5 2 6 1  
4 7 3 5 6 2 1  
7 4 3 6 5 1 2  
7 3 4 6 1 5 2  
3 7 4 1 6 2 5  
7 3 1 4 2 6 5  
7 1 3 2 4 5 6  
1 7 2 3 4 6 5  
1 2 7 3 6 4 5  
etc.

With regard to Surprise methods I also quote from the reprint of "Shipway," page 16. "The Surprise peals, etc., being Treble Bob peals." And Mr. Carter will find that no Surprise method has yet appeared which has not the treble in a Treble Bob hunt. Before closing I must thank Mr. Attree for his courteous reply. I am glad that the system of points is to be considered by the Council. If Mr. Attree thinks Treble Ten nearly equal to Norwich Major he is of course welcome to his opinion. I consider Treble Ten considerably easier than Grandsire Triples, and most ringers know that a peal of Stedman Caters is much more easily obtained than a peal of Stedman Triples. But Mr. Attree has forgotten my first question. Is a peal of Bob Major worth as many points as a peal of Grandsire Cinques? I think not.

H. LAW JAMES.

## OBSTINACY.

SIR,—The footnote to the peal of Stedman Triples rung at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on January 26th, and published in your issue of February 2nd, should read "disagreement," not "misunderstanding." The facts are these. The band, with F. Pitts and C. Hindes, met with a very clear understanding that a peal of Stedman Caters should be attempted for the St. Luke's, Chelsea, Association. We pulled off and struck rounds, "stand" was called in the usual way for the adjustment of ropes, etc., when all being ready, to everyone's surprise Mr. Winny said "This is to be a St. James's Society peal." Two of the band (F. Pitts and W. H. Rowland, Master of the St. Luke's Society, objected on the grounds that we had met with a clear understanding to attempt the peal for the St. Luke's Society, all being members of the same. Mr. Winny still persisted, and Mr. T. E. Barber, Hon. Sec., proposed that the attempt be made for the St. James' Society, and Mr. W. H. Rowland saying he would become a member sooner than not make the attempt, but still he did not want to be a member, both thinking to smooth matters over. Mr. Winny then proposed, and Mr. H. R. Newton seconded, that Messrs. F. Pitts, T. E. Barber, W. H. Rowland and C. Charge be made members of the St. James's Society. Mr. Winny put it to the vote and declared it carried unanimously. C. Hindes did not vote, but dropped his rope and left the tower with F. Pitts, and we fail yet to see where the misunderstanding came in; it was simply a disagreement forced on by Mr. Winny persisting in making it a St. James' Society peal.

School House, King Street, Chelsea, S.W.  
23, Brook Street, Kennington Road.

C. HINDES.  
F. J. PITTS.

## A COINCIDENCE.

SIR,—In last week's issue, I saw Mr. Wilde's supposed new method. I beg to say I worked that very division out in a Surprise method in June, 1893, which if Mr. Wilde will kindly look in "THE BELL NEWS," vol. viii, page 67, and in *Church Bells* of June 6th, 1893, he will find similarly-worked Surprise methods. When I gave the Surprise methods to Mr. Wakley, of Burton (two years before they were published), I told him and others of his company that any of them would work out in plain methods by taking the first division of a lead and repeating it, every bell to do the same work. After publishing them in *Church Bells*, I worked out the very method, with the first division exactly as the one in last week's issue.

Aston, Birmingham.

JOHN CARTER.

P.S. I rather object to bells lying three blows in one place at a bob.

## A SENSIBLE DISCLAIMER.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Wm. Willson, of Leicester, the peal of Grandsire Triples conducted by me, at Christchurch, on December 24th last, was by Mr. Burton, but I was unaware of its being false until he called my attention to the fact. I have looked it through and find it to be so, I therefore give up all claim of its being a peal.

GEORGE PRESTON.

## ANSWER TO "ENQUIRER."

SIR,—Having seen your enquiry in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 26th, I am taking this opportunity of answering, I, myself, being a member of the association. Leighton Buzzard bells are in fairly good condition, but unfortunately the ringers are not change-ringers. Should you feel interested in bringing a band of ringers, I feel sure if you write to the Rev. T. W. Richards, Vicar, or Mr. George Green, Secretary, Ironmonger, High Street, Leighton Buzzard, you will meet with a favourable reply.

A READER OF "THE BELL NEWS."

## Obituary.

## HENRY WILSON.

We regret to have to record the death of the above-named ringer, who passed away on January 30th, at the early age of 35 years. He leaves a widow and two children to mourn his loss. He began his ringing career in the year 1877, and although having only taken part in three peals, nine date touches, and two contests, he was a very good striker. He was borne to his last resting-place by members of the Brighouse Society, when a large number of relatives and friends followed him to the grave. On Sunday last, at the parish church, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung with the bells deeply-muffled, as a last token of respect to the deceased. F. Crossley, 1; J. Whiteley, 2; J. W. Walker, 3; J. Cockroft, 4; W. Wood, 5; J. Rushworth, 6; W. F. Prince (conductor), 7; H. Marshall, 8.

GARDENER.—A Competent Out-Door Gardener, able to ring Standard Methods and to take charge of a Peal of Eight Bells, is offered employment.—Apply by letter to the Editor.



## Notices.

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**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Colchester on Saturday, February 16th. The tower of St. Peter (eight bells), will be open for ringing, also the tower of St. Mary, Ardleigh (eight bells). Tea will be provided at the parish room at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present must notify their intention, and the station from which they proceed, not later than the previous Monday, to me, HENRY T. W. EYRE.  
*Great Totham Vicarage, Witham, Essex.*

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—At the quarterly meeting of the above Association held at Eckington, on September 26th, 1894, Mr. J. W. Nicholson, Treeton, proposed, Mr. W. Worthington, Staveley, seconded: "That to further encourage the Art of Change-Ringing in the Association, some kind of reward should be given each year as an inducement to make each band at the various towers more efficient in the Art of Change-Ringing, and to stir up into life some of the members who are now practically dead, not only to peal-ringing, but to the more important duty of Sunday ringing." The proposer suggested that a cup should be purchased, the necessary funds to be raised by subscription among the clergy and ringers. Now, as the former cannot be expected to help to any great extent financially, considering the many calls which from time to time are made upon their limited resources, therefore if the consent of the clergy can only be obtained to sanction such ringing as proposed at their respective towers, it will then be the duty of each ringing member (if his conscience assures him that the proposal will be a benefit and not an abuse to the Association) to assist financially the furtherance of the movement, for which end a special meeting will be held at Staveley, to-day, Saturday, February 9th, at 4 o'clock, when each member will oblige by attending, and it not able to attend kindly send, or cause to be sent, word to the Secretary if they are in favour of the proposal, and if so what sum they are prepared to subscribe to the same, hoping each member will give a decided "yes" or "no," so that the matter may be well gone into, trusting that it may be the means of making our Association stronger and the members more efficient in the future. EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, *The Dale, Woodseats, Sheffield.*

**Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting will be held at Town Malling, on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower (8 bells), open at 3 o. East Malling (6) will also be available. Committee meeting at 5.0. At 5.30 a tea will be provided at The George for those who have applied to me for tea-tickets not later than February 19th. Travelling expenses allowed up to 2s.

A. L. BRINE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

*Bearsted Green.*

**Hollingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.**—The annual change-ringing contest on hand-bells, for the above cup, and other prizes, will be held at the Oddfellows' Hall, Uppermill, Saddleworth, to-day, Saturday, February 9th. Best two courses, one of Grandsire Triples and one of Grandsire Major. 1st prize, Cup, and £2; 2nd prize, £1; 3rd prize, 10s.; 4th prize,

5s. Entrance fee, 2s. 6d. each company. Cup to be held for twelve months. Best course of Grandsire Caters. 1st prize, 15s.; 2nd prize, 7s. 6d. Entrance fee, 6d. each company. Best 120 changes (two in hand), of Treble Bob Minor (Kent or Oxford Variation). 1st prize, 10s.; 2nd prize, 5s. Entrance fee, 6d. each company. JONATHAN PILLING, *Sec.*  
*Lee Street, Uppermill, near Oldham.*

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting will be held this Saturday afternoon, February 9th, at 5.30, in the St. Peter's belfry. The tower will be open for ringing after the meeting until 8.30. W. E. WHITE, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Bury, to-day, Saturday, February 9th, 1895. Meeting will be held in Grammar School, at 6.30. G. HOYLE, *Branch Sec.*

**Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Ormskirk, to-day, Saturday, February 9th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6 o p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM, }

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, February 23rd. Particulars next week.

HENRY W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec.*

*The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Eccles, on Saturday, February 16th. Ringing from 4 p.m. Business meeting in the mission room at 7 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

54, *Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Liversedge, on Saturday, February 16th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Victoria tavern. GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*  
19, *Albert Street, Batley Carr.*

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—A meeting will be held at Stockton, on Monday, February 25th. Committee meeting at 1 o'clock, and dinner at 2 o'clock at the Queen's hotel, near Railway Station. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. The bells of Stockton parish church and St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, will be at the disposal of members during the day. Members intending to be present please reply before February 22nd, to THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
314, *High Street West, Sunderland.*

**Johnson Anniversary Dinner.**—The usual anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, when A. Percival Heywood, Esq., has promised to take the chair. Dinner will be served at The Market Hotel, Station Street, back of New Street Station, at 6.30 p.m., sharp. Dinner tickets, 3s. each, may be obtained by application to the undersigned on or before Wednesday, February 27th. There will be ringing on St. Martin's bells during the afternoon.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec. St. Martin's Guild.*  
61, *Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.*

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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1 2 3 5 4 6 7	6 2 4 5 3 7 4
2 1 3 5 4 7 6	4 3 6 2 7 5 3
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1895.

THERE is trouble at Liverpool. The recent events connected with the silence of the bells of St. Nicholas' church, has unfortunately led the churchwardens to think that scientific change-ringers may be dispensed with, and a chiming apparatus—which they term "Ellacomb's," can fill up the void. To this effect they have issued a circular and in which they say:—

"SILENCE OF OUR CHURCH BELLS.—The cost of ringing the bells has been £110 per annum. The altered condition of our finances renders it quite impossible to continue this payment; it has therefore been decided to adopt 'Ellacomb's (sic) Apparatus for chiming the bells. This is a simple and very effective arrangement, by which one man can chime all the bells. It is in use in the Cathedrals at Lincoln, Worcester, and St. Paul's, London, and in many large parish churches throughout the country. The cost of the Apparatus for the bells of St. Nicholas', including fixing complete, would be between £40 and £50. Will you give a small donation towards defraying the expense? Yours faithfully, Henry Peet, Churchwarden."

If it were not for the interests involved we should certainly be led to smile at some of the statements of this circular. The idea—which is beyond doubt intended to convey to the people of Liverpool that any chiming apparatus can be a substitute for ringers—is of course an utter absurdity. These apparatuses are not always simple, nor are they always effective. The allusions to the

Cathedrals of Worcester, Lincoln, and St. Paul's, is rather unfortunate, for in neither place do they depend upon the chiming apparatus. Certainly not. The apparatus is used for week-day services and such-like, but for Sunday and other times the bells are rung by accomplished hands. The statement in this circular that by this apparatus one man can chime all the bells, must be taken *cum grano salis*. If this apparatus is erected it will naturally be looked upon, not by the ringers only, but others, as a *quid pro quo* for the silence of the bells last New Year's Eve. This being so, where is the individual to be found who will chime the twelve bells all at once? Not among Liverpool ringers, certainly, who consider themselves the injured party through this action of the Church authorities in trying to obtain a machine to supersede them. To chime twelve bells by any apparatus is a task, and whoever succeeds in doing so without the vast difference between ringing and chiming being noticeable, will be an exceedingly clever fellow. But such a person is not yet born.

The erection of a chiming apparatus under the present circumstances appears unfortunate, to say the least, and it is to be hoped the church authorities of Liverpool will reconsider their determination, and get permission to divert the £13 10s., already promised, to a better purpose. With all deference to the Vicar and churchwardens, we submit to them the propriety of having the ring of twelve thoroughly restored, and put in order. Then we should expect to hear of the ringers being willing to agree to some equitable arrangement whereby the ringing of the bells could continue. If the bells are allowed to remain in their present condition and the proposed chiming apparatus erected, the logical conclusion would be to sell the whole peal, and place in its stead a dozen or so of steel bars, to be chimed—all at once. The sum of £110 seems a goodly sum of money, but if we knew the duties required at the hands of twelve ringers it would not be thought too much. The ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral receive £100 per annum for ringing in the morning and afternoon only; other occasions of ringing being extras. And yet the chiming apparatus there is in good working order. Will the citizens and churchmen of Liverpool allow the only peal of twelve bells in their city to be shelved for the sake of a few pounds? If so, what will be said of Liverpool merchant princes, shipowners, and others, whose wealth is said to be fabulous? It is thought however, that if an appeal were properly made to the generous instincts of these gentlemen, the financial difficulties of the question would entirely disappear for ever.

As previously announced, next week will be published a double number of this paper. It will contain about sixty or seventy touches of Stedman Triples, of various lengths and easy to call, all composed by Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham; a page of other compositions; reports of meetings and festivities; peals, touches, etc., and a chapter from our amusing contributor "Joshua," entitled—"On Matches." The price of publication will be 2d.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 2, 1895, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

GEORGE SMITH .. .. . Treble.	Tenor 22 cwt. in Eb.
HENRY DAINS .. .. . 2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. . 5.
JAMES HANNINGTON .. .. 3.	ALBERT PITTAM .. .. . 6.
ALFRED PITSTOW .. .. . 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. . 7.
	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This composition has the 6th bell the extent in 5-6 in two equal parts, and is the first ever obtained in this method in that number of changes. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar and Mr. Churchwarden Robson, J.P. for the use of the bells upon this occasion. This is the first performance in the method upon this old and musical peal of bells.

#### THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Monday, February 4, 1895, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

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

EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. . Treble.	Tenor 21 cwt.
WALTER J. SORRELL .. .. 2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. .. 6.
HENRY SWAIN .. .. . 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. . 4.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. . 8.
WILLIAM T. ELSON .. .. . 5.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 9.
	SAMUEL HOW .. .. . Tenor.

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

This is E. E. Huntley's first peal of Stedman Caters, and W. H. L. Buckingham's first peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

### The Provinces.

#### WOODSTOCK, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 24, 1895, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

FREDERICK WHITE .. .. . Treble.	ERNEST NAPPER .. .. . 5.
A. BOSLEY .. .. . 2.	JOE SAWYER .. .. . 6.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. 7.
ALFRED THOMAS .. .. . 4.	RICHARD WHITE .. .. . Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Rector of Woodstock, the Rev. A. Majendie.

#### IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HERBERT SHARP† .. .. . Treble.	*JAMES GARRATT .. .. . 5.
CLIFTON NEWMAN* .. .. . 2.	*ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. .. 6.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. . 3.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. .. 7.
GEORGE BURTON .. .. . 4.	*JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by H. SHARP.

Messrs. Clarke and Sharp hail from Bedford, Burton from Rushden, Gilbert from Raunds, the rest belong to Irlthlingborough. \*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6th's place, and the 2nd never there. Taken from "The Bell News" of April 2nd, 1887.

#### SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 29, 1895, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

H. SCATTERGOOD* .. .. . Treble.	*W. MILLS .. .. . 5.
H. E. SIMPSON† .. .. . 2.	E. J. BOTTLE .. .. . 6.
H. J. TIDY, JUN.† .. .. . 3.	G. A. RANSOM .. .. . 7.
G. H. KITE* .. .. . 4.	*F. SHED .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by H. E. SIMPSON.

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

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## WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 30, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE W. SORRELL .. .. Treble.	*ROBERT WOOD .. .. 5.
ERNEST W. DAVIS* .. .. 2.	*FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 6.
GEORGE HEAD* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 7.
THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 4.	*FREDERICK EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Composed by HARVEY REEVES and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. All the above are residents in the parish. This peal has not been previously rung.

## EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 31, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,  
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 14.

STEPHEN WILSON .. .. Treble.	*JAMES EASTON .. .. 5.
ALFRED E. BASSETT .. .. 2.	THOMAS MILES .. .. 6.
GEORGE CHANTLER .. .. 3.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM CHANTLER .. .. 4.	*THOMAS EVERETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CHANTLER.

\*First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells, and rung at the first attempt.

## KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. (BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 31, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. Treble.	CHARLES SPARKES .. .. 5.
JOHN JENNINGS .. .. 2.	GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 6.
JAMES JONES .. .. 3.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 7.
GEORGE WALKER .. .. 4.	JAMES BETTERTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the whole of the 6-7s the right way, and is supposed to be the first peal of Stedman Triples ever composed and rung with such properties.

## LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 31, 1895, in Three Hours,  
AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES JARVIS .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH NEEDHAM .. .. 5.
ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 2.	JOHN F. MARLOW .. .. 6.
STEPHEN COOPER .. .. 3.	JOHN BUTTERTY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 4.	CONYERS BOULTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BUTTERTY.

This is the first peal on the bells, which have been augmented to eight by the addition of two new trebles by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the whole rehung in a iron frame. The tone of the new bells and the "go" of the whole peal is perfect, and all that can be desired.

## BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

### (BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS COLLINSON* .. Treble.	*HARRY B. SLACK .. .. 6.
GEORGE WALKER .. .. 2.	JAMES JONES .. .. 7.
JOHN W. THOMPSON* .. 3.	*ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 8.
GEORGE C. ILES* .. .. 4.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 9.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. 5.	CHARLES FLUCK .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

\*First peal of Caters. This peal has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and the 5th twelve times right. It is now rung for the first time. T. Collinson hails from Chepstow, Messrs. Thompson (2) from Derby, G. C. Iles and H. B. Slack from Swindon, and W. S. Pritchett from King's Norton.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, CHESHIRE.

### THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 2, 1895, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES.

JOE MORGAN .. .. Treble.	SHEPHERD ANDREW .. .. 7.
THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 8.
JAMES BOOTH .. .. 3.	THOMAS WILDE .. .. 9.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 4.	GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. 10.
WILLIAM WILLSON* .. 5.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 11.
JONATHAN BROADBENT† .. 6.	ALBERT ADAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

\*First peal of Grandsire Cinques. †First peal. Messrs. Morgan, Brown, and Chapman hail from Manchester, Willson from Leicester, Wilde from Hyde, the rest belong to the local company.

## DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Monday, February 4, 1895, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNY .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 5.
THOMAS A. ELLIOTT* .. 2.	REV H. C. COURTNEY .. 6.
ROBERT HOLE* .. .. 3.	*JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 7.
ALBERT J. CHILCOTT* .. 4.	JOHN SUDBALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

\*First peal in the method, likewise by the Association, and first peal of Stedman on the bells, and it was rung at the first attempt.

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

On Monday, February 4, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. HEALEY .. 5.
WILLIAM WHEATLEY .. 2.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 6.
JOHN WEST .. .. 3.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 7.
JAMES E. GARRELL .. .. 4.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.

Messrs. Evans and Biggs hail from Hughtenden; the brothers Truss from Great Marlow; all the rest are local men.

## ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

On Monday, February 4, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN SMITH .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 5.
HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	THOMAS SMITH .. .. 6.
SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTHAM .. 4.	*THOMAS H. BOARDMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

\*First peal. Messrs. Ridyard brothers hail from Worsley, Boardman from Pendlebury, and the rest from Pendleton. Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late John Shaw, Esq., of Eccles, who had been superintendent of the church Sunday School for many years, and who also took a deep interest in the church.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 5, 1895, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs. in F.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. Treble.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 2.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 6.
HERBERT RANN .. .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 7.
KEITH HART .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Major on the bells, also first by the Association, and by all the band. W. Lawrence hails from Eastbourne, Turner and Goldsmith are local men, the rest are from Brighton.

**Performances on Five and Six Bells.**

PENARTH, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven  $\frac{1}{2}$  Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

In the four following methods:

One 720 of Grandsire, and two each of Oxford, Kent, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt in G.

JOHN VINNICOMBE .. .. Treble.	FRANK BARTLETT .. .. 4.
WILLIAM B. BISS .. .. 2.	*THOMAS NORTHEY .. .. 5.
DAVID THOMAS† .. .. 3.	CHARLES SMITH .. .. 6.

Conducted by DAVID THOMAS.

\*First 5040 of Minor. †First 5040 as conductor. First 5040 of Minor by the Association and the first 5040 in four methods by all the band.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 4, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR,

In the following methods:

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

Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

JOHN W. SMITH .. .. Treble.	HARRY MASON .. .. 4.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. .. 2.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 5.
WILLIAM TALBOT .. .. 3.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

The ringer of the treble is 16 years of age and the ringer of the 3rd not 16 years of age, and this is their first 5040, rung at the first attempt. The above was rung in honor of the 17th birthday of Miss Ethel Mary Reeves, only daughter of the Editor.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The Burghill peal of Triples was rung in three hours and five minutes.

**Date Touches.**

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, January 15th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. T. Duxbury, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; E. A. Baker, 3; D. Heys, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; H. Heyworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (arranger and conductor), 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, January 2nd, at the church of St. Andrew, a date touch, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., in the following methods; 1080 Plain Bob; 720 College Single; and 95 Double Court Bob. F. Potter, 1; T. Davy, 2; D. Mays, 3; G. Kemp, 4; F. Hayward, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6.

BILSTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday afternoon, January 6th, at St. Leonard's church, a date touch of 1895 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Mark, 1; T. Lowe, 2; J. Gough, 3; J. Harker, 4; S. Atkins (composer and conductor), 5; E. Unitt, 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Jones, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Vicar of Wolverhampton, the Rev. J. T. Jeffcott.

HULL (Yorks).—On Monday, December 31st, the St. James' society rung at St. James' church for the midnight service a date touch of 1894 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. E. Prince, 1; W. Southwick, 2; H. W. Needham (composer), 3; H. Jenkins, 4; F. Moulson, 5; J. W. Stickney (conductor), 6; F. Drabble, 7; W. Marshall, 8. On Sunday, January 13th, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch of 1895 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. E. Prince, 1; J. W. Stickney, 2; W. Southwick, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; F. Moulson, 5; H. W. Needham (composer and conductor), 6; F. Drabble, 7; W. Marshall, 8.

**Miscellaneous.**

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

WOLSTANTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, January 6th, at St. Margaret's church, with the bells deeply muffled in memory of the Rev. J. T. Jeffcock, late Rector of Wolverhampton, and former Vicar of Wolstanton, who was interred at the latter place on Saturday, January 5th, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Major in 55 mins. S. Goodhead, 1; W. Fitchford, 2; W. Miller, 3; F. Grocott, 4; S. Holden, 5; A. Grocott, 6; W. Grice, 7; C. Ollier (conductor), 8. On Sunday, December 30th, for Divine Service, 1554 Grandsire Triples. H. Bowers, 1; J. Goodhead, 2; T. Miller, 3; S. Holden, 4; F. Grocott (conductor), 5; C. Ollier, 6; A. Grocott, 7; W. Slater, 8. Longest length as conductor.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 2nd, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. E. Wheeldon, 1; D. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 College Exercise. H. Alcock, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; D. Preston (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; the rest as above. On Tuesday, December 4th, for practice, 720 Wells Surprise. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And 720 London Surprise. On Sunday, December 9th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Durham Surprise. And for evening service, 720 Lichfield Surprise. On Tuesday, December 11th, for practice, 720 Wells Surprise, 720 London Surprise, 720 Durham Surprise, and 720 Lichfield Surprise. On Tuesday, December 18th, 720 Wells Surprise and 720 London Surprise. On Sunday, December 23rd, 720 changes in three methods, being 240 each of Superlative, Cambridge, and Lichfield Surprise. On Christmas day, 720 Cambridge Surprise, the ringers all standing as before. And on Sunday, December 30th, 720 City Delight. G. Hobbs, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; D. Preston, 4; R. W. Twigg (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Monday night, December 31st, for midnight watch service, 720 Imperial Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; D. Preston, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; R. W. Twigg, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On new year's morning (immediately after the midnight service), at the church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. W. Coakham, 1; F. Nunn, 2; R. Maynard, 3; F. Rumens (conductor), 4; J. H. Wilkins, 5; W. R. Pinsent, 6; W. B. Manning, 7; W. Crockford, 8.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGEND.—On Monday, December 3rd, for practice, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. D. J. Burford, 1; R. Evans (conductor), 2; A. Spracklen, 3; W. Hardwick, 4; J. Cox, 5; C. Underhill, 6. This is the first 6-score of Bob Doubles by all the local band.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT.—On Sunday, December 2nd, for morning service, at Holy Trinity church, 216 Stedman Triples. R. Gardner, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; A. Peckham, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 6; F. Burnett, 7; R. Fuge, 8. On Sunday, December 16th, for morning service, 252 Stedman Triples. R. Gardner, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; A. Peckham, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; F. Burnett, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. On Christmas Day, for Communion service, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Gardner, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; A. Peckham, 3; H. Reynolds, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; R. Davies, 6; F. Burnett (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. For morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples. R. Gardner, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; A. Peckham, 5; R. Davies, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. For evensong, 408 Stedman Triples. E. Reynolds, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; F. Burnett, 4; A. Peckham, 5; H. Westbrook, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. \*Longest length. Also 419 Grandsire Triples. R. Fuge, 1; A. Peckham, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; F. Burnett, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; R. Davies, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; E. Reynolds, 8. On Saturday, January 5th, a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Peckham, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; H. Westbrook, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; J. Gould, 5; A. E. Tomlins, 6. \*First attempt. J. Gould hails from Portsea.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, December 10th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Hewitt, 1; C. Privett, 2; A. Tomlins (first 720), 3; F. Hills, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 20th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. A. Coghlan (first in the method), 1; C. Privett, 2; F. Hill, 3; G. Passingham, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. Whiting (conductor), 6. On Christmas eve, by the local band, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

1260 changes, in 41 mins., taken from Thurstans. C. Privett, 1; A. Coghlan (first quarter-peal in the method), 2; G. Grafham, 3; F. Coghlan, 4; F. Hill, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; G. Grant, 8.

**WINCHESTER.**—On Tuesday, January 10th, for practice at the Cathedral, on the back eight, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. Chooet, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; R. Hasted, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. Harris, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. Composed by J. George, of Rugby. Also 280 in the same method. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. Chooet, 2; R. White, 3; R. Hasted, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. C. Lampard, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Elkins, 8.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—On Sunday, December 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-five bobs ten singles), in 24 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Suart, 4; R. W. Burrows, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Monday, December 24th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; R. W. Burrows, 3; T. Suart, 4; A. E. Sheppard, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Tuesday, December 25th, for early service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-one bobs six singles), in 26 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; T. Suart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 26 mins. T. Watson, 1; R. W. Burrows, 2; T. Suart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

**SILVERDALE (Lancashire).**—On Wednesday, December 26th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 26 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Suart, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Watson (conductor), 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Monday, December 31st, for midnight service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (forty-bobs two singles), in 25 mins. T. Townson, 1; J. Spencer, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Suart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. And on Tuesday, January 1st, in the early morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty singles), in 26 mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; T. Suart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BIDDENHAM (Beds.)**—On Monday, December 10th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. Harpin, 1; A. Ingram, 2; W. West, 3; C. West, 4; H. King, 5; W. Davison (conductor), 6. On Sunday, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Harpin, 1; W. Davison, 2; A. Ingram, 3; W. West, 4; C. West, 5; H. King (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. J. Harpin, 1; W. Davison, 2; A. Ingram, 3; J. Davison (first with a bob bell), 4; H. King, 5; C. West (conductor), 6.

**OLNEY (Bucks.)**—On Wednesday, December 26th, 720 Bob Minor. W. West, 1; W. Davison, 2; H. King, 3; C. West, 4; P. Howard, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. J. Davison, 1; H. King, 2; W. Davison, 3; C. West, 4; P. Howard, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6.

**BEDFORD.**—At St. Mary's church, on Tuesday, November 27th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Chasty, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hickley, 3; F. Smith, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Tysoe, 6. A 360 Double Court Bob Minor. F. Hull, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 11th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Spencer, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Hull, 6. A 720 Double Court (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Hull, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Smith, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 25th, 720 Double Court (sixteen bobs and two singles). F. Hull, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Sharp (conductor), 3; F. Smith, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. Chasty, 6. On Monday, December 31st, 720 Double Court (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Sharman, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; H. Tysoe, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; P. Howard, 6.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).**—On Tuesday, December 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. Jno. Balcomb, 1; C. Maynard, 2; F. Balcomb, 3; F. Smith, 4; W. Mayne, 5; J. Bashford, jun. (conductor), 6; T. Boniface, 7; G. Brown, 8.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**TILEHURST (Berks.)**—On Saturday, January 5th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but after 55 mins. good ringing it came to grief. J. Hands, 1; J. E. Hern, 2; C. Giles, 3; R. T. Hibbert, 4; G. Essex, 5; C. Chapman, 6; A. W. Pike (conductor), 7; F. Hopgood, 8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HEPTONSTALL (Yorks.)**—On Sunday, January 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 Bob Minor. A. Burn, 1; F. P. Powell, 2; T. Robertshaw, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. Conducted by A. Burn. In the afternoon 360 Bob Minor and 360 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. In the evening, 360 Bob Minor. J. T. Hollinrake, 1; F. P. Powell (conductor), 2; J. Robertshaw, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; J. Nowell, 6. On Sunday, January 13th, for morning service, 560 Bob Minor. W. Ingham, 1; F. Powell (conductor), 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; J. Nowell, 6. For afternoon service, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Ingham, 1; F. P. Powell (conductor), 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CLUN (Shropshire).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday evening January 5th, in the Cottage Room, on handbells, retained in hand, a 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Davies, 1; W. Roberts, 2; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 3-4; W. Mead, 5; J. G. Buchanan, Esq., 6. And another 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Davies, 1; J. Roberts, 2; W. Roberts, 3; W. Mead, 4; W. Fussell, 5; J. G. Buchanan, Esq. (conductor), 6. And a few courses and 336 of Triples. On Monday evening, January 7th, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Williams, 1; J. Roberts, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; W. Roberts, 4; W. Mead, 5; J. G. Buchanan, Esq. (conductor), 6. And a few touches of Triples. J. Davies, 1; W. Roberts, 2; W. Mead, 3; J. Roberts, 4; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 5-6; J. G. Buchanan, Esq., 7-8.

**KNIGHTON (Herefordshire).**—On Friday, January 7th, for practice at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. O. Evans, 8; R. Burge (conductor), 2; R. Thomas, 3; E. Griffiths, 4; A. Pewtress, 5; J. Perks, 6. And on handbells, retained in hand, 720 Grandsire Minor. \*E. Griffiths, 1; \*R. Thomas, 2; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 3-4; \*A. Pewtress, 5; R. Burge, 6. \*First 720.

**CHELMARSH (Herefordshire).**—A band of ringers from St. Leonard's church, Bridgnorth, paid a visit to the parish church of St. Peter's, Chelmarsh, on January 10th, and rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. H. W. Overton, 1; J. E. Overton, 2; W. Richards, 3; H. Hammond (first 720 of Minor), 4; W. Maund, 5; J. Overton (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Minor that any of the parishioners can remember being rung on the bells. And five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Overton, 1; H. W. Overton, 2; J. E. Overton, 3; W. Maund, 4; J. Overton (conductor), 5; J. Maiden, 6. The bells have recently been rehung by Taylors of Loughborough, and the way they go is everything that is required. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

**BRIDGNORTH (Herefordshire).**—At St. Leonard's church, on Sunday, January 13th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor on the middle six bells, in 24 mins. H. W. Overton, 1; J. E. Overton, 2; H. Hammond, 3; W. Richard, 4; W. Maund, 5; J. Overton (conductor), 6.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, January 13th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo road, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), Thurstans' Composition, in 44 mins. F. J. Pitts (conductor), 1; W. Langdon (first quarter-peal in the method), 2; F. C. Perria, 3; H. N. Davis, 4; C. Hindes, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; H. Barton, 8.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**INTWOOD (Norwich).**—On Sunday, January 6th, a band of Norwich ringers visited this pretty country village and rang at All Saints' church a 6-score each of the following methods: Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure, and Christmas Eve. G. Howchin, 1; J. A. Trollop, 2; G. P. Burton, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 5. Tenor 8 cwt. in A. This is the first time the last three methods have been rung on these bells.

**CLOPTON (Suffolk).**—On Friday, January 11th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Last (conductor), 1; \*R. Dowsing (age fifteen), 2; G. Laukester, 3; H. B. Mendham, 4; \*T. Dowsing, jun., 5; \*F. Dowsing, 6. \*First 720. J. Last and G. Laukester hail from Grun-disburgh; the rest belong to Clopton.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**MIDHURST (Sussex).**—On Monday, January 7th, in the evening, after the funeral of Dr. John Robinson, late churchwarden for many years, and an hon. member of the S.C.A., the usual whole pull and stand (seventy), was rung with the bells half-muffled. A 720 of Bob Minor was lost by a change-course.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**HAYES (Kent).**—On Sunday, November 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Reader, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; F. Lacy (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 9th, for a confirmation service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). F. Lacy, 1; H. Brown, 2; J. Hack (conductor), 3; H. Reader, 4; G. Harwood, 5; E. Stone, 6. On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six bobs and twelve singles). H. Brown, 1; H. Reader (conductor), 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack, 6. On Monday evening, December 31st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles). A. Braizer (first 720), 1; H. Brown, 2; F. Lacy, 3; G. Harwood, 4; A. Killick, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. At midnight, to ring the old year out and the new one in, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). F. Lacy, 1; H. Reader, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6.

**RODMERSHAM (Kent).**—On Thursday, January 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). E. Day, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; A. Hardy, 3; J. Dixon, 4; H. Wood, 5; C. Willshire (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells. Also a 6-score of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Hardy, 1; E. Allen, 2; F. Stead, 3; J. Dixon, 4; H. Wood, 5; W. Hobbs (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. E. Perkess, 1; J. G. Grensted, 2; F. Stead, 3; E. Allen, 4; A. Hardy, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Messrs. Allen, Hardy, Hobbs, and Willshire hail from Borden; the rest belong to the local band.

**ALDINGTON (Kent).**—On Saturday, January 5th, at St. Martin's church, 720 Bob Minor in 27½ mins. (twenty-two singles and two bobs). C. Slingsby, 1; G. Hooker, 2; R. Goodbourn, 3; P. Hodgkin (Headcorn), 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. A 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). C. Slingsby, 1; W. Sharwood, 2; W. Hyder, 3; R. Goodbourn, 4; P. Hodgkin (conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. On Sunday, January 6th, after Divine Service in the morning, an attempt for 720 Oxford Treble Bob was lost after 25 mins. good ringing. C. Slingsby, 1; D. Hodgkin (Marden), 2; P. Hodgkin, 3; F. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs in G.

**UPCHURCH (Kent).**—On Friday, January 4th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. C. Shipp, 1; A. T. Hyland, 2; H. Witherden (first 720 in the method), 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 6th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. C. Shipp, 1; H. Witherden (first 720 in the method), 2; H. Shipp, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 8th, 720 Place Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. H. Shipp, 1; W. Laker, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; A. Dunster, 4; G. Capeling, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 26 mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. First 720 by the local company.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

**Bow (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, January 6th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. C. Dempsey, 1; H. Springall (conductor), 2; W. Dallimore, 3; Y. Green, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; E. Lucas, 6; E. Hall, 7; D. Sutton, 8. Composed by J. Barrett, of Stepney. This quarter-peal has all the 4-6-7s, the 6-7-4s, and the 7-4-6s.

**STEPNEY (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, January 13th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Dunstan's church, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. J. Scholes, 1; N. J. Pitstow, 2; H. Springall (composer and conductor), 3; Y. Green, 4; C. Relton, 5; W. Dallimore, 6; S. Parmenter, 7; E. Hall, 8; S. Hayes, 9; G. Barrell, 10. N. J. Pitstow hails from Saffron Walden, Essex.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).**—On Sunday, January 6th, for Divine Service at St. Wilfrid's church, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), 5th the observation, in 23 mins. J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; T. Spruce (conductor), 5; C. R. Greenall, 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 23½ mins. J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; C. R. Greenall, 5; F. Spruce (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, January 12th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. A. Oxley, 1; F. Spence, 2; T. Burrows, 3; W. Brammer, 4; C. R. Greenall, 5; E. Edwardson (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob on the bells, and first by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, and 5th. On Sunday, January 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob, in 23 mins. J. Mainwaring, 1; C. R. Greenall, 2;

T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence, 5; J. W. Booth (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles, 5th the observation), in 22 mins. J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; C. R. Greenall, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**DUNSTER (Somerset).**—On Tuesday, January 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. A. J. Chilcott, 1; T. A. Elliott, 2; R. Hole, 3; J. Tudball, 4; W. W. Thorne, 5; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 6; J. Grabham (conductor), 7; J. Payne, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 5th and 6th, and is believed to be the first quarter-peal of Stedman by the Association.

**CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).**—On Tuesday, January 1st, at the parish church, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. A. Blake-way (one of the churchwardens), 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Playdon, 1; A. Jackson, 2; J. Chance, 3; E. Gilbert, 4; W. Hemming, 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Broad (conductor), 7; T. Roberts, 8. And 720 Bob Minor. E. Playdon, 1; J. Chance, 2; A. Jackson, 3; E. Gilbert, 4; J. Perrins, 5; J. Brown (conductor), 6; T. Roberts, 8. On Sunday evening, January 6th, for Divine Service, 784 Bob Major. E. Playdon, 1; W. Short, 2; J. Chance, 3; A. Jackson, 4; W. Hemming, 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Broad, 7; H. Martin (conductor), 8. Also 336 in the same method. J. Horne, 1; E. Playdon, 2; W. Short, 3; A. Jackson, 4; W. Hemming, 5; E. Gilbert, 6; H. Martin, 7; J. Broad (conductor), 8. W. Short hails from Clent; H. Martin from Belbroughton; the rest belong to the local company.

**COLCHESTER (Essex).**—On Monday, November 19th, for practice on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). F. Bumpstead, 1; W. E. Green, 2; J. Kittle, 3-4; G. M. Rashbrook, 5-6. On Monday, December 3rd, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Scott, 1; W. Button, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; G. Rashbrook, 4; W. Green, 5; W. Burch, 6. Conducted by J. Kittle. On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service several 6-scores of Bob Doubles. W. Scott, 1; G. Burch, 2; A. Fenner, 3; F. Bumpstead, 4; G. Rashbrook, 5; A. Millis, 6. Conducted by G. Rashbrook and A. Fenner. For evening service 420 Bob Triples. W. Scott, 1; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 2; A. Fenner, 3; G. Burch, 4; G. Rashbrook, 5; F. Bumpstead, 6; W. Burch, 7; A. Mills, 8.

**FARNHAM (Suffolk).**—On Monday, December 3rd, at St. Martin's church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 25 mins. R. Wilding, 1; J. Levett, 2; G. Debenham (conductor), 3; H. Blake, 4; W. Salisbury, 5; H. Turner, 6. Tenor 6½ cwt. This is the first 720 of Oxford by all except the ringers of the 1st and 2nd, and was composed by Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham.

**GLANADDA BANGOR (North Wales).**—On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, with 6-7-8 covering. For afternoon service, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. For evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples. R. J. Hughes, 1; Rev. T. L. Jones, 2; T. A. Rowlands, 3; P. W. Davies, 4; W. Owen, 5; M. J. Morris (conductor), 6; J. Gayton, 7; W. Crane, 8. On Monday, January 7th, for practice, 420 Grandsire Triples. R. J. Hughes, 1; Rev. T. L. Jones, 2; T. A. Rowlands, 3; M. J. Morris, 4; W. Owen, 5; P. W. Davies (conductor), 6; J. Gayton, 7; W. Crane, 8.

**GREENWICH (Kent).**—On Sunday, January 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; A. Pheasant, 2; E. E. Richards, 3; W. Foreman, 4; H. Hoskins, 5; T. Gwynne, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; W. Berry, 8. Messrs. Pheasant and Foreman's first quarter-peal.

**GUILDFORD (Surrey).**—On Sunday, December 24th, at the church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes. \*M. Brown, 1; \*W. J. Freakes, 2; \*F. Francis, 3; \*A. Brown, 4; G. Woodiss, 5; J. J. Jones, 6; \*F. Baker, 7; \*W. Eades, 8; F. Bennett (conductor), 9; W. Barnes, 10. \*First quarter-peal of Caters. On Thursday, December 27th, 629 and 1025 Grandsire Caters. F. Francis, W. Freakes, H. Stapleton, N. Brown, J. Jones, C. Eades, T. Baker, E. Collins, F. Bennett, G. Woodiss, M. Brown. Messrs. Collins, Francis and Stapleton hail from Bagshot; Woodis from Walton; Barnes from Maidstone.

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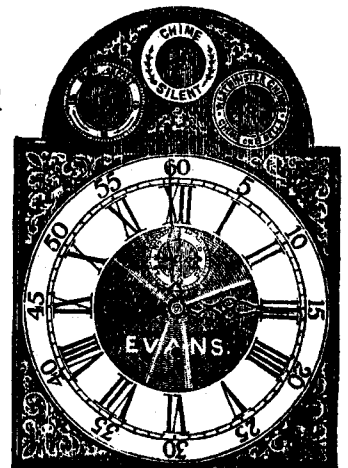
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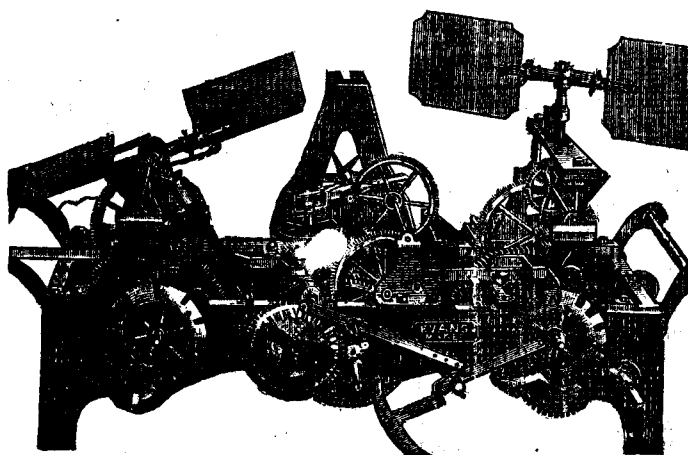
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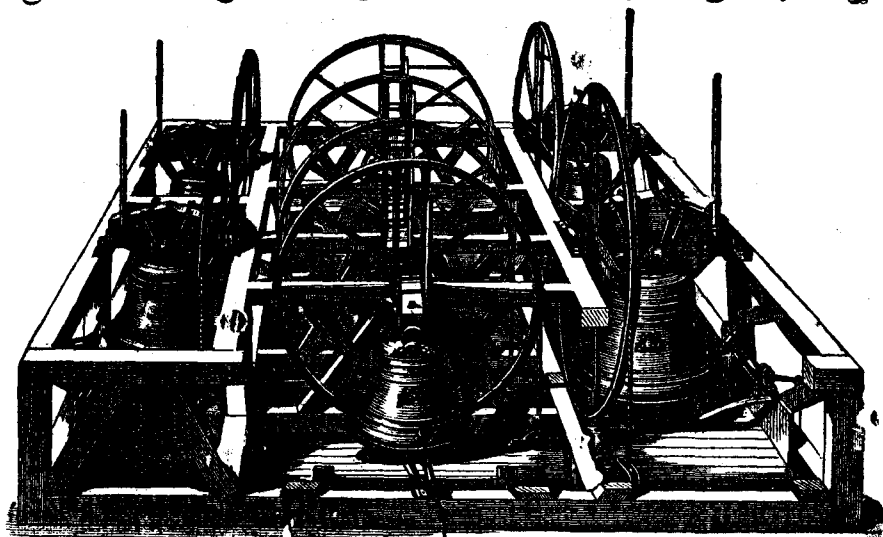
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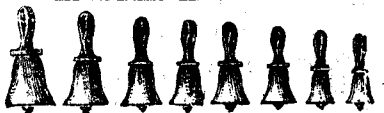
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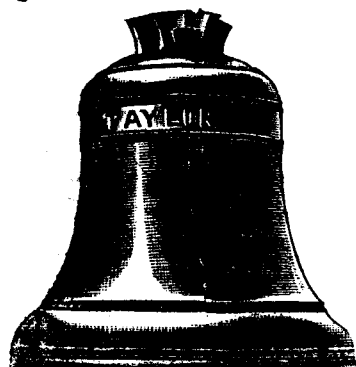
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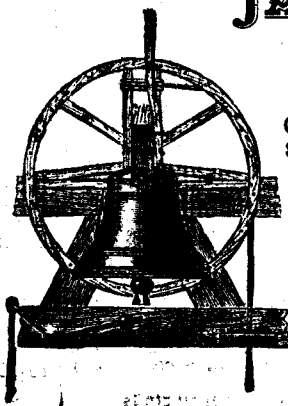
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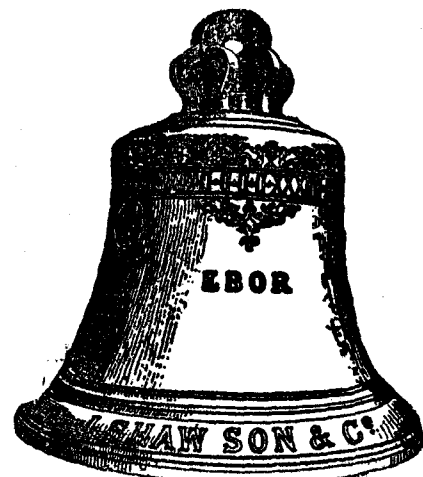
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At the conclusion of a well-served repast, the Chairman in graceful terms proposed the loyal toasts, which were drunk with musical honours.

In proposing "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," the Mayor said he could not help thinking when he first saw his name connected with the toast, that whoever was answerable for it had forgotten that he was a Quaker. He believed that it was the first time that at any public dinner he had been called upon to propose this particular toast. He was very proud that he had been called upon to do so now, because it showed that they who were all more or less connected with that Church were not afraid of him. It was a great pleasure to him to propose the toast, because he had a respect for the Bishop and Clergy of the diocese, and he believed that they all discharged their most important duties faithfully and diligently. What more could they expect of them? He trusted that the Church, as established, would last as long as England did. He had always been able to follow his own religious convictions with perfect freedom, never experiencing the slightest interference on the part of the Church; and whilst that was the case he hoped the Church would last. Personally he owed the Bishop a debt of great gratitude for the assistance he had afforded him in discharging his duties. He had helped him very much in the Jubilee year and on other occasions, whilst many acts of kindness had also been shown him by other clergymen of Chichester.

The Ven. Archdeacon Mount, in responding, observed that the Bishop was one who was an example to them all, and at his advanced age he put most of them to shame by his energy and power, intellectually and bodily. As to the clergy he hoped they deserved one-half of what the Mayor had said of them. In conclusion the Archdeacon proposed the health of "The Mayor," whom they were very pleased to see amongst them. They had generally had some Aldermen and Councillors in attendance, but he could only remember one previous occasion when they were honoured by the presence of the Mayor.

The toast having been musically honoured, the Mayor briefly returned thanks, expressing the pleasure which it always gave him to join in the social gatherings of his fellow-citizens.

Mr. T. A. Butland submitted the next toast, that of "The Visitors," remarking that the presence of so large a company clearly shewed that all the citizens were not of opinion that the ringing of the cathedral bells was the nuisance people would have them believe it was.

Prebendary Bennett, in acknowledging the toast, said it was very gratifying to see the bell-ringers so well supported by visitors, and he hoped the Mayor of the city would always endeavour to come amongst them. He regarded it to some extent as a duty on the part of the members of the Cathedral body and the citizens at large, to support the bell-ringers, and he felt truly sorry for those people who did not like bells.

The Ven. Archdeacon Mount, in proposing the toast of the evening—"The Chichester Cathedral Bell-ringers," observed that a twelvemonth ago when he had the honour of being present at a similar gathering, he ventured to express a hope that the bell-ringers, who at that time had managed to get through a quarter of a peal, would by the time they met again have succeeded in ringing a full peal. He confessed it was with faint hope he gave expression to that sentiment. It had, however, been realised, and more than realised. The bell-ringers, by steadily sticking to their work—and they were only five years old, quite babies as yet—were not only able to run alone and to ring alone, but to compete with any other ringers in the county. They had twice succeeded in ringing an entire peal of 5040 changes, and he was informed that both the time and the

striking were exceptionally good. Considering the short time the ringers had been at work, they deserved their hearty congratulations. Two very auspicious days were chosen for ringing the peals. The first was on Mayor's Day (November 9th), which as they knew was also the Prince of Wales' birthday, and that was probably the first full peal rung at Chichester by local ringers within living memory. The Dean and Chapter had decided to commemorate the fact by the gift of a small marble tablet to be placed in the belfry. The second peal was rung on New Year's Eve. They possessed at Chichester one of the finest peals of bells in Sussex, if not in the south of England, and it was a matter for sincere congratulation that they had now a band of ringers worthy of the bells they rang. He was informed that the success achieved was very much due to the firm and steady way in which the leader (Richard Walter) had kept the band together, and the consideration with which he had always treated them. He had great pleasure in coupling his name with the toast, but before he asked the company to drink it, he had the honour of unveiling the tablet which the Dean and Chapter had decided to place in the belfry, and, as those present would observe, it commemorated not only the special peal rung, but the names of the ringers also. The Archdeacon then unveiled the tablet, the inscription upon which read as follows:—

"On Friday, November 9th, 1894, a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes (a variation of Holt's ten-part) was rung in this tower in three hours and six minutes by the following: C. Atfield, treble; C. T. Farley, 2; D. H. Falconer, 3; T. A. Butland, 4; B. Falconer, 5; J. H. Blake, 6; R. Walter, 7; W. Spurlock, 8. Conducted by Richard Walter. This tablet commemorates the first peal rung by the ringers of Chichester Cathedral."

Mr. R. Walter, in responding to the toast, remarked that the members of the band all made up their minds to have a good try to ring a peal. They did not succeed at the first attempt or the second, but they kept on until they succeeded on Mayor's Day. On New Year's Eve they made another start, and rang Shipway's ten-part peal in 3 hrs. 10 mins. almost without a fault. Out of thirteen members on the books ten had taken part in peal-ringing, two of them being honorary members. He felt it a great honour to be a leader of a band of ringers like Chichester, and as long as they pulled together like they did at present, they would always get good ringing at Chichester. He cordially thanked Archdeacon Mount for unveiling the tablet given by the Dean and Chapter, and he hoped if ever disestablishment in England was seriously proposed, that the 60,000 church bell-ringers would come forward as one man and say "No, we cannot lose our bells."

The Chairman next proposed "The Sussex County Association of Change-Ringers," and in doing so said he felt that change-ringing was most important work. There was first of all the purpose which the change-ringers had to keep before them. Then again the practice which the ringers had to undergo called for a great deal of labour, which was good for the body and mind; it also called for a great deal of concentrated attention, a great deal of patience and control of temper, and a large amount of the spirit of mutual co-operation. As all these were qualities required in the business of life, he looked upon change-ringing as very valuable education indeed. He believed they were much indebted to the Sussex County Association and kindred Associations for the good work they had done. They had made a clean sweep of the scandals which were at one time connected with belfries, and had enabled them to realise perhaps more clearly than they had ever realised before the sacredness of bell-ringing. He hoped the County Association would have a long and prosperous existence.

Mr. F. B. Tompkins replied to the toast, and read a letter which the Rev. J. G. Loder-Coother, Hon. Secretary of the Association, who was unable to be present, had written to him. The speaker gave those present some interesting information concerning the work of the Association, which, although only established in 1885, stood first among the Associations of England in regard to points for change-ringing, and sixth for the number of peals rung.

The last toast, that of "The Chairman," was proposed by the Rev. J. Nicholetts, and suitably acknowledged by Canon Teulon.

During the course of the evening some excellent songs were rendered by Messrs. Merry, Vick, Butland, and Howard; Mr. R. Steere accompanying on the pianoforte.



**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—BATTLE BRANCH.**

On a recent Tuesday evening the members of this branch sat down to supper at The King's Head. The chair was taken by Mr. Thomas Cane (parish churchwarden), and among those present were Messrs. Austin, Brown, Cruse, Eldridge, T. Elliott, Hyland, Hosler, Higgs, Colour-Sergeant King, Langley, Silvermore, Mathis, Pearce, Saker, Stapley, Franks (conductor), and F. Mathis (secretary).

On the removal of the cloth, the loyal toasts were honoured, and Mr. C. J. Hyland submitted "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces."

Colour-Sergeant King, in replying, said the local branch of the reserves was doing exceedingly well. They had two as good officers as it was possible to have, and the company was steadily increasing in strength. He would like to see more of the young men of the town joining, for although all might be willing to fight in defence of their country, they would not do so effectually without proper training.

The Chairman proposed "The Health of The Dean," expressing regret that illness prevented his being present. He was also sorry that his brother churchwarden (Mr. F. W. Hotham), was unavoidably absent.

Mr. Austin then submitted "The Churchwardens," stating that he was glad to hear those officials were taking an interest in the doings of the ringers. It was very gratifying that one of them occupied the chair that evening.

Mr. Cane replied to the effect that the churchwardens had always been alive to the needs of the ringers, and if they had not been able to do as much as was required, it was only through want of funds.

The Chairman subsequently proposed "The Battle Branch of the Sussex County Association of Change-Ringers," and said that the inhabitants were proud of their peal of bells and of their ringers. What they had accomplished in change-ringing had been marvellous, for he could remember the time when their predecessors had been content with running up and down the octave. Now he believed they would be able to hold their own with any band of ringers in the district. He would like to see some of the old customs prevalent in other parts adopted, such as ringing in the newly-appointed churchwardens and welcoming the head of the church there on his return from his annual outing. Attention to these matters would, he believed, strengthen the bond of fellowship between the officials and the ringers.

Mr. Franks replied on behalf of the ringers. He was afraid the chairman had been too complimentary. During the past year they had not done so much as in years gone by, the reason being that till recently one of the bells had been out of order, and he had not been able to test it sufficiently to see if it would stand a long peal. Readers of "THE BELL NEWS" would see that ringers were more and more being recognised as church officials, and the clergy now associated more with them. Before sitting down he would like to thank the subscribers for their liberality.

The remaining toasts were "The Honorary Members," responded to by Messrs. Saker and Langley; "The Visitors" (Messrs. Cruse and Hosler); "The Press" (Mr. Austin); "The Vocalists" (Mr. Stapley); and "The Host and Hostess." Some capital harmony was contributed by Messrs. Cane, Cruse, Bridgen, Brown, Saxby, Higgs, Stapley, Eldridge, and Franks; Mr. C. H. White (Catsfield), presiding at the piano.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

A Committee and Quarterly Meeting of the above was held on Saturday, January 26th, in St. Thomas' school, Dudley, when members from Cradley, Clent, Cookley, Dudley, Kidderminster, Netherton, Old Hill, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, Tipton, Wollaston, Wombourn, Worcester, Wolverhampton, etc., were present. In the absence of the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, vicar, through illness, the chair was occupied by the Rev. J. Connor, senior curate, supported by the Revs. A. B. Timbrell (Oldswinford), D. A. Sneath (Dudley), and Lieutenant H. G. Walker (Dudley). A capital tea was provided, to which sixty-eight sat down and did ample justice.

The chairman, in opening the business meeting, gave a most

cordial reception to the Association on behalf of the vicar, who wished him to convey to them how greatly he regretted being absent through a severe illness. He, the chairman, felt sure it would have given the vicar great pleasure to have presided over so large a number of bell-ringers as he saw before him that night. He could assure them he felt it a privilege to preside, and extended a most cordial welcome to the Association, and hoped it would not be the last time he should meet with so goodly a number of church-workers.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Messrs. E. Russell and H. Golding, churchwardens of St. Andrew's, Netherton, were elected honorary members, and seventeen performing members from Chaddesley Corbett, Dudley, Netherton, Old Hill, and Tipton. It was resolved to hold the next Annual Meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 15th. During the miscellaneous business, a suggestion was made by Mr. H. Mason (Old Hill), that at the Annual Meeting a clerical secretary be appointed to assist the present Hon. Secretary. He also gave notice of motion for the alteration of several rules at the same meeting.

The Secretary, Mr. J. Smith, said he quite endorsed the remarks made by the previous speaker, and hoped a Clerical Secretary would be appointed, so that the Bishop and Clergy of the diocese could be approached, and assist in helping forward the work of the Association.

Votes of thanks were given to the ladies, Mrs. J. Connor and H. Mason, Misses Howlett and Spittle, who so kindly assisted at the tea tables; to Mr. S. Spittle (Master), for his perseverance and kindness in providing such a bountiful spread; also to the Rev. J. Connor for presiding over the meeting; and to the Revs. A. B. Timbrell and D. A. Sneath and Lieutenant H. G. Walker for their presence, which was suitably responded to. A vote of thanks was also passed to the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, vicar, for the use of the schoolroom, tower, and bells.

During the afternoon and evening the bells at the church were freely used by mixed companies, when touches of Treble Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich, Bob Major, and Stedman Triples were rung. This is the first meeting held at Dudley since 1892, and was the most successful meeting the Association ever had.

**WOOTTON, BASSETT, WILTS.**

The fourth annual supper of the members of the local guild took place at The Crown hotel on Wednesday, January 23rd. Mr. F. Bartlett (leader) presided, the vice-chair being occupied by Mr. W. Armstrong, and there were also present the Rev. W. E. Cockshott, M.A., vicar, and Dr. J. Kirkman. Ample justice having been done to the excellent spread, and the loyal and patriotic toasts duly honoured, the vicar submitted the toast of the evening—"Success to the Wootton Bassett Guild of Bell Ringers." He said he was pleased to notice that the Guild was in a flourishing condition, and that the number of members increased. Their work had been going on satisfactorily, and he hoped that it would continue so, and that they would live long to "ring out the false, and ring in the true." With the toast was coupled the names of Mr. Bartlett (leader), Mr. Armstrong (treasurer), and Mr. F. Bond (secretary).

Mr. Bartlett said he was glad that so many new members had joined, and that they learnt their first steps in the management of a bell so well and quickly.

Mr. Armstrong reported that the finances were in a satisfactory condition, having £4 12s. 8d. in hand, with a set of handbells lately bought for nearly £5. Their liabilities were nil. Other toasts followed, and were suitably responded to. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the intervals were pleasantly occupied with handbell ringing and songs, Mr. Pollett ably presiding at the piano.

This Guild would very much value the services of a qualified Instructor in the Art of change-ringing, as at present only rounds and call-changes are done, and the members are anxious to get on to half-pull ringing by method. Our correspondent adds: "If any Association member in this district could come and teach, it would be deemed a favour if he would first write to Mr. T. W. Baxter, Coxstalls Street, Wootton Bassett, stating his lowest terms."

## ST. PETER'S, BEDFORD.

The last day of January, 1895, witnessed the completion of a work that has for some years past excited the interest of lovers of bells in Bedford and the neighbourhood, viz., the recasting and augmentation of the ring of bells in the ancient tower of this interesting church. The old ring of five were cracked and out of tune, so it was determined to recast them all, and increase the peal to six by the addition of a new tenor. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, in a most thorough, and at the same time truly conservative manner. The old inscriptions have been preserved on the new bells, which were cast from the metal of the old ones in the presence of the Rector and others interested, who journeyed specially to Loughborough to witness the operation. The bells are hung in a steel and iron frame, the headstocks of the bells being of iron also. The various improvements introduced were greatly appreciated by the ringers present at the opening ceremony, who frequently spoke of it as one of the best pieces of work yet seen in the county, and warmly congratulated Mr. E. Denison Taylor, who was present during the day's proceedings.

The dedication service was fixed for 3 o'clock, when a good congregation assembled in spite of the very heavy snowstorm which had been raging for the past two hours. A special form of service was used, the opening versicles being said by the Rev. — Twamley, and the dedicatory prayers by the Rev. W. Hart Smith, Rector of the parish. After Psalm cxxii. had been sung a few rounds were rung by the St. Peter's band, standing as follows: C. Robinson, 1; W. C. Toll, 2; A. Robinson, 3; S. Lowe, 4; E. Lowe, 5; F. Parrott, 6. After the hymn "In Sinai's dreary waste," a sermon was preached by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Rector of Milton Bryant, and Hon. Secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, from Psalm 122—1. He spoke of the various messages which the new bells would give to the town, and went on to urge upon those who would ring the bells the duty of taking their part in the great work of belfry reform that is going on, by striving to become both good ringers and good churchmen.

After the service, some more rounds were rung by the St. Peter's company, in which Messrs. A. Lowe, H. Toll, H. Lowe and F. Lowe took part, in addition to those named above. The tower was then thrown open to the members of the Bedfordshire Association and other ringers, and various 720s were rung. The day closed with a supper in the schoolroom, to which all those taking part in the opening were kindly invited by the Rector.

The following ringing was done during the day:—

A 720 Double Court. E. D. Taylor, 1; H. Sharp, 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 on the bells. A 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Keech, 1; J. Sharman, 2; F. Smith, 3; I. Hills, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. A 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Spencer, 1; J. Sharman, 2; I. Hills, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; E. D. Taylor, 5; H. Sharpe (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. Shimmans, 5; F. Smith, 6.

Below are the diameter, note and weights of the bells:—

	Diameter.	Note.	Weight.
			cwt. qr. lbs.
Treble.	2 by 2½	F.	4 1 9
2.	2 4½	E flat.	5 0 4
3.	2 7	D flat.	6 0 21
4.	2 8½	C.	6 3 8
5.	3 0	B flat.	9 1 12
Tenor.	3 4½	A flat.	12 3 14

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## THE SALOP GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2dd, the monthly meeting was held at Wellington. A good muster of ringers were present from Shrewsbury, Market Drayton, Crewe, and other places. Some very good touches of Grandsire, Bob Triples, and Major were rung. Mr. J. E. Groves, of Wolverhampton, was elected instructor to the Guild. A deputation of three—Messrs. Auness, Bird, and Vickers, were elected to visit the district clergy and ringers, to arrange for practices on different nights of the week, and to enable members to attend. Several places have the practice on the same night now. The next meeting of the Guild is to be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, March 2nd.

## BRIGHTON AND ITS BELLRINGERS.

We take the following from a Brighton paper:—

"A good many people who from time to time hear the merry peals being rung upon the towers of St. Peter's, St. Nicholas, or St. Paul's, probably have little idea of the amount of organisation existing among the ringers, much less of the ramification, so to speak, which exists throughout the county and are gathered up into a whole by what is known as the Sussex County Association. The Association, I may mention, has now been in existence ten years, having been started in 1885. It has the Bishop of Chichester for its president, and is also further honoured by a long list of distinguished vice-presidents, life members and honorary members, who in this way recognise the importance which church bells have for many centuries enjoyed in connection with matters ecclesiastical. It follows very naturally that Brighton, from its position and importance, should take a prominent place in such an organisation, which has for its objects the recognition of the true position of ringers as Church officials, the due care and use of church bells and belfries; the cultivation of the art of change-ringing throughout the county, and belfry reform. Indeed, for several years there has been a really enthusiastic emulation on the part of the Brighton change-ringers to stand at the head of all the sections of the Association, both for the number and quality of their peals, a position which they have achieved a number of times, and will probably be found, when the report is forthcoming, to have repeated in the year that has just closed. For this very efficient state of things the Brighton ringers are deeply indebted to Mr. G. F. Attree, their master, who has been untiring in his efforts to bring the ringers up to a high state of efficiency. According to the last published report, there were forty-four church towers in the whole county affiliated with the Association, including one ten-bell tower, twenty-two eight-bell towers, seventeen six-bell towers, and three five-bell towers. In all, the Brighton branch rang six grand peals during 1893, the finest of them being at St. Peter's. It was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major; it comprised no fewer than 5600 changes, and took three hours and thirty-four minutes."

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHIRENEWTON, NEAR CHEPSTOW (Mon).—On Saturday, January 26th, four members of the Chesptow Society, with Mr. A. Longville, of Newport, paid a friendly visit to the above village, where they found the peal of five in a most deplorable condition, and after trying to mend wheels and stays they started for a 6-score of Plain Bob Doubles, which after many attempts they were successful in bringing round. As one of the band remarked, it was one of the biggest jobs they had ever had. M. Cross, 1; A. Longville, 2; R. Thompson, 3; H. Morgan, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5. Tenor, about 12 cwt., was cast by W. Evans, of Chepstow, in 1753. As the church is about to be restored, it is to be hoped that the bells will be rehung with another bell to make the peal of six, which would make one of the prettiest peals of six for miles round. This is supposed to be the first 6-score ever rung upon them. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. G. P. Dew, for the use of the bells, and also the captain, Mr. Scott, for the kind manner in which he received them.

## EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

The meeting of the Sussex County Association fixed to take place here on Saturday, January 26th, was postponed, but the Horley branch not being aware of this, four of them came over, and two came up from Brighton, and with the aid of some of the local band the following changes were rung: 672 Grandsire Triples. A. Songhurst, 1; W. Edwards, 2; S. Kenward, 3; J. Wren, 4; A. Dawe, 5; T. Sparks, 6; E. C. Merritt, 7; A. Huggett, 8. A quarter-peal in the same method. A. Dawe, 1; W. Edwards, 2; S. Kenward, 3; J. Wren, 4; W. H. Wood, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; T. Sparks (conductor), 7; G. Armstrong, 8.

**GARDENER.**—A Competent Out-Door Gardener, able to ring Standard Methods and to take charge of a Peal of Eight Bells, is offered employment.—Apply by letter to the Editor.

### NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 2nd, through the kind invitation of the St. Andrew's Society, several ringers from the adjoining parishes were entertained to supper at The Queen's Head inn. Having previously met in the tower for a ring, several Minor methods were practised with the junior members, but time prevented much being scored. At half-past six a goodly number gathered to view with good appetites the good things provided, and after having had a good course each of the four black country standard methods it was found high time to relieve the presiding officers from their duties, each having done some excellent work with the knife and fork. Upon the removal of the cloth, Mr. J. Townsend (the oldest member of the above Society) was induced to take the chair, although having tried to slip it, and was supported in the vice-chair by Mr. W. R. Small, of Tipton (the oldest member amongst the visitors).

The Chairman having entered into his official duties, gave a very encouraging address to the younger members of St. Andrew's Society, wherein he asked them to try and maintain the old principles of the Society, which was to do all that lay in their power in extending to others what they had gained from the older members, and at the same time always to remember that whatever ringing was done should be done as well as possible, also to manifest the same willingness to learn all through as they had hitherto, and not to forget that many corrections were requisite in making one a good ringer. He regretted one of their band was unable to be present (Mr. J. Prestidge), owing to illness, but he knew their good wishes would all tend in one direction, which was to hope he would soon be better and able to be amongst them again. He also regretted to say he had a letter of apology from Mr. S. Spittle (Master of the Worcestershire Association), wherein he stated he was too unwell to be present with them that evening, but hoped a very pleasant time would be spent. Extending a very kind invitation to the visitors present on behalf of the St. Andrew's Society, and thanking them for their presence, he hoped that many more of such gatherings would be held together. In conclusion, he said, on referring to his programme, he found the first item had his own name attached to it, which was the royal toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," which was given and honored.

The toast of "The Worcestershire Association" was in the hands of the vice-chairman, who pointed out the descent of the position amongst the analysis of peals given in "THE BELL NEWS," and said he hoped the next report would shew a much higher position than the present was. This was drunk with musical honours, and ably responded to by Mr. John Smith, hon. secretary of the Worcestershire Association, who graphically sketched out the work of the Association up to the present, and explained much of the real cause why the Association was not scoring so many peals as hitherto. He referred to the Kidderminster band having been deprived of their tower for some time, owing to the work of restoration, but suggested that the ringers from the surrounding towers (especially Dudley, with its peal of ten bells), should take courage, and unite themselves together more for practice and peal-ringing, and thus score more peals than usual, not only in the methods already rung, but in the same, and more intricate methods than those scored by the Kidderminster band, and thus shew what could be done by due perseverance and unity.

The toast of "The St. Andrew's Society" was next given by Mr. H. Mason, Old Hill, who said what a pleasure it was to have his name attached to such an interesting toast, and said he could not speak too highly of the St. Andrew's Society, having known them for a long time, and having watched their steady progress. They could boast of having handed to many ringers surrounding them much help in assisting them to learn change-ringing, and had further assisted them to ring peals on their own bells, in seven different Minor methods, for this, he himself was indebted to them. Their performances as a six-bell tower was a good model of what six-bells tower should be everywhere, as was also the condition of their ringing-chamber, and that their society figured very conspicuously amongst the Worcestershire Association. He regretted the delay of the scheme for augmenting their peal to eight, and hoped before long every obstacle would be removed, and that the St. Andrew's Society could boast of having one of the finest rings of eight in the county. He congratulated them on having such

a capital set of junior members practising with them, whom, he felt sure, would help to bring their society to a state of efficiency. He thanked them for their kind invitation on behalf of the visitors and himself, and hoped the good feeling existing between them and the surrounding towers would always continue to strengthen itself, and bring them together much oftener.

This was endorsed by the visitors in a very hearty musical manner. The chairman acknowledging the high compliment paid to the society, assured them it was with pleasure they heard the remarks of the last speaker, and it would be their endeavour in the future to do more than they had done in the past.

The next toast being that of "The Visitors," the names of Mr. Bayliss (Dudley), and Mr. Parsons (Old Hill), were coupled with it, and both explained the great pleasure the whole of the visitors had in accepting the kind invitation offered them, and endorsing most of the former speaker's remarks.

The programme indeed was a lengthy one, and was enlivened by touches of Minor, Triples and Caters on the handbells; it also included some well-known songs by Messrs. Micklewright, Pagett, Round, Small, and Smith.

A vote of thanks was passed to Messrs. Townsend and Small for presiding, and also to the host and hostess for providing such a good spread; the acknowledgment of these terminating what everybody present coincided with, "that a very enjoyable evening had been spent." The singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

### BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

RINGERS' SUPPER.—On Friday, February 8th, by the kind invitation of the vicar, the Rev. E. Vine Hall, the ringers sat down to supper at The Dog and Pheasant inn. After supper Mr. G. Hayward, the Master, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the vicar for his kindness. He said how very pleased he was to think they had got such a good vicar. This was seconded by Mr. G. Bourne, the oldest member. The vicar in reply thanked the ringers, and said if there was anything he could do for them he should be very happy to do it. He hoped the ringers after ringing for service would attend themselves. He was very pleased to hear they did attend church, as they were all fighting for one great Master, and that was God. He promised that he would try and get the bells rehung as soon as he could. The election of officers was then proceeded with: G. Hayward was re-elected Master and Secretary; and T. Albutt, Treasurer. Mr. G. Hayward thanked the ringers, and said he would do what he could to teach change-ringing. Mr. T. Albutt also thanked them, saying he had been treasurer for a number of years. The proceedings were then brought to a close, after a very enjoyable evening.

### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting of this society was held on Saturday, January 19th, at St. Mary's church, Stafford. The bells were rung during the afternoon, and at 5 p.m. a short service was held and a very excellent address was given by the vicar of St. Chad's, Stafford, who very kindly officiated in the absence of the rector. Afterwards a committee was held in the schoolroom, when some formal business was transacted, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Wood Green on Saturday, April 27th. An adjournment was then made to the Coffee House, where a good supply of the necessaries of life were in readiness, and full justice was done by all concerned. Another visit was then made to the tower, and 575 of Grandsire Caters was successfully brought round. A touch of Stedman Triples was attempted, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing a short time. As the evening was getting advanced, and the time for the departure of the train getting nigh, a move had to be made to the station, which of course brought the meeting to a close.

### APPLEDORE, KENT.

A large church clock has just been erected in the parish church here, which has been made generally to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly General Meeting was held at Diss on Tuesday, February 5th, when about fifty of the members and friends of the Association assembled in spite of the severe weather. The eight bells of the parish church were kept going during the day by various mixed bands, and were found in excellent order. A visit was also paid by many to the neighbouring tower of Palgrave—six bells—a village just across the county boundary, and in Suffolk.

The company sat down to dinner at The King's Head hotel at 1.30, the President, Dr. Raven, being in the chair, supported by the rector of the parish, the Rev. C. R. Manning, and the Revs. H. A. Harris, curate, C. F. Blyth (Wetheringsett), J. H. Pilkington (Framlingham), H. C. Harper (Starston), H. A. Duke (Debenham), R. H. Hill (Wethersfield, Braintree), and the Hon. Secretary. After dinner H. S. Garrard, Esq., churchwarden of Diss, joined the party. The President conveyed the thanks of the Association to the rector and churchwardens for the cordial welcome accorded, congratulating them on the successful work of restoration which had been effected.

The rector and Mr. Garrard both replied; the former expressing the pleasure he felt at the visit of the society to Diss, and his interest in it, having been a member from the first, and being convinced that it was doing good work: the latter, after referring to the work so ably carried out, and about to be completed by the renovation of the chimes of the church clock, proposed "Prosperity to the Association."

The Hon. Secretary, in replying, said the sentiment was a very appropriate one just now, for the times of difficulty through which they were passing, were making many anxious and careful, and a tendency was being betrayed in many quarters to withdraw subscriptions which had formerly been cheerfully given. Nevertheless, the society was in a satisfactory position as regarded its finances and general progress. They stood at the head of the list of societies as regarded number of performances during the past year, but not, he regretted to say, as regarded the quality of those performances. There had been some difficulty in getting in the full amount of subscriptions for the year, and many were paid too late to come into the account for 1894, and would have to be credited to 1895 as arrears. The year had also been an expensive one in the matter of peal entry, and it had been necessary to purchase a new lithographic stone for certificates, and a fresh batch of impressions from it. They would have, however, in spite of this, a balance of about £13 to the good. There was a number of names to be submitted for admission to the Association; but the elections that day could only be provisional, and subject to the new rule concerning membership being complied with. He was pleased to have the opportunity of proposing for election as a performing member, a young lady who had rung several 720s of Bob Minor, as well as some methods of Doubles on handbells, double-handed. As on a similar occasion previously, he suggested that the society should pay her the compliment of electing her as an Hon. Life Member. This was agreed to with enthusiasm, and the names were then read out, including, as Hon. Members, Miss Coustance A. C. Meadows (Otley); Hon. Life Members: E. T. Dowson, Esq. (Geldeston); the Right Rev. the Bishop of Thetford; Rev. E. S. Finch (Laxfield); Rev. H. A. Harris (curate of Diss); S. L. Cocks, Esq. (Diss), with twenty-three performing members and thirteen probationers, the latter being the companies attached to two towers now coming into union for the first time, and under instruction, viz., Rumburgh and Laxfield.

Mr. Hill having obtained permission to address the meeting, made a humorous speech, in which he referred to his former connection with the society, as vicar of St. Peter's, Thetford, and his restoration of the bells there.

## OXFORD AND OXFORDSHIRE BELLS AND BELFRIES.

Although this contribution, written expressly for the readers of the *Oxford Times*, professes to be nothing more than comprehensive notes on Oxford and Oxfordshire bells, bell founders and belfries, they may not be devoid of interest and useful information; and since the bells are to tell us their secrets, why then, thus it is, that we will draw up our chairs around the fire and listen to their melody.

Hark! now I hear them—ding dong bell.

Of course everyone knows the sweetly-sounding voices of the "bonny Christ Church bells"—the finest in Oxford—which are in the key of D (vocal sound). The key note of St. Mary's peal is also D (concert pitch); that of Merton College, E (slightly flat); whilst those of New College, and Magdalen, are respectively E flat and E natural. Cartfax peal is said to be in the key of F; St. Michael's, F sharp; St. Giles', sharper still; and All Saints, almost G natural. St. Mary Magdalene's key-note is at present A; prior to 1874 it was F, perfectly natural; the ring of eight at St. Peter's-in-the-East is also in the key of A; that of St. Aldate's, A flat; and of Holywell, B flat. Thus it is a remarkably curious circumstance—purely accidental as Lukis believes—that the keynotes as given above comprise almost all the notes of the chromatic scale. Summertown church bell is "comparatively new and bad." University College possesses "a very inharmonious piece of metal," which does duty for a bell. The note of the single bell at St. John's is D: and the usefulness of Pembroke bell will be readily admitted from the fact that it may easily be distinguished in any part of Oxford, "even when other bells are being rung." There is also a remarkable bell at the Bodleian, given by Sir Thomas Bodley in 1611, having a fine mellow tone (I believe its note is G). Hertford and Lincoln have no bells.

Readers at the Camera unquestionably have the full benefit of the evening bells. From here the effect of Christ Church bells in full peal is really wonderful; even "Tom" is heard—

In notes by distance made more sweet.

But there are times when the air is full of most extraordinary sounds. Precisely at seven o'clock they commence, when one bell after another joins in the dismal din, until dozens are clanging and banging in an utterly inconceivable manner!—"sweet bells jangled, out of time and harsh." The sudden silence which succeeds this performance has, by considerable practice, been brought to a marvellous state of perfection. Titan must have had this circumstance in his mind when he wrote—

The bells are at it—	Lightning flashing,	Chiming, timing!
Madly at it—	Thunder crashing,	Ringing, swinging,
What a racket—	Billow dashing—	Very merry—
Bim, bom, bell!	Bim, bom, bell!	Bim, bom, bell!
Rattle, brattle;	Loudly swinging,	Jangle, brangle!
Jangle, brangle—	Loudly ringing,	Swongle, swangle!
Dingle, dangle—	Music ringing—	Dingle, dangle!
Ding, dong, bell!	Ding, dong, bell!	Ding, dong, bell!

## THE POETRY OF THE BELLS.

Christ Church bells came from Osney originally, at the time that abbey was dissolved by Henry VIII. The great bell was subsequently consigned to the "Gate-way Tower," but not until he had been recast several times. The remainder were raised to the Cathedral belfry, and there did much honour to "the new college." Their fame increased owing to Dean Aldrich's clever catch, which was first published in Playford's *Musical Companion* in the year 1673. It runs thus:—

Hark! the bonny Christ Church bells—

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6—

They sound so wondrous great, so woundy sweet  
As they trowl so merrily, merrily.

Oh the first and second bell,  
That every day, at four and ten  
Crys, 'come, come, come, come to prayers,'  
And the verger troops before the Dean.

Tinkle, tinkle, ting, goes the small bell at nine,  
To call the beerers home;

But the devil a man will leave his cann  
Till he hears the mighty Tom.

Dean Aldrich's fame as an architect is of much note. Within All Saints' church, upon the tower wall, is a memorial stone thus inscribed: "In memory of Henry Aldrich, D.D., Dean of Christ Church, the architect of this church, died 1710. The ancient church of All Saints fell down on Sunday, March 8th, 1697, at 1 p.m." It was rebuilt in 1706.

"Thomas" had been previously honoured with some verses

by Bishop Corbet, who wrote them about the year 1620—in fact soon after the bell had been recast, though unsuccessfully. The original MSS. at the Bodleian (from which the following verses have been transcribed), is in excellent condition, the characteristic 17th century writing, cramped and quaint, being unusually legible. The author of the MSS. has added several notes of an interesting nature. Bishop Corbet's composition will undoubtedly be appreciated by all loyal citizens of Oxford—and not by them alone, for "Tom" has an extensive circle of acquaintances; but to-night, three centuries later, the clock hands are pointing to the hour when "Magnus Thomas Clusius Oxoniensis" will again perform his daily task; we will therefore hasten to pay him homage, "keeping time in any case" (as St. Mary's famous bell bids us) with the steady "booming" of the curfew.

## TO YONGE TOM.

Bee dum you infant chimes, thump not the mettle  
That nere outrunge a tinker and his kettle,  
Cease all your petty larums for to-day  
Yonge Tom's resurrection is from the clay.

And know when Tom shall ring his loudest knells,  
The big'st of you'll be thought but dinner bells.

Old Tom's growne young againe—the fiery cave  
Is now his cradle that was erst his grave.  
Hee grewe upp quickly from his mother earth,  
For all you see is not an howre's birth.

Looke on him well—my life I dare engage,  
You nere saw preteyer habie of his age.

Some take his measure by the rule—some by  
The Jacob's staffe take his profunditie;  
And some his altitude; some boundly sweare  
Yonge Tom's not like the olde; but Tom, nere feare  
The Criticke Geometrician's lyne,  
If thou as loud as ere thou didst ringe nyne.

Tom did noe sooner peepe from under ground  
But straight St. Marie's tenor lost his sounde.  
Oh how his Maypole's founder's hart did swell  
With full moone sydes of joy, when that crackt bell,  
Choaked with envie, and his admiration,  
Runge like a quart pott to the Congregation.

Myles, what's the matter? Belles thus out of square,  
I hope St. Marye's Hall wont long forbear,  
Your cocks-combe-pate, the clock hanges dumbe in towre,  
And knowes not that foure quarters makes an howre.  
Now Bronte's joyes ringe out, the churlish cur  
Nere laughs aloud till great belles catch the mur.

This Bell is proude and hopes noe other  
But that in time hee shall be great Tom's brother.  
Thou art wise if this thou wishest: be it soe.  
Let one henn hatch you both, for thus much know,  
Hee that can cast great Christ Church Tom so well,  
Can easily cast St. Marye's greatest bell.

Rejoyce with Christ Church—looke higher Oseney,  
Of Gyante Belles the famous treasure;  
The base vast thunderinge clocke of Westminster  
Grave Tom of Linconne—Hugh Excester—  
Are but Tom's eldest brothers, and perchance  
Hee may call cozen with the bell of Ffrance.

Nere grieve, old Oseney, at thy heavy fall,  
Thy reliques build thee up againe, they all  
Florish to thy glory: thy sole fame  
When thou art not will keepe great Oseney's name,  
This Tom was infant of thy mighty steeple.  
Yet hee is lord controwler of a people.

Tom lately went his progresse, and lookt ore  
What hee nere saw in many years before.  
But when he saw the old foundation,  
And little hope of separation,  
He burst with griefe, and lest he should not have  
Due pomp, bee's his owne bellman to the grave.

And that there thight of Tom bee still strange mention  
He carried to the grave a newe invention;  
They drew his browne bread face on pretty gines,  
And made him stalke upon two rowlinge pinnes,  
But Sander Hill swore twice or thrice by heaven,  
Hee nere sate such a loafe into the oven.

But Tom did Sanders, his Cyclops maker,  
As much as hee did Sander Hill the baker.  
Therefore loude thunderinge Tom be this thy pride,  
When thou this motto shalt have on thy side—  
Great world, one Alexander conquered thee,  
But two as mightie men scarce conquered mee.

Brave constant spirit, none could make thee turne,  
Though, hanged drawne, quartered, till they made thee burne,  
Yet not for this nor tenn times more be sory  
Synst thou wast martyred for the churches glorie.  
But for thy meritorious sufferinge  
Thou shortly shalt to heaven goe in a stringe!  
And though wee grieve when thou was thumpt and bangd,  
We all be glad (Great Tom) to see thee hanged.

But there are, unfortunately, two ways in which the last statement may be quoted—one of which is the pious wish expressed by those who regard "Tom" as the "disturber of the human race." Lord Grimthorpe had a very unfavourable opinion of

the bell, and was, moreover, very fond of expressing it. Others have before now uttered Othello's parting malediction: "Silence that dreadful bell!" Emerson, in all probability, puts the matter in its truest and best light in saying, "Sweet to me thy drowsy tone,"—a remark that most people will readily endorse.

In the above poem, Myles was the "Universitie clarke," and Brontes the bell caster of St. Mary's tenor. A note explains that "the very day that Tom was cast, St. Marie's tenor was burst in a peale." It was subsequently recast, and now bears the following inscription: "MO LO LO BO CHURCHWARDENS. LOVE GOD. 1639. Around the shoulder has been added—"ROGER BRACEGIRDLE—MATTHEW CHUB, GENT." It is a large and fine-toned bell, weighing 28 cwt. The "old foundation" referred to in the ninth verse was Christ Church, possibly the gateway and unfinished tower: the "gines" were simply "engines"; and the person named Sander Hill was the "Christ Church baker." The present bell was cast on April 8th, 1680, and hung in the newly-completed tower four years later, its first note being heard on May 29th in that year.

It is not to be wondered at that Magdalen peal has been praised by many a poet. Wilson, referring to the beautiful May morning custom of singing from the college tower, asked—

Why hang the sweet bells mute in Magdalene Tower,  
Still wont to usher in delightful May,  
The dewy silence of the morning hour  
Cheering with many a changeful roundelay?  
And those pure youthful voices, where are they,  
That hymning far up in the listening sky  
Seem'd issuing softly through the gates of day,  
As if a troop of sainted souls on high  
Were hovering o'er the earth with angel melody?

At Carfax some little difficulty, owing to the darkness of the belfry, was experienced in obtaining the measurements, and inscriptions. The latter had to be obtained by tracing each letter with the finger.

But just as he began to tell,  
The auld kirk-hammer strak the bell,  
Some wee short hour ayout the twal,  
Which raised us both. (BURNS).

It is unnecessary to add that this "raising" process, so suddenly performed, had a somewhat alarming effect! Extremes certainly met on this occasion!

What Christ Church belfry is like at night will be better understood after reading the following lines, ironically attributed to Scott:—

If thou wouldst view the Belfry aight,  
Go visit it at the mirk midnight—  
For the least hint of open day  
Scares the beholder quite away.  
When wall and window are black as pitch,  
And there's no deciding which is which;  
When the dark Hall's uncertain roof  
In horror seems to stand aloof;  
When corner and corner, alternately,  
Is wrought to an odious symmetry;

Then go, if it be worth the while,  
Then view the Belfry's monstrous pile,  
And, home returning, softly swear  
'Tis more than job himself could bear.

## BELL-RINGERS AND NOTABLE PEALS.

It was (and still is) customary to commemorate the ringing of any notable peal by placing a tablet on the belfry walls. Oxford has, in three of her colleges, a unique series of such records, which possess special interest for us. One of the names occurring on the various peal-boards in the city is that of Jonathan Pavier (Christ Church change-ringer), born at South Hinksey, May 31, 1779, and alive in 1877: consequently he was the oldest ringer in England. In 1807 he rang his first "touch," and in the year of Waterloo (eight years later) he had the good fortune to assist in the ringing of a complete set of 10,008 Grandsire Caters at New College, which occupied 6 hrs. 42 mins.

[To be continued.]

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON BRANCH.—A monthly meeting of this branch was held at Trull on Saturday, January 5th, when the following towers were represented: St. Mary's and St. James, Taunton, Wilton and Trull. Some very good ringing was done, including a 720 of Grandsire Minor. T. W. Radford, 1; G. E. Harbour, 2; S. Radford, 3; H. Poole, 4; J. Maddock (conductor), 5; J. Burge, 6. A 720 of Plain Bob Minor was lost through the breaking of the treble rope.



## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.**—The twentieth quarterly meeting of this branch was held at Macclesfield on Saturday, January 26th, when thirty-four members attended from Disley, Poynton, Wilmslow, Prestbury, Bollington, Gawsworth, and Macclesfield. A touch of Bob Minor was rung by the Disley ringers, followed by a 420 of Grandsire Triples. T. Bollington, 1; J. Gratrix, 2; W. Matthews, 3; W. Henshall, 4; J. Minshull, 5; W. Gayes, 6; P. Long, 7; A. Mottershead, 8. At five o'clock the members sat down to an excellent tea, which was presided over by the Rev. S. A. Boyd, who was supported by the Rev. J. T. Penrose. After tea the local ringers played some excellent tunes on the handbells, which was followed by the usual meeting. The Rev. S. A. Boyd, chairman of the branch, presided, 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 both financially and numerically explained by the secretary, Mr. W. Walmsley, who resigned, and Mr. J. Minshull was elected secretary and treasurer to the branch. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Poynton on Saturday, April 13th. 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 for the use of the school and tower bells brought the meeting to a close. The belfry was again visited, a large number having to leave without having a pull, but three courses each of Grandsire and Bob Major, and a course of Canterbury Pleasure Triples were rung by A. Lomas, 1; J. Gratrix, 2; W. W. Steel, 3; W. Matthews, 4; W. Henshall, 5; J. Minshull, 6; J. Norbury, 7; W. Walmsley (conductor), 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

**WIRRAL BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of this branch held at Braeside, West Kirby, on Saturday, January 26th, was made the occasion of an interesting presentation to the Honorary Secretary, F. R. T. Bolton, Esq. After an excellent tea, provided by the generosity of the Hon. Secretary, the usual business of the annual meeting was proceeded with, and after Mr. Bolton had been unanimously re-elected honorary secretary and treasurer, the chairman (Canon Blencowe) called on Mr. Arthur Heywood to say a few words, in the course of which he said he had been asked by the members of the branch to perform a duty which was to him a very pleasant one, namely, to present Mr. Bolton with a handsome fitted writing-desk, as a token of their regard for him. He was sure no one ever deserved recognition of his services better than did Mr. Bolton, and it would always be gratifying to him to have such a tangible token of the great respect and admiration they entertained for him.

The inscription on the desk read:—

"Presented to F. R. T. Bolton, Esq., by the members of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. January 26th, 1895."

In accepting it Mr. Bolton said it had been sprung on him too suddenly, and had fairly knocked him over. He did not know how the rest of the business of the meeting could be got through, as he was quite done for. He had not the least idea he was to be the recipient of such a beautiful present, and he felt more pleased with it than with anything he had ever received. It was no use his saying much, as words would not express his feelings, and he thanked them for the bottom of his heart.

The desk was a Wortley cabinet of polished oak, and was fitted with note-paper, pens, inkpot, blotter, etc., and was of a highly finished appearance, mounted with brass handles, and the inscription plate.

## RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Monday, January 21st, the Guild of ringers belonging to Christ Church, Epsom, were generously entertained to a sumptuous supper, by the kind invitation of A. W. Aston, Esq., at his residence, West Hill Lodge, Epsom. Eighteen sat down to do justice to the good things provided, among the number being the Rev. A. G. Hunter and the Rev. H. Rickard, curate, honorary and working members of the Guild, and friends. After several courses with knife and fork had been brought round, Mr. Aston kindly gave a very interesting story, and with a friendly chat about bell-ringing, brought the evening to a close, every one having thoroughly enjoyed himself.

## ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, WIDFORD, ESSEX.

On Tuesday, January 22nd, through the kindness of the rector (the Rev. H. Townshend Wilson), the members of the above society, together with the organist, choir, and churchwardens, met at the rectory to partake of supper. They were met by the rector and the Misses Wilson, who gave all a cordial greeting, and conducted them to the supper room where everything was in readiness. After doing justice to the good things provided, the ringers adjourned to the tower and rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples. E. W. Houghton, 1; H. Brown, 2; C. Porter, 3; W. J. Piper, 4; A. Shuttleworth, 5; J. Beams, 6; A. Tarbun, 7; R. Dines, 8. The bells were then lowered, and the rectory re-visited, the remainder of the evening being spent in handbell ringing and singing. The rector assisted in a touch, the bells retained in hand. Some good selections were played by Messrs. Green, Tarbun, Piper, and Brown. Morning being not far distant, the rector thanked all for the work in which they had helped him to do during the past year as churchworkers, and he hoped it would continue in the future as it had done in the past, and last, but not least, that it was a holy work, and not working for men, but the Almighty.

The churchwarden briefly responded, and all having expressed their thanks for having spent an enjoyable evening, the proceedings terminated a little before midnight with the singing of "God save the Queen."

## BESTHORPE, NORFOLK.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Thursday, January 24th, the members of the local company were invited to supper on the occasion of the first anniversary of the re-opening of the bells, at the kind invitation of the vicar, the Rev. E. Utten Browne, the Attleborough company having been their instructors for the past year were also present; also the churchwardens, Messrs. Ayton and Warren, and other Besthorpe gentlemen.

An excellent repast was provided by host Edwards in his usual style. "Go" was called at 7.30, and after several courses had been brought round, "that's all" was called; the rest of the evening being passed in harmony and song. After the usual toasts were given and responded to, several touches were rung on the handbells, including "Auld Lang Syne," and a course of Major. Mr. F. Kerry rendered several songs in capital style.

The local company are to be congratulated on the progress they have made in the Art during the past twelve months, having mastered three methods of Doubles, viz.:—Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. The company having elected a captain for the ensuing year, the National Anthem was sung, bringing a very enjoyable evening to a close.

## THE LEOMINSTER GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 5th, a supper was given by subscription to the members of the newly-formed Guild of Church Bell Ringers at Leominster. The Warden, the Rev. G. Whitehouse, presided, and was supported by the Worshipful the Mayor of Leominster (Major Gunnell), and Mr. Fussell, Instructor to the Diocesan Guild. The Master, Mr. H. E. Taylor, and twenty members of the Guild were present. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The toast list comprised "Church and Queen," "Bishop and Clergy," "The Leominster Guild," "The Diocesan Guild," "The Mayor," and "The Chairman."

## THE YORK MINSTER SOCIETY.

On Friday, February 1st, the annual dinner was held at The Lowther hotel, when an excellent repast was put upon the table. The chair was taken by the president, Mr. J. W. Cundall, who proposed the usual loyal toasts, and "The Archbishop, Dean, and Chapter, and the rest of the Clergy." The toast of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces" was responded to by Mr. G. Breed, ex-corporal 12th Essex. The "Donors to the Feast," proposed by Mr. Howard, was drunk with enthusiasm. The other toasts were: "The Yorkshire Association of Change-Ringers," by Mr. Morrell; "The Press," by Mr. G. Worth; and the "Host and Hostess," by Mr. Neill. Songs were contributed by Messrs. Dawson, Hodgson, Haigh, Earnshaw, and Mercier.



## ON MATCHES.

"MATCHES," I fancy some of my readers, on reading the two words heading this column, saying to themselves,—"Matches: whatever has he got to say about Matches?" And others—"What an extraordinary subject?" Perhaps some of the fair sex, too, many of whom are fond of seeing my signature at the bottom of a page, may think that there will be something especially interesting to them in this chapter. There may be. We shall see. When I was a boy, my schoolmaster, who was a bit of a naturalist, and belonged to I don't know how many field clubs, used to endeavour to inculcate upon his scholars the lessons taught by Nature, animated and otherwise. In doing so he very often uttered this couplet, which I think readers of "THE BELL NEWS" have seen before:

Find tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,  
Sermons in stones, and good in everything.

From whence these lines come I am ignorant. I certainly do not subscribe to the assertion that there is "good in everything." But if we can find "tongues in trees," we may surely find something to speak to us in "Matches," because they are parts of trees. Of course I allude now to the little article which is not only of domestic, but of general use. For there are Matches and Matches, be it known. For instance, people soon find their match. That happens now-a-days very often, though it was not so common once. It was a great difficulty in the flint-steel-and-tinder period, about which we used to have a musical object-lesson when we were infants. But I must leave off gossiping, and get to the subject of this paper, which is "Matches." The first then, which I will call Match No. 1, is—

**THE COMMON LUCIFER MATCH.**—By the word "common" let it be understood that I do not mean inferiority. The name of this Match is legion. They are generally sold in boxes made of some fibrous material. Some are said to "strike only on the box," some others do not strike either on the box or off. Against the use of these latter kind every good-humoured person strikes. And again, some are called "Safety-Matches," because there is no danger in their use; some not so called possess every element of danger. I use the former, and when purchasing them I insist upon having no foreign article. The legends "made in Germany, Geneva, Sweden," or anywhere else, are to me so many danger-signals, and I'll have none of 'em. Like a true patriot, I purchase the wares of my own countrymen, and they are the best and cheapest. They strike on the box and on anything else when wanted, but they don't strike you in the eye with a spark of fire when you attempt to get a light. O dear no. The use of a good English lucifer on such mornings as these, when taking our constitutional, is a luxury. As we go we first of all draw the well-seasoned briar from one pocket; a pouch of the genuine golden Virginia from another, charge the former with the latter, and then—with what satisfaction we produce a little article that we know is going to be the instrumentality of our enjoyment—the Match! With what gusto we apply it, when alight, to the pipe! Having successfully accomplished this, we go on our way rejoicing, thinking more of ourselves and feeling more satisfied with ourselves and our Virginia than ever; and all owing to the Match and its blandishments. I can on this subject very well parody my old friend Litchfield Moseley, thus:—

Matches have charms to soothe the savage breast,  
And to do—to do—Ah! I forget the rest.

This brings me to Match No. 2, which is—

**THE CRICKET MATCH.**—Of this match there are two distinct kinds. One can be found in full swing in London bakehouses. By the word "bakehouses" I mean those subterranean caverns where a popular compost, humorously denominated "bread," is made, or, to use a vulgar phrase, "faked." The current idea among the public is that the bread they eat is made from the pure flour of wheat. "Where ignorance is bliss," etc. A portion of wheaten flour of a kind is used certainly; but who can tell the other ingredients of this unrevealed manufacture? And the place where it is made—the bakehouse—cannot in many instances undergo the ordeal of the most verdant sanitary inspector. To read the circulated literature on this part of the subject is positively harrowing. "But," says someone, "what has this to do with the Cricket Match?" Well, I'll admit I

have wandered a little, though not so very far away. In the midst of baking operations the "Cricket Match" is held. These denizens of the bakehouse are of strict nocturnal habits. They hold their principal levee while "the sponge" is rising, *i.e.* when the compost before alluded to is undergoing the process of fermentation. Ocular demonstration of this fact is frequent when the manufactured article is being consumed. The "Cricket Match" is a musical affair—almost equal to bagpipes. But in spite of such a recommendation, it is on the whole not popular. We cannot say this of the Cricket Match so well known to all. The manly sport which, like church bell-ringing, seems to be peculiar to the Anglo-Saxon race all over the world, requires very little treatment here. Long may it flourish, say we. But unfortunately it is in danger of being superseded, or of having to play second fiddle to something else, which I call Match No. 3, and which is—

**THE FOOTBALL MATCH.**—This title is somewhat misleading. It may as well be called "headball" as "football," seeing that the head frequently takes an important part. At this Match it has been discovered that spectacles or any similar kind of eye-gear cannot be worn, though many who take part in it are bound for ever afterwards to use such appliances. In this, as in many other things in life, there are more kicks than sterling copper coin of the realm. In fact it is all kicks. If the thing provided for the purpose can't be kicked, then something else must be—head, legs, or body—no matter. Kicking becomes a mania, in fact, and some of the match-players kick at anything and everything, even at hard work. In this match I think there are whole backs, half-backs, quarter-backs, and no backs at all. The costume required is spare, if grotesque, and this seems one of its most important features. If I were told that great intelligence was required in this pursuit, I should be hardly inclined to acquiesce in it. I have said enough of this to make my readers understand it. Now for Match No. 4—

**THE COURSING MATCH.**—We all know something of this, and therefore very little need be said about it. We sometimes see two bells dodging together behind—especially in Stedman—for a long time, till both the ringers concerned become at variance. Then the Match commences. They each strive to course down to lead before one another. At last one gives way, for peace and quietness (as he afterwards says), and the ringing proceeds. By-and-bye some one in authority utters an exclamation, and those who have been enjoying themselves with this Match look aghast at each other. The ringing ceases, and then—a tableau!

There is another kind of Coursing Match, which is performed I think by a hare and two dogs. I know very little, if anything about this, but from what I have gathered it would appear that they catch a hare, first of all. That of course is in accordance with a very old proverb, and shows their wisdom. Then two dogs are provided (not a very difficult matter) called "greyhounds,"—though the colour is of no moment. These animals—I mean the dogs—are sent out on a tour of inspection, to view the locality, and see what there is to be found. After they have gone some distance, the hare is sent in pursuit, and upon nearing the dogs, the latter turn round, and—another tableau! Perhaps I have not been strictly accurate in this description of a Coursing Match—but the general idea I have given will be sufficient to show that it is a rather poor affair, after all, and not worthy of a deal of admiration.

There are many other Matches which I should like to have a word upon but, Mr. Printer would, I fear, put on the curb. I should like to have added—as my observations have been of a serious description—some facetious remarks about "Match-making," an employment said to be delighted in by members of the fair sex who have had a long and varied experience in family matters. But I must defer it till later. Meanwhile I wish my fellow-readers "the compliments of the season." Rather late, perhaps, for such a wish, but it will do for next Christmas-tide; when should any of my friends have a vacant cover I shall be glad to accept of an invitation. JOSHUA.

**TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).**—At All Hallows' church, on Christmas morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Ellis, 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 2; H. Barnett, 3; W. Gibson, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; H. Ellis, 6; J. Waghorn, sen., 7; W. Martin, 8.

## MELTHAM, YORKS.

I thought it would perhaps interest your readers to have some account of the doings of an out-of-the-way village called Meltham. I fancy I hear some of my readers say "where is Meltham?" Meltham lies snugly under a semi-circle of hills in a corner of the southern division of Yorkshire. It is a village made famous by the enterprising firm of Jonas Brook and Co., for the manufacture of sewing cotton and threads of every kind and sort. On the south side of the village are hills and moorland for miles and miles, and also on the west and north; indeed, the very name of the moorland districts indicate their nature—such names as Harden Moss, Isle of Skye, Blackmoor Foot. A beautiful valley opens out to the east, in which is a single line of railway to Huddersfield, about five miles distant. All along the valley are woods, and here and there can be seen mills peeping out of the woods, in which are manufactured the cloths for which Yorkshire is noted, and if any of my readers should ever come this way I should advise them to visit Meltham, either by road or rail, and I am sure the scenery will repay them. But to my subject. At the village church of Meltham is a peal of six bells, cast by Taylor, of Loughborough, and considered by the villagers to be the best peal in the world. Unfortunately the bells have been still for I think about fifteen years, with of course one or two exceptions, of which I shall hereafter mention, owing to a misunderstanding between the Vicar and the ringers at the time. However, there was a general wish on the part of the villagers to have the bells rung by the ringers on Jubilee year, 1887, and the Vicar granted the request, and there was general rejoicing. I might here say that at the expense of one of the Brook firm a carillon has been fixed which rings a few changes and tunes. However, on Wednesday, January 16th, the Vicar invited the ringers to ring the bells, and also to dine with him, the occasion being the marriage of his son and also a daughter on the same day, both residing in Canada. I need not say that on this occasion the ringers were treated right royally, and I think from the conciliatory way the Vicar spoke at dinner, the way will be cleared for the opening of the bells again, which, from the conversation of the villagers, will give general satisfaction. I believe the bells have been rung on Sundays on two occasions only since the estrangement of the Vicar and ringers, and one was a few months ago on a special visit from an old ringer from Mirfield. I hope there will be a speedy reconciliation.

VULCAN.

## 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."

## NOT GENUINE.

SIR,—With reference to the peal (?) of Grandsire Triples published in your last issue as being rung by the St. Michael's (Sittingbourne) society, I am surprised that such a disgraceful attempt has been recorded as a peal. For fully four minutes the bells were firing, and then opened into rounds. I, in company with the Sittingbourne secretary (Mr. Elliott), heard the supposed peal come round, and he then gave it as his opinion that the conductor had called them home, moreover he stated that it could not possibly be a peal, on account of the reason mentioned. Two of the Borden company also heard it, and they disputed the peal at the time, but the ringers said it would be reported as a peal, and we could then do as we liked about the matter. In justice to peal-ringing, such disgraceful attempts as these should be stopped, and I trust the Association will decline to accept it as a peal. Should further testimony be required, the other listeners will doubtless bear out my statement.

HENRY WOOD.

12, West Lane, Sittingbourne.

## DARLSTON V. COLLEGE SINGLE.

SIR,—In reference to the letter of the Rev. H. L. James in last week's issue, he says "this rule applied to College Single Minor produces College Triples, and applied to Major produces Caters." In the commencement of his letter he quotes from a work called "Campanologia, or the Art of Ringing." If this work is dedicated to the society of London Scholars, and to which the pages and his remarks seem to correspond (and of which I possess a copy), there will be found on page 152 a course of College Single Triples. Touches and the whole

peal follow, but there is no bell in the hunt with the treble. The following is a lead:

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

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The Eagles, Welshpool.

T. J. BRATTON.

## "OBSTINACY."

SIR,—As the writer of the paragraph headed as above in your issue of the 9th inst. prefers the word "disagreement" to "misunderstanding," perhaps he will state fully and truthfully the whole of the disagreement; also his own conduct after he dropped his rope before leaving the tower on the 26th ult.

T. E. BARBER, Hon. Sec.,

137, Sydney Street.

St. Luke's Association, Chelsea.

## METHODS.

SIR,—In last week's issue I was very pleased to see a letter from the Rev. H. Law James, but did not expect to see such a quantity of stale news, as every composer knew or had read all what Mr. James has said. I have that little book he speaks of, and should like to know if Mr. James can say why F. Monk used the word Grandsire Bob to his even-bell method, when we are led to understand that Plain Bob (what is now commonly called), was the first method, and its title was Old Singles, etc., Bob Singles, etc., and then Grandsire Bob. After some years Shipway wrote a valuable book, which Mr. James refers a lot to, and gives the even method the name of "Bob," and the odd-bell method, Grandsire, which I contend is quite correct, and the same applies to Darlston Bob. I think the illustration Mr. James gives of Double Stedman Slow Course is inferior: (see the method in Shipway, page 78). Now as to my Surprise methods: the treble is simply a double treble bob hunt, which makes it more a Surprise method. I should like Mr. James to compose a peal or two of it; he will be surprised to find the quantity of false course-ends he will have to contend with.

JOHN CARTER.

## THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

SIR,—I send you the copy of a letter from a clergyman, resident in the diocese of Hereford, as an example of the encouragement change-ringers receive in some parishes in this part of the country. The conditions which he tried to enforce upon a most trustworthy band of respectable members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, were the more out of a place since the clergyman in question has not been known to enter his own belfry, or travel a yard with his own ringers. It is needless for me to add that the would-be-visitors declined to have anything further to do with his reverence.

T. J. BRATTON.

## [COPY.]

"DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter asking permission for the W—— bell-ringers to ring the bells of this church on Saturday evening between the hours of 7 and 8 p.m. I have no objection to their doing so on conditions that you make yourselves responsible to myself and the churchwardens in writing, for any damage that might be done to the bells, belfry, or church, and that either your vicar or his curate be present in the belfry during the whole time of ringing. This is a rule that any ringing society that applies to ring here has to subscribe to."

## RIVAL CLAIMS.

SIR,—Laying aside superfluities, the inference to be drawn from Mr. Carter, in your last, is that he has been forestalled in the publication of the variation that appeared over my name in your issue of January 26th, and, in the face of the tacit understanding that the first to publish has the right of claim, he proposes to dispossess me of my claim, in favour of himself. I think I made it clear in my last that I laid no claim to the original principle, in the publication of which, my friend forestalled me, but merely in respect of the particular variation then published to the Exercise at large for the first time. Was this clear to Mr. Carter when he wrote? and does he, now that my claim is more explicitly disclosed, still contest it. If so, I propose we submit our rival claims to the peal-committee of the Central Council, and accept their decision as final.

J. S. WILDE.

Hyde.

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**The Bell News & Ringers' Record.**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1895.

A deceased gentleman, whose life was spent in acts of philanthropy and charity—the late Mr. GEORGE JACQUES, of Silsden, Yorkshire—offered, just previous to his premature death, to defray the cost of rebuilding and raising the tower of his parish church, and erect therein a four-dialled quarter-chiming clock. This, and other generous benefactions perfected by him during life, have met with imitation by other gentlemen, the probable result being that the parish church of Silsden will now have a ring of bells worthy of the name. Such an innocent proposal as a peal of bells has led to a most undignified protest from a minister of the Primitive Methodist Connexion—Mr. THOMAS SHAW. In the columns of a local journal he indulges in a long and verbose tirade upon the matter. Some, in fact most of his objections to such a desirable adjunct to the Church, are of the most puerile and absurd character. Bells, says Mr. THOMAS SHAW, "are very costly." That is a mere truism. We apprehend the readers of the journal in which he was allowed to ventilate his opinions knew that already. "They entail Sunday labour," he adds. We admit the impeachment. So does the work of healing the sick, work which if we mistake not, was condemned by the Pharisees of old. Preaching the Gospel is another occupation which may be looked upon as labour. And so we could go on *ad infinitum*. We

have not the space at our disposal, and certainly not the inclination, to follow Mr. SHAW sentence by sentence through his wild declamation. Silsden church will not be bereft of its bells because this gentleman is of opinion that the money to be spent in such a provision would be better if spent in a manner agreeable to him. We have no wish to be uncourteous, but we cannot help asking who is Mr. THOMAS SHAW, that intending benefactors to the Church should obey his voice? The sound of Church bells may be to him "the hideous music of the Middle Ages" or anything else he likes to call it, but that sound will he heard as long as the world lasts, though we have not the same belief in the continuity of that connexion in which Mr. SHAW may be regarded as a shining light. This gentleman may be an exemplary follower of his Master, and trying to fulfil to the best of his ability all the conditions which the sacred character of his office demands. Perhaps in the exercise of his ministerial functions he may possibly be gifted with the "tongues of men and angels," but a much greater authority than Mr. SHAW has said that even with the advantage of such high gifts, should charity be absent, the possessor's thereof are as sounding brass, or as a tinkling cymbal.

We publish to-day an enlarged number of "THE BELL NEWS." We hope that the additional pages may find favor in the eyes of our readers, and if such proves to be the case, we shall, when the requirements of our numerous correspondents demand it, issue other numbers of the same dimensions. Though we only announced two special features, viz., the compositions of Mr. Carter, and a paper by a well-known facetious contributor, we find that the publisher has already received orders for additional copies. Should this continue, we shall at once consider the wisdom of illustrating our columns.

### The Provinces.

#### PORTSEA, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

J. HARPER .. .. .	Treble.	E. TOMLINS .. .. .	5.
C. GROVES* .. .. .	2.	J. GOULD .. .. .	6.
J. SYMONS .. .. .	3.	A. E. NEY .. .. .	7.
J. T. MATTHEWS .. .. .	4.	E. DRINKWATER .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. NEY.

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

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

On Tuesday, February 5, 1895, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5076 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ARTHUR J. JONES .. .. .	Treble.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. .. .	7.
JOHN CARTER .. .. .	2.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. .	8.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. .	3.	JOHN BUFFERY .. .. .	9.
HENRY BASTABLE .. .. .	4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. .	10.
WILLIAM KENT .. .. .	5.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. .	11.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. .	6.	REUBEN HALL .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

This peal, which is in three equal parts, with the large bells brought home at each part-end, contains sixty-six courses with 336 bobs, the 4th, 5th, and 6th each twenty-two times in 6ths place at course-ends. It was composed by the late Mr. Johnson in the year 1887 as his jubilee peal, and is believed to be the first peal of Stedman Cinques composed on the short course plan, and is now rung for the first time, J. E. Groves hails from Wolverhampton, and this is his first peal of Stedman Cinques.

#### MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Wednesday, February 6, 1895, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. .	Treble.	REV H. C. COURTNEY .. .. .	5.
THOMAS ELLIOTT .. .. .	2.	JAMES GRABHAM .. .. .	6.
ALBERT J. CHILCOTT .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. .. .	7.
JOHN PUGSLEY* .. .. .	4.	JOHN PAYNE .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

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

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

On Thursday, February 7, 1895, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT SAXBY* .. .. .	Treble.	*JAMES SAXBY .. .. .	5.
JOHN TURNER .. .. .	2.	ARTHUR PEILL .. .. .	6.
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. .	3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. .	7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. .	4.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE CONYARD and

Conducted by CHARLES WILKINS.

\*First peal in the method. Rung by the local band.

#### WORCESTER.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Thursday, February 7, 1895, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

BENJAMIN S. HILL .. .. .	Treble.	ERNEST DAVIS .. .. .	5.
WILLIAM COTTON .. .. .	2.	LIONEL LONGNEY .. .. .	6.
GEORGE HINTON .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM PAGE .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM BRADFORD .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PAGE.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band, and was rung at the first attempt.

#### DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 7, 1895, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

HARRY MASON .. .. .	Treble.	JOHN GOODMAN .. .. .	6.
HARRY FAULKES .. .. .	2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. .	7.
GEORGE PEARSALL .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. .. .	8.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. .. .	4.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. .. .	9.
ARTHUR SPITTLE .. .. .	5.	JOHN SMITH .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

This peal was rung to commemorate the seventeenth birthday of Miss Ethel Mary Reeves, only daughter of the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS."

#### BRISTOL.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 7, 1895, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE TEMPLE CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR PARISH .. .. .	Treble.	HENRY PRING .. .. .	5.
GEORGE H. COLSTON .. .. .	2.	W. JAMES HINTON .. .. .	6.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. .. .	3.	JOSEPH GOULD .. .. .	7.
CHARLES TOMKINS .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM COLSTON .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. COLSTON.

Rung on the fiftieth birthday of W. Colston.

## EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 7, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

THOMAS GOFF* .. .. Treble.	JAMES EASTON .. .. 5.
GEORGE CHANTLER .. .. 2.	THOMAS MILES .. .. 6.
CHARLES READ .. .. 3.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. 7.
ALLAN GOWER .. .. 4.	ALFRED E. BASSETT.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CHANTLER.

\*First peal.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.  
(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 8, 1895, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMOND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

L. LOMAS .. .. Treble.	J. NEWBOLD .. .. 5.
W. H. POYSER .. .. 2.	A. E. THOMPSON .. .. 6.
J. W. THOMPSON .. .. 3.	J. HOWE .. .. 7.
C. DRAPER .. .. 4.	W. WALLACE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. HOWE.

The above was rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

## CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

On Saturday, February 9, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART NO. 1. Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lbs. in E.

THOMAS BELTON* .. .. Treble.	ROBERT KING .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BUTCHER† .. .. 2.	ALEC AYLWARD .. .. 6.
EDGAR KING .. .. 3.	GEORGE EDWARDS .. .. 7.
ALBERT LONGLEY .. .. 4.	JAMES DRAPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

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

## BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

On Saturday, February 9, 1895, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

THOMAS DUXBURY .. .. Treble.	NOAH TOWNEND .. .. 5.
JOHN WILKINSON .. .. 2.	RICHARD ASHWORTH .. .. 6.
HARTLEY HEYWORTH .. .. 3.	THOMAS MOUNCEY .. .. 7.
DAVID HEYS .. .. 4.	TOM REDMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HUDSON and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

T. Duxbury hails from Padiham, and this is his first peal.

## HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE BISHOPS STORTFORD BRANCH)

On Saturday, February 9, 1895, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs.

THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE CHARGE .. .. 5.
GEORGE PRIOR .. .. 2.	WALTER WM. TUCKER .. .. 6.
HENRY JAMES TUCKER .. .. 3.	HENRY PRIOR .. .. 7.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. 4.	JOSEPH SAMPFORD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and  
Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

\*First peal. The above is a twelve-part peal, and is now rung for the first time, and is the first in the method on these bells.

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DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND  
THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 9, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARDLOW.. .. Treble.	CHARLES T. DOWELL .. .. 5.
JAMES DENT .. .. 2.	SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. 6.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. .. 3.	CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 7.
JOHN W. THOMPSON.. .. 4.	CHARLES E. HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE and Conducted by C. E. HART.

First peal in the method by all the band, and by the Association. This peal, in three parts, contains all the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place at a course-end, and is now rung for the first time.

## CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY SIMMONDS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 5.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. .. 2.	AREHUR W. PIKE .. .. 6.
EDWIN MENDAY.. .. 3.	JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 7.
JAMES WILLSHIRE .. .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

J. Willshire, of London, for whom this peal was arranged, was made a member of the Oxford Guild previous to starting. It is his first attempt in the method. All the above are College Youths.

## DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 9, 1895, in Three Hours.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.  
Tenor 19½ cwt.

THOMAS COLLINSON .. .. Treble.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 5.
HARRY MASON .. .. 2.	JAMES JONES .. .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 3.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 7.
GEORGE WALKER .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This is the first peal in the method ever rung upon the bells, and it contains the 4th, 5th and 6th in 6th's place at the course-ends, the 2nd and 3rd never there, and is now rung for the first time.

## BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

On Saturday, February 9, 1895, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
FISHER'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

JAS. PICKIN* .. .. Treble.	T. HUGHES.. .. 5.
J. SHONE .. .. 2.	*C. GITTINS .. .. 6.
F. JONES .. .. 3.	J. DILLON .. .. 7.
H. BIRD .. .. 4.	†R. ROBERTS.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. DILLON.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal. The peal was rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. T. King, who was tower-keeper from the time the bells were first hung, and also clerk of the church.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1895, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH .. .. Treble.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. .. 5.
GEORGE PRIME .. .. 2.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 3.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. 7.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 4.	JAMES SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by BEN. SMITH and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

Messrs. Oxborrow, Brice, and Newton hail from London. This is C. T. P. Brice's first peal in the method.

## WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 11, 1895, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. CHARLES HERBERT,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

CHARLES HERBERT .. 1-2.	*CYRIL HERBERT .. 5-6.
ERNEST HERBERT .. 3-4.	REV. W. W. C. BAKER 7-8.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by CYRIL HERBERT.

Referee, Mr. Mark Lane, who marked down the bobs as they were called. Messrs. S. A. Avis and H. D. Harris also heard the peal. First peal by all on handbells. \*First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on handbells by the Association, and the first peal in Bedfordshire by all resident ringers. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker hails from Milton Bryant; the rest belong to Woburn.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

On Monday, February 11, 1895, in Two Hours Fifty-seven and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN* .. Treble.	FRANCIS LEES .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. 2.	*WILLIAM NEWTON .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 3.	*JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. 7.
ROBERT ALCOCK* .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

\*First peal of Oxford. R. Alcock hails from South Bank, Newton from Stockton, and Blakiston from Middlesbrough.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 11, 1895, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH .. .. Treble.	ERNEST POPPY .. 5.
JAMES BETTS .. 2.	FREDERICK SMITH .. 6.
JAMES BOUGHTON .. 3.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. 7.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

The composition of this peal will be found in Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, part ii. page 18. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to H. R. Newton, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## SKIRBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE NORTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1895, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## FORTY-TWO SIX SCORES OF DOUBLES, 237 CALLINGS,

In the twelve following methods:

Antelope, Chase, Old Doubles, Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Hudibras, Dream, St. Dunstan's, London Doubles, Sunshine, Grandsire, and Lincolnshire Singles.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN COLMAN* .. .. Treble.	*HENRY PALMER .. 4.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 2.	JOHN SHARPE .. 5.
ENOS CLAYTON .. 3.	JOSEPH SHARPE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SHARPE.

\*First 5040. This is the first 5040 in the new ringing chamber. Owing to the tenor going so badly it was rung by two men, to whom there is great credit due. Messrs. Clayton and Sharpe (2) hail from Frieston, the rest belong to Skirbeck. The ringers wish to thank the rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells through the medium of this paper.

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## HEMPSTED, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 10, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY

In the following methods:

Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN .. 4.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 2.	HENRY MITCHELL .. 5.
ERNEST E. DAVIES .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

The above was rung as a birthday compliment to A. E. Pegler, his Brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. J. Austin hails from Gloucester; H. Mitchell from Barnwood; the rest belong to the local band.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The name of the ringer of the tenor in the peal of Stedman Triples at Dunster, on February 4th, should have been John Tudball (not Sudhall).

## Date Touches.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUCKFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, January 26th, for practice, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, published in "THE BELL NEWS" of that date, by S. W. Butler, of Gainsborough, was rung by the following in 1 hr. 7 mins. Tenor 15 cwt. in F. F. Bennett, 1; W. Gibson, 2; J. Attwater, 3; F. R. Hounsell, 4; P. Morfee, 5; P. Bennett, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; F. Parsons, 8. This is the longest length by the ringers of the 1st, 3rd, and 5th, and the longest with a bob bell by the ringer of the 4th.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, January 13th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1895 changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins. G. T. Miller, 1; W. T. Verity, 2; G. T. Marshall, 3; F. Merrison, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; C. Jackson, 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. The above touch, which contains all the 4-6s, was composed and conducted by C. Jackson. Tenor 25 cwt.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER.—On Thursday evening, January 24th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1895 changes. W. E. Bond, 1; F. W. Bond, 2; F. Gardner, 3; A. E. Edwards, 4; C. E. Bartlett, 5; H. Midwinter, 6; H. C. Bond (conductor), 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. E. Bond, and is the last touch rung previous to the bells being rehung. The inscription on the 9th (of twelve), which is being recast, is "Prosperity to all lovers of Church and Bells, Date 1715."

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Friday evening, January 25th, at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1895 changes), in 1 hr. and 4 mins. F. Howarth, 1; J. A. Brown, 2; A. Whitworth, 3; J. Snephard, 4; W. Ashworth, 5; J. Sutcliffe, 6; T. Lord (conductor), 7; W. Law, 8. Composed by W. Dickinson, of Heckington.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Saturday, January 29th, at Christ Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1895 changes), in 1 hr. 4 mins. \*I. Goff, 1; \*G. Saunders, 2; \*A. Mann, 3; †T. Tutte, 4; J. Crawford, 5; A. E. Bassett, 6; A. Gower (conductor), 7; J. Martin, 8. \*Longest length. †Longest length with a bob bell. Composed by E. Houlden, Heckington.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1895 changes), in 1 hr. and 7 mins. T. Durrant, 1; H. Rann (conductor), 2; A. Reed, 3; E. Vine, 4; T. Ades, 5; J. Burgess, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; H. Ades, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, January 13th, at the cathedral, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Caters. W. Bright, 1; W. Cotton, 2; B.



S. Hill, 3; G. Hinton, 4; W. Powell, 5; W. Page, 6; W. Bradford (conductor), 7; W. Pudge, 8; W. H. Johnson, 9; T. Malin, 10.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

TIVERTON (Devonshire).—On Wednesday, January 9th, for practice at St. Peter's church, a non-conducted quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. S. Grater, 1; R. Grater, jun., 2; W. Grater, 3; J. Grater, jun., 4; E. Munday, 5; J. Babbage, 6; T. Harvey, 7; J. Elsworth, 8. This is the first touch of this kind ever rung here.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH (South Wales).—On Sunday, December 30th, at St. Augustine's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas (conductor), 2; W. Biss, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith, 6. This makes T. Northey's 100th 720. On Saturday, January 5th, a 720 of Grandsire and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas (conductor), 2; W. Biss, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith, 6. On Tuesday, January 8th, a 720 of Plain Bob. H. G. White, 1; D. Thomas (conductor), 2; W. Biss, 3; C. Smith, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. On Tuesday, January 15th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. C. Smith, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. First in the method with a bob bell by J. Vinnicombe.

LLANDAFF (South Wales).—On Monday, January 14th, at the cathedral, for practice, two 504s of Bob Triples. J. Pitcher, 1; J. W. Smythe, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. A 350 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, 504 Bob Triples. J. Pitcher, 1; J. W. Smythe, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. J. W. Smythe, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; J. Thomas, 8.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, January 8th, at Christ Church, a 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. with the tenor covering. B. Cooke, Esq. (first 720), 1; C. Sharples, 2; T. Jenkinson, 3; L. Gardner, 4; E. Counce, 5; J. Gardner (first 720 as conductor), 6; R. Rimmer, 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On January 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. I. Gibson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On January 11th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 26 mins. I. Gibson, 1; T. Stuart, 2; R. W. Burrows, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; C. J. A. Cushing, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On January 13th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-five bobs and eighteen singles), in 24 mins. I. Gibson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; T. Stuart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 5; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On January 15th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (thirty-two bobs and twenty-eight singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; R. W. Burrows, 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Stuart, 4; C. J. A. Cushing, 5; T. R. Jackson, 6.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, January 17th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Superlative Surprise (twenty-one bobs), composed by Mr. W. J. Piper, of Widford, Essex. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. A 720 College Single. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. This company's summary for the year 1894 consists of 143 complete 720s, viz.: thirteen of Cambridge Surprise, twelve of Plain Bob Minor, nine of London Surprise, eight of Oxford Treble Bob, seven each of York Surprise and College Single, six of Worcester Surprise, five each of Durham Surprise and Canterbury Pleasure, four each of Chichester Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, and Yorkshire Court Bob, three each of Wells Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, and Oxford Bob, two each of Violet Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Braintree Treble Bob, Oxford Delight, and Stansted Double Bob, one each of Duke of York, Booking Treble Bob, College Exercise, Bristol Surprise, College Pleasure, Morning Exercise, London Treble Bob, Ringers' Surprise, Victoria Treble Bob, City Delight, Lichfield Surprise, Morning Star, Rochester Surprise, Westminster Treble Bob, Imperial Treble Bob, Killamarsh Treble Bob, Court Single, Double Bob Minor, Stansted Court Bob, Grandsire Minor, College Double Bob, Stansted Delight, Burton Pleasure, Stansted New Bob, Double Canterbury Pleasure, and Christmas Eve. Of the foregoing sixty-eight were conducted by W.

Watts, forty-five by J. Luckey, twenty-nine by T. J. Watts, and one was conducted by Isaac Cavill, of Brickendon, Hertfordshire. It will be seen that the above 143 720s have been rung in fifty different methods. Altogether with touches and peals this company has brought round 120,884 changes.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Wednesday, January 9th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Poole, 1; A. Head, 2; E. W. Davis, 3; R. Wood, 4; G. W. Sorrell, 5; W. Lincoln, 6; F. Radley, 7; F. Edwards, 8. A 504 of Oxford Bob Triples. A. Head, 1; W. Emery, 2; W. Lincoln, 3; R. Wood, 4; G. Sorrell, 5; T. Lincoln, 6; F. Radley, 7; F. Edwards, 8. On Sunday, January 13th, for afternoon service, 504 Darlaston Bob Triples. A. Head, 1; E. W. Davis, 2; F. Radley, 3; W. Lincoln, 4; G. Head, 5; G. W. Sorrell, 6; T. Lincoln, 7; F. Edwards, 8. On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service, at the parish church, a quarter-peal (1260 changes), of Oxford Bob Triples in 45 mins. A. Head, 1; E. W. Davis, 2; R. Miller, 3; G. Head, 4; G. W. Sorrell, 5; T. Lincoln, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; F. Edwards, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method. This is the first quarter-peal in the method rung entirely by the local company, and was arranged as a compliment to G. Head to commemorate his 18th birthday. On Wednesday, January 23rd for practice, 360 Bob Minor. A. Head, 1; G. Head, 2; G. W. Sorrell, 3; T. Lincoln, 4; F. Radley, 5; W. Lincoln, 6. A 504 of Union Triples and 420 of Plain Bob Triples. \*A. Head, 1; \*E. W. Davis, 2; \*G. Head, 3; \*T. Lincoln, 4; G. W. Sorrell, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; \*F. Edwards, 8. \*First touch of Union Triples, and first touch of Bob Triples by all except the 6th and 7th ringers. Conducted by W. Lincoln. And on Sunday, January 27th, for afternoon service, 304 of Oxford Bob Triples. E. Poole, 1; A. Head, 3; W. Emery, 8; the rest as above.

BARKING (Essex).—On Saturday, January 26th, at St. Margaret's church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. \*T. Cook, 1; A. Deards, 2; A. Hardy, 3; †H. E. Parker (composer and conductor), 4; T. Faulkner, 5; A. Whight, 6; F. Norris, 7; H. Horder, 8. \*First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal as conductor. This is the first quarter-peal ever rung by the St. Margaret's Society.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUCKFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, January 27th, for service, 700 Grandsire Triples. S. Attwater, 1; W. Gibson, 2; L. Askew, 3; F. R. Hounsell, 4; J. Attwater, 5; F. Parsons, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; O. Muddell, 8.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOBURN (Beds.).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Wednesday, January 16th, a 1008 Bob Major. Charles Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7-8. On Saturday, January 19th, 720 Bob Major. \*S. A. Avis, 1; \*H. D. Harris, 2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; C. Herbert, 7-8. \*First 720. Recently a 464 Bob Major. C. Herbert, 1-2; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 3-4; E. Herbert, 5-6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7-8.

BIDDENHAM (Beds.).—On Saturday, January 19th, 720 Oxford Bob (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles). W. West, 1; H. Clayton, 2; W. Davison (first in the method), 3; W. Hall (conductor), 4; F. Clayton, 5; C. West, 6. And 720 College Little. J. Harpin, 1; W. Hall (conductor), 2; W. Davison (first in the method), 3; H. Clayton, 4; H. King (first in the method), 5; F. Clayton, 6. Also 360 College Single. W. Davison, 1; W. Hall, 2; H. Clayton, 3; H. King (first in the method), 4; F. Clayton, 5; C. West (conductor), 6. Messrs. Clayton (2) hail from Rushden; W. Hall from Raunds, Northants; the rest belong to Biddenham.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 12th, several touches of Bob Major were rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Thomas Jarmy, the parish clerk, who was for many years a member of the company, and was buried on that day, aged 68. S. Kerrison, 1; A. Miles, 2; E. Easter, 3; J. Howard, 4; R. Howard, 5; G. Tovell, 6; F. Lambert (conductor), 7; J. Larter, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. On Sunday evening, January 20th, for service, 448 Bob Major, by the same band, conducted by J. Larter. *Handbell Ringing*.—Recently, two courses of Grandsire Triples. F. Lambert, 1-2; G. Tovell, 3; J. Howard, 4; J. Larter, 5-6; C. Kerrison, 7-8. And 360 Bob Minor. Mrs. F. Lambert, 1; A. Lee, 2; R. Howard, 3-4; F. Lambert (conductor), 5-6. And two courses of Bob Major. G. Lee, 1; A. Miles, 2; F. Lambert, 3-4; R. Howard, 5; J. Howard, 6; J. Larter, 7-8.

HADDISCOE (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, January 9th, at the parish church, a 6-score each of Stedman, Canterbury Pleasure, Antelope, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Bob Doubles. W. Cushion, 1; R. Spalding, 2; W. Prime, 3; G. Gowing, 4; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6. A. W. Brighton hails from Norwich.

**PULHAM MARKET (Norfolk).**—On Sunday, January 20th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. D. Ruth, 1; F. R. Borrett, 2; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 3; W. Culham, 4; J. Boughton, 5; W. Roope, 6. A. W. Brighton hails from Norwich; the rest are local men.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**DERBY.**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, January 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Bradley, 1-2; W. Wallace, 3; H. Potts, 4; A. H. Ward (conductor), 5-6. First 720 on handbells by all. And 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Bradley, 1-2; W. Wallace, 3-4; A. H. Ward (conductor), 5-6; H. Potts, 7-8.

**NUNEATON (Warwickshire).**—On Tuesday, January 23rd, on handbells, retained in hand, 720 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor. W. Stone, 1-2; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6. On Friday, January 26th, 720 each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Minor and a course of Treble Bob. W. Stone, 1-2; T. W. Chapman, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6. These are the first 720s on handbells in each method by W. Stone. And on Thursday, January 24th, for practice at the parish church, 336 each of Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples. J. Warren, 1; T. Lingard, 2; T. W. Chapman, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Stone, 5; J. Clarke, 6; H. Horwood, 7; W. Johnson, 8. On Sunday morning, January 27th, for Divine Service, 224 Oxford Bob Triples and 168 Grandsire. W. Johnson, 1; W. Stone, 2; T. W. Chapman, 3; G. Winter, 4; T. Lingard, 5; H. Argyle, 6; H. Horwood, 7; J. Warren, 8. And for evening service, three courses of Bob Major and 216 Stedman Triples. T. W. Chapman, 1; T. Lingard, 2; H. Argyle, 3; T. Winter, 4; W. Stone, 5; J. Clarke, 6; H. Horwood, 7; W. Johnson, 8.

**MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Minor. H. Snape, 1; G. C. Tunnickliff, 2; W. Earle (conductor), 3; A. Lee, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; F. Hollingworth, 6. On Saturday, January 26th, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Hollingworth, 1; A. Lee, 2; F. Bradley, 3; F. Hollingworth, 4; W. Earle (conductor), 5; A. Ward, 6; C. Draper, 7; W. Brookes, 8. A 336 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Hollingworth, 1; A. Lee, 2; C. Draper, 3; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 4; W. Earle, 5; A. Ward, 6; F. Bradley, 7; W. Brookes, 8. A 336 of Bob Major. A. Lee, 1; W. Earle, 2; H. Hollingworth, 3; C. Draper, 4; F. Hollingworth, 5; A. Ward, 6; F. Bradley, 7; G. C. Tunnickliff (conductor), 8. For morning service, January 27th, 360 Grandsire Minor. H. Snape, 1; G. C. Tunnickliff, 2; W. Earle, 3; A. Lee, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 6. Messrs. Draper, Ward, and Bradley hail from Derby.

**SYSTON (Leicestershire).**—On Saturday, January 26th, it being the anniversary of the first peal rung by the local company, seven of the same band met, and rang 1080 Bob Minor on the middle six, with the tenor covering. T. R. Briggs, 2; W. Bail, 3; A. Swann, 4; W. Moore, 5; J. Hall, 6; W. Willson (conductor, Leicester), 7; J. Freeman, 8.

#### THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Wednesday, January 16th, at the residence of Mr. C. Sparkes, for practice, on handbells, retained in hand, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Prickett, 1-2; C. Sparkes, 3-4; J. Jennings (conductor), 5-6; G. Hitchman, 7-8. Longest touch on handbells by all the above.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**EAST RETFORD (Notts.).**—On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service, 557 Grandsire Caters. G. W. D. Metcalf, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. R. Winter, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; T. Spurr, 7; H. Haigh, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; G. Clayton, 10. And for evening service, 360 Bob Royal. G. R. Winter, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. B. Bottomley, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; H. Haigh (conductor), 9; J. B. Joynes, 10. And on Sunday, January 13th, for morning service, 352 Bob Major. G. Winter, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; T. H. Denman, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; T. Spurr, 7; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 8. And for evening service, 360 Bob Royal. G. Winter, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. M. Farr, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; T. Spurr, 9; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 10.

**ANSTON (Yorks.).**—On Friday, January 17th, at the church of St. James, a 720 of Merchants' Return (twenty-one bobs), and 360 Kent (nine bobs), was rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect for the Ven. Archdeacon Blackney, Vicar of Sheffield. R. Smith, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenten, 3; J. E. Marshall, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, with the bells muffled, a 720 of Kent (fifteen bobs), as before, except 3rd and 6th ringers

changed. And for evening service, a 720 of Kent (nine bobs), in 26 mins. R. Smith, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenten, 3; J. E. Marshall, 4; S. Smith (conductor), 5; C. Fowler, 6.

#### THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, September 16th, at Christ Church, 720 Violet Treble Bob (twenty-one bobs). J. Whitmore, 1; W. Rigby, 2; G. A. Smith, 3; J. Foden, 4; W. Harrot, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, October 17th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. Goodwin, the people's warden, to Miss E. Clayton, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). J. Whitmore, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; W. Rigby, 3; J. Foden, 4; W. Harrot, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. Recently for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Cooper (first 720), 1; G. A. Smith, 2; W. Rigby, 3; J. Johnson, 4; W. Harrot (conductor), 5; J. Johnson, 6. On Wednesday, November 21st, 720 Bob Minor (twelve bobs). A. Cooper, 1; J. Foden, 2; W. Rigby, 3; J. Whitmore (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; W. Harrot, 5; J. Johnson, 6. On Thursday, January 17th, 720 City Delight. J. Whitmore, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; W. Rigby, 3; J. Foden, 4; W. Harrot, 5; J. Johnson (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. This was rung as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Bowers, of Hall House, the bells being muffled for the occasion.

**STAFFORD.**—On Saturday, January 19th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins. A. Moreton, 1; R. Pickering, 2; T. Miller (conductor), 3; W. Wheelton, 4; J. E. Wheelton, 5; W. Bennett, 6; C. Ollier, 7; T. Thompson, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. J. E. and W. Wheelton hail from Bucknall; T. Miller and C. Ollier from Wolstanton; the rest belong to Stafford.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Tuesday evening, January 8th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Town, 1; R. Humphrey, 2; W. Fright, 3; J. Hack (first quarter-peal in the method), 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; J. Emery, 6; E. Dunn, 7; W. James, 8. And on Sunday, January 13th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Town, 1; R. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; J. Hack, 4; P. Harman, 5; F. Sanders, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8.

**SEAL (Kent).**—On Tuesday, January 21st, at St. Lawrence's church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. (eighteen bobs and two singles). M. Exeter, 1; C. Seager, 2; R. J. Saxby, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; G. P. Burr, 5; I. P. Cox (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HEPTONSTALL (Yorks.).**—On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service, 720 College Single. A. Burn (conductor), 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Howell, 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Howell, 6. And for evening service, 720 Bob Minor was attempted, but stand was called after twenty minutes' ringing, owing to lack of time. J. T. Hollinsake, 1; F. P. Powell (conductor), 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; J. Robertshaw, 6. On Wednesday, January 23rd, for practice, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 240 Bob Minor. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; R. Nowell, 5; J. Nowell, 6. On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).**—On Sunday, January 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Single Bob in 23 mins. J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis (first 720 in the method), 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence, 5; J. W. Booth (conductor), 6.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).**—On Wednesday, January 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Duke of York and 720 Violet, rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. F. Stevenson, who had officiated many years as parish clerk at the Eckington parish church. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; T. Bettison, 3; C. Severn, 4; G. Norman (conductor), 5; G. Marsden, 6. Messrs. Bettison, and Severn hail from Killamarsh.

**BANGOR (North Wales).**—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. David's church, for morning service, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles and 336

of Grandsire Triples. For evening service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. On Monday, January 14th, for practice on handbells, 672 Grandsire Triples. R. J. Hughes, 1; Rev. T. L. Jones, 2; T. A. Rowlands, 3; J. Gayton, 4; M. J. Morris, 5-6; P. W. Davies (conductor), 7; W. Crane, 8. On Tuesday, January 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. R. J. Hughes, 1; Rev. T. L. Jones, 2; T. A. Rowlands, 3; P. W. Davies, 4; F. Wallis, 5; M. J. Morris (composer and conductor), 6; J. Gayton, 7; W. Crane, 8. Longest touch by 1st, 2nd, and 7th ringers. This quarter-peal contains the twenty-four 6-7s. F. Wallis hails from Rhyl, late of Burton-on-Trent. And a 630 of Grandsire Triples in 22 mins. by the same band. Tenor 13 cwt.

**BATTLE (Sussex).**—On Tuesday, January 14th, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Eastland, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; C. J. Hyland, 3; J. Curtis, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; H. Elliott, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. And on Wednesday, January 22nd, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Eastland, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; C. J. Hyland, 3; J. Curtis, 4; S. Saker, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. Mathis, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, January 27th, after evening service at St. Martin's church, on the back eight, 1008 Grandsire Triples (Johnson's), in 41 mins. W. Bryant, 1; W. H. Hancox, 2; P. W. Brook, 3; T. Westward, 4; T. Miller (conductor), 5; J. Porter, 6; A. Hackley, 7; W. Painter, 8. Tenor 36 cwt. in C. Rung on the occasion of the Church Extension Society's visit.

**BORDEN (Kent).**—On Friday, January 11th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, for practice, 768 Kent Treble Bob, composed by H. Wood. W. Tassell, 1; H. Wood, 2; E. Allen, 3; C. Millway, 4; A. Hardy, 5; C. Dutton, 6; W. Hobbs (conductor), 7; C. Willshire, 8.

**CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).**—On Sunday, January 27th, at the parish church of St. Mary, for Divine Service in the morning, 180 of Plain Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. C. Heyling, 1; A. Longville (Newport), 2; R. Thompson, 3; H. Morgan (longest length of Minor), 4; W. Andrews, 5; J. Morley (conductor), 5; M. Closs, 7; E. Williams, 8. And 252 of Plain Bob Triples. E. Williams, 1; A. Longville, 2; R. Thompson, 3; H. Morgan, 4; W. Freestone, 5; W. Andrews, 6; J. Morley (conductor), 7; M. Closs, 8.

**EDENBRIDGE (Kent).**—On Wednesday, January 23rd, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 29 mins. T. Wallis, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Steddy, 3; J. Heasman, 4; J. Preston, 5; W. Collison (composer and conductor), 6.

**LEDGERY (Herefordshire).**—On Saturday, January 5th, two 504s and two 168s of Grandsire Triples by G. Peacey, D. Greening, W. Burston, A. and C. Layton, R. G. and H. T. Knowles (Malvern), F. Summers (Eastnor), assisted by some of the local band. The company wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and Mr. Mason for preparations.

**LLANDEGAI (North Wales).**—On Sunday, January 13th, the St. David's ringers, Bangor, rang for afternoon service two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. R. J. Hughes, 1; P. W. Davies, 2; T. A. Rowlands, 3; M. J. Morris (conductor), 4; J. Gayton, 5; W. Crane, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. These are the first 6-scores on the bells.

**MAIDSTONE (Kent).**—On Saturday, January 12th, at All Saints' church, for practice, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Pawley, 1; W. Mannering, 2; W. Haigh, 3; A. Tawney, 4; W. Baker, 5; L. Bullock, 6; T. Mannering, 7; A. Palmer (conductor), 8. And 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. W. Mannering, 1; G. Pawley, 2; T. Mannering, 3; A. H. Woolley, 4; W. Haigh, 5; A. Tawney, 6; W. Baker, 7; L. Bullock, 8. E. Pope, 9; A. Palmer (conductor), 10. On Sunday morning, January 13th, for Divine Service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Pawley, 1; W. Mannering, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; A. Tawney, 4; T. Mannering, 5; L. Bullock, 6; E. Pope, 7; A. Palmer (conductor), 8. And for evening service, 503 Grandsire Caters. W. Mannering, 1; T. Mannering (conductor), 2; G. Pawley, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; A. H. Woolley, 5; A. Tawney, 6; E. Pope, 7; L. Bullock, 8; A. Palmer, 9; T. Bonnor, 10. Tenor 31 cwt. Messrs. Haigh and Baker hail from Gillingham; E. Pope from Staplehurst; and L. Bullock from Burton-on-Trent.

**MATHERN NEAR CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).**—On Wednesday evening, January 23rd, six members of the Chepstow Society paid a friendly visit to the above church and rang three 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles. E. Williams, 1; R. Thompson, 2; W. Andrews, 3; H. Morgan, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; M. Closs, 6. Three courses of Plain Bob Minor. H. Newman (first of Minor, Mathern), 1; R. Thompson, 2; M. Closs, 3; H. Morgan, 4; W. Andrews, 5; J. Morley, 6. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Richards (Mathern), 1; H. Newman (Mathern), 2; R. Thompson (Chepstow), 3; W. New-

man (Mathern), 4; J. Morley (conductor, Chepstow), 5; C. Barnes Mathern, 6. This is the first of Grandsire Doubles by R. Thompson.

**NORTON (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday morning, November 25th, for service, 720 Duke of York in 28 mins. J. Naylor, 1; T. Johnson, 2; J. Gibson, 3; J. H. Naylor, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley, 6. First in the method by all except the conductor. And for evening service, 720 Woodbine in 27 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Johnson, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. H. Naylor, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley, 6. And 720 Grandsire in 28 mins. E. Glover (conductor), 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; J. Naylor, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; J. Brindley, 6. On Sunday, December 2nd, 720 Duke of York, in 28 mins. A. Ryles, 1; E. Glover (conductor), 2; J. Gibson, 3; J. H. Naylor, 4; T. Johnson, 5; J. Brindley, 6. On Saturday, December 22nd, 720 Grandsire and 720 Duke of York, in 53 mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; J. Gibson, 3; T. Johnson, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley, 6. On Sunday, December 23rd, for service, 720 Woodbine, in 27 mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; J. Gibson, 3; T. Johnson, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley, 6. On Christmas Day, 720 Kent, in 27½ mins. A. Ryles, 1; E. Glover (conductor), 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; J. Brindley, 6. On Sunday, December 30th, 720 Duke of York, in 27 mins. J. Naylor, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; T. Johnson, 3; J. Gibson, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley, 6. On Sunday, January 6th, 720 Woodbine, in 28 mins. J. Naylor, 1; W. Wheelton, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. Gibson, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley, 6. W. Wheelton hails from Bucknall. And for evening service, 720 Duke of York. J. Naylor, 1; T. Johnson, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. Gibson, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley, 6. On Tuesday, January 8th, 720 Oxford Bob, in 28 mins. J. Naylor, 1; A. Ryles (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. H. Naylor, 4; J. Gibson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire, in 28 mins. A. Ryles, 1; E. Johnson, 2; J. Naylor, 3; E. Glover (conductor), 4; J. H. Naylor, 5; J. Gibson, 6.

**OCKLEY (Surrey).**—On Monday, December 31st, the bells of St. Margaret's church did not ring the old year out and new one in, for on that day Richard Sayers, our faithful and much respected parish clerk, peacefully passed away to his rest. The office of clerk to the churches of the above parish had been held by him for 36 years. The Sunday following the funeral deeply muffled peals were rung by his fellow-ringers on the bells of the parish church, whose solemn and yet sweet voices seemed to assure us that he had entered that home which God had prepared for him. On January 8th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. F. Barton, 1; Rev. C. E. Eagles, 2; G. Cox, 3; J. Taylor, 4; P. Du Sautoy, 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6. On January 15th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. G. Cox, 1; C. Taylor, 2; P. Du Sautoy, 3; W. Mills, 4; J. Taylor, 5; Rev. C. E. Eagles (conductor), 6. On January 29th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. Rev. C. E. Eagles, 1; J. Taylor, 2; G. Cox, 3; P. Du Sautoy, 4; W. Mills, 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6.

**PENGE (Surrey).**—On Thursday, December 20th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Conn, 1; E. Edwards, 2; H. Edwards (first 720 in the method), 3; J. Marshall, 4; W. J. Battson, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 6th, for afternoon children's service, 720 Plain Bob, standing as before, except the 2nd, which was rung by G. Durling, who hails from Bromley.

**STONY STRATFORD (Bucks.).**—On Sunday, January 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), in 23 mins. A. Clarke, 1; R. W. Valentine, 2; G. Cawley, 3; A. E. Gidman, 4; E. Yates, 5; G. Valentine (conductor), 6. On Monday evening, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six bobs and twelve singles), in 25 mins. A. Clarke, 1; R. W. Valentine, 2; G. Cawley, 3; A. E. Gidman, 4; G. Valentine (conductor), 5; E. Yates, 6. And three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. O. Morris, 1; R. W. Valentine, 2; G. Valentine, 3; C. Vale, 4; G. Cawley, 5; W. Banham, 6. C. Vale hails from Turvey, Beds.

**WALSALL (Staffordshire).**—On Wednesday, January 16th, for practice at the parish church, 1469 Grandsire Triples in 55 mins. W. Halsworth (first touch), 1; W. Griffin, 2; F. Halsworth, 3; W. Walker, 4; S. Lightwood, 5; J. Lawton, 6; J. Astbury (conductor), 7; E. Taylor, 8.

**WARRINGTON (Lancashire).**—On Sunday evening, January 6th, at St. Paul's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. W. Oxley (first 720), 1; J. Pomfrey (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; A. Oxley (conductor), 3; F. Stout, 4; W. Brammer, 5; E. Edwardson, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

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## Notices.

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**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Colchester to-day, Saturday, February 16th. The tower of St. Peter (eight bells), will be open for ringing, also the tower of St. Mary, Ardleigh (eight bells). Tea will be provided at the parish room at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.  
HENRY T. W. EYRE.  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham, Essex.

**Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting will be held at Town Malling, on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower (8 bells), open at 3 o. East Malling (6) will also be available. Committee meeting at 5 o. At 5.30 a tea will be provided at The George for those who have applied to me for tea-tickets not later than February 19th. Travelling expenses allowed up to 2s.  
A. L. BRINE, Hon. Dist. Sec.  
Beardsted Green.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, February 23rd. Service in church at 2.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in school-room adjoining. Towers open, Wiveliscombe (8 bells); Milverton (8); Norton Fitzwarren (6). Members intending to be present should inform local secretaries, so that arrangements for tea can be made.  
HENRY W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec.  
The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Eccles, to-day, Saturday, February 16th. Ringing from 4 p.m. Business meeting in the mission room at 7 p.m.  
WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Liversedge, to-day, Saturday, February 16th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Victoria tavern. GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.  
19, Albert Street, Bailly Carr.

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—A meeting will be held at Stockton, on Monday, February 25th. Committee meeting at 1 o'clock, and dinner at 2 o'clock at the Queen's hotel, near Railway Station. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. The bells of Stockton parish church and St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, will be at the disposal of members during the day. Members intending to be present please reply before February 22nd, to  
THOMAS HUDSON, Hon. Sec.  
314, High Street West, Sunderland.

**Johnson Anniversary Dinner.**—The usual anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, when A. Percival Heywood, Esq., has promised to take the chair. Dinner will be served at The Market Hotel, Station Street, back of New Street Station, at 6.30 p.m., sharp. Dinner tickets, 3s. each, may be obtained by application to the undersigned on or before Wednesday, February 27th. There will be ringing on St. Martin's bells during the afternoon.  
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61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Leeds (12 bells), on Saturday, February 23rd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, The Crown and Fleece, near the Corn Exchange. Business, nomination of officers, etc. Contributions now due.  
R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.  
3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**The Sussex County Association, Central.**—A district meeting will be held at Lindfield (Hayward's Heath station), on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m., tea at The Bent Hotel at 5.30.  
GEO. WILLIAMS, Hon. Div. Sec.  
49, Clifton Street, Brighton.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Haslingden, on Saturday, February 23rd. Ringing from 3.30, meeting at 6 o'clock.  
J. B. TAYLOR, Branch Sec.  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.**—By kind permission of the Rev. E. W. J. Symonds, a quarterly meeting will take place at Great Doddington, on Saturday, February 23rd. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea in the school-room at 5 o'clock. Business meeting of delegates after tea.  
Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Will conductors kindly send me at once the accounts of the peals which they called last year.  
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## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. BILLOWS.—You see we have attended to the matter you wrote about.

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JOHN HOLT.—At Sheffield next Easter Tuesday. Read your "BELL NEWS" more carefully.

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

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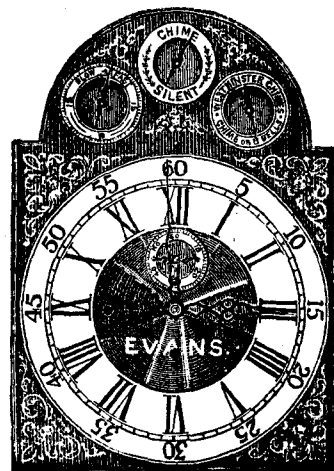
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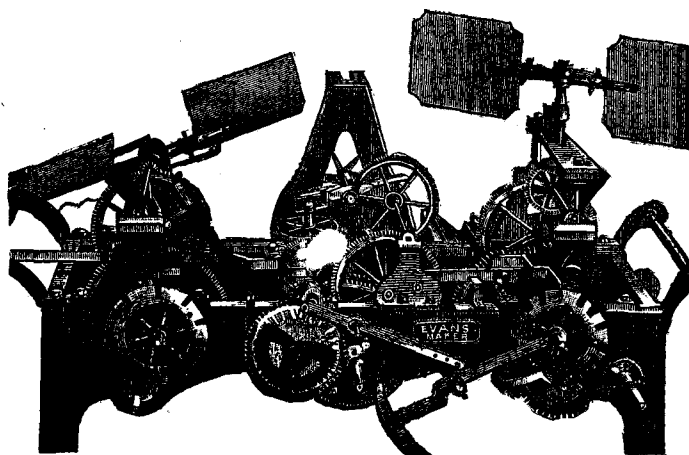
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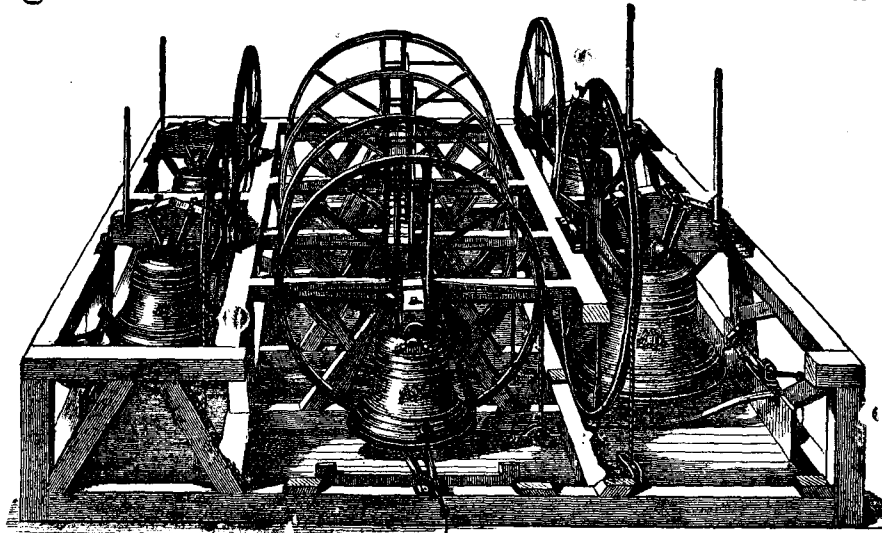
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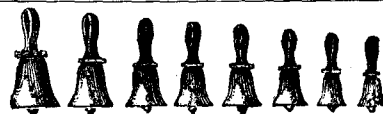
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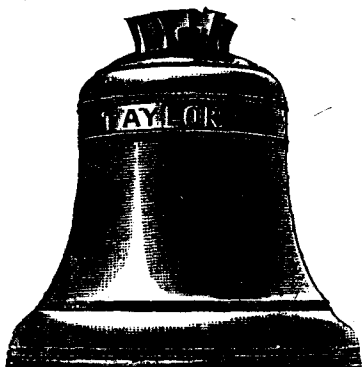
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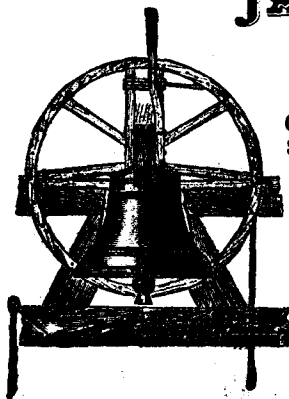
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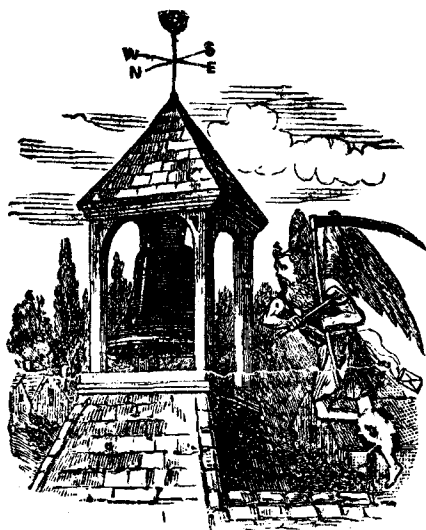
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# SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. ANNUAL DINNER OF LICHFIELD MEMBERS.

The annual dinner and social gathering of the above was held at The Old Crown hotel on Wednesday, January 30th, when upwards of sixty-five ringers and friends sat down to a *recherche* repast, provided by the genial host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Forbes. The Mayor (Councillor Walmesley), presided, with the Sheriff (W. Coleridge-Roberts, Esq.) in the vice-chair. There were also present the ex-Mayor (Major Gilbert), the Rev. D. Jones, Alderman Haynes, Councillor Cox, Colour-Sergeant George, Messrs. Wood, Parker, Warmington, Johnson, Oakley, Webb, Simms, Gilbert, sen., Sanders, Ball, Jones, Mallett, and others. After dinner the Mayor gave the customary loyal toast, which was drank with musical honours.

Mr. J. H. Johnson proposed "The Bishop, Clergy, and Ministers of all Denominations," remarking that he hoped the toast would never be omitted in the city of Lichfield. As an Odd Fellow he had special pleasure in submitting the toast, inasmuch as the Rev. D. Jones, who had to reply, was a member of the same Order. He referred to the excellent work done by the Bishop and Clergy, and particularly instanced the parish of St. Mary, where they would all be sorry to lose their present hard-working vicar.

The Rev. D. Jones, in responding, said the duty would better have fallen on a clergyman who had experience of parochial work. He would, however, ask for himself, namely, kind consideration and a little help when they made mistakes. He concluded by apologising for the absence of the Revs. O. W. Steel and G. Southwell, who were kept away by engagements elsewhere.

The Sheriff then proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," a toast which, he remarked, was always received with enthusiasm, and particularly in that city. They had every reason to be proud of their army. It might not be so numerous as in many other countries, but what they lacked in numbers they made up for in pluck. As long as they had such able generals as Lord Roberts and Lord Wolseley, they could rest assured that their soldiers would always render a good account of themselves. The navy was the finest in the world, and would always preserve its charge in security. As to the auxiliary forces, he believed they were never so efficient as to-day, but he would advocate the doing away with the restrictions in the way of gentlemen holding commissions in the volunteers. There would not then be so much heard of the dearth of officers. He thought those in authority should give every encouragement to those wishing to become officers, instead of putting obstacles in their way.

Major Gilbert, who was received with applause on rising to reply, thanked the company for the warmth with which the toast had been received. He fully endorsed the remarks of the Sheriff, but deprecated the short service system as being alike injurious to the men and the well-being of the country at large.

Mr. W. A. Wood proposed "The Association of Change-Ringers," remarking that he had been unexpectedly "let in" to doing so. Originally the toast was put to the name of the Mayor, but his Worship did not consider himself sufficiently versed in the annals of bell-ringing to undertake it. As to his own connection with bell-ringing he might mention that he was formerly one of the secretaries of the Association, but owing to business engagements he was compelled to give up the membership. He was in the proud position of having rung probably a greater variety of changes than anybody else in Lichfield, with perhaps the exception of Mr. Cope. The Association, he might mention, was formed about fifteen years ago, its object being to raise the tone of church bell-ringing throughout the archdeaconry, in which it had been eminently successful. As an Association intended to assist in the improvement of others, it merited general respect, help, and co-operation. Change-ringing itself was a very difficult Art, as they would gather when he told them that as many as 5040 changes could be rung upon seven bells. It was unquestionably an Art which required skill. As a bodily exercise it was also highly beneficial. It had been argued that the use of the bells was now unnecessary, and that people would come to church without them. He (Mr. Wood) however thought ringing was a feature of English life, which

everybody would be sorry to see done away with. He concluded by welcoming Mr. Jones, one of the hon. secretaries of the Association, whose name he coupled with the toast.

The Rev. D. Jones, in responding, remarked that change-ringing was purely an English accomplishment; no other nation in the world knew anything about it. They might go to France or Spain and see enormous bells in church towers, but ringing these simply consisted in clashing them together and in making a din without any art about it at all. Wherever there were English people, however, church bells were heard and were properly rung, which was in itself a pleasing thing in connection with English life. Change-ringing was not a matter to be lightly ventured upon, but there was nothing to which a young fellow might with more advantage devote his spare time. It was in fact, a constant source of interest and amusement. Besides this, there was a history connected with bells and bell-ringers, and there were gentlemen in the room who would know what he meant when he referred to the literature of bell-ringing. Englishmen always took pride in making progress to something higher, and in connection with bell-ringing there had been a great and marked improvement. It would, for instance, have been impossible one hundred years ago to have seen such a gathering in connection with the Art as they had there that night. They had not yet reached perfection, but they were aiming at it, and that Association was started in order to reach a higher standard. The time he (Mr. Jones) gave as co-secretary of that Association he willingly gave, and he was abundantly repaid by the many friendships he made. Proceeding, Mr. Jones referred to the fact that Mr. Henry Johnson, a Birmingham ringer, who died not long since, was a native of Lichfield, and was better known among bell-ringers than Dr. Johnson himself, his memory being commemorated in Birmingham by an annual dinner. He was a son of whom Lichfield might be proud. Church bell-ringers, as a body, were well organised, and had a central council, which represented no fewer than 12,000 ringers. Besides this they had a weekly newspaper confined almost entirely to ringing matters, so it would be seen there must be something in ringing.

Mr. Cope also replied, and endorsed the remarks of Mr. Jones. He believed the Association had greatly improved the standard of the ringers.

Alderman Haynes proposed "The Mayor," and expressed the pleasure it gave him to have the honour of doing so. The toast was drunk with musical honours.

The Mayor, who was cordially received, in replying, said it was very gratifying to him to be present at such a gathering. There were important duties and responsibilities connected with the Mayoralty, but there were pleasant functions as well, and the present occasion was one of them.

Councillor Cox proposed "The Sheriff," remarking that that office was one of very great antiquity. He believed they had a long and honourable roll of past sheriffs. In inviting Mr. Coleridge-Roberts to occupy the position this year, the Mayor and Corporation made a very excellent choice, and as long as gentlemen such as Mr. Coleridge-Roberts would come forward to take the post, he (Councillor Cox) was satisfied the dignity of the office would never be diminished.

The Sheriff responded, and said he very readily accepted the invitation which was given him to dine there, believing it to be his duty to assist in every work connected with the well-being of the city. He originally knew very little about change-ringing, but he had looked the subject up, and he was really astounded at the amount of skill required. He expressed the pleasure it had given him to attend that gathering, and hoped the ringers would extend their invitation to him on a future occasion.

The toasts of "The City and Trade of Lichfield," "The Visitors," and "The Host and Hostess" having been proposed and duly responded to, the singing of the National Anthem terminated one of the best gatherings ever held in Lichfield.

In the course of the evening a number of songs were given, together with selections by the St. Mary's handbell ringers, which added greatly to the enjoyable nature of the proceedings.

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## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual committee meeting of this Guild previous to the annual general meeting, was held on Wednesday, February 6th, at noon, in St. Thomas' vestry, Salisbury. The Ven. Archdeacon Lear presided, and there were also present the Revs. A. D. Hill, W. J. Birkbeck, Messrs. Macey, Blackburn, Parsons, Judd, Short, and Jerram (hon. secretary). The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the hon. treasurer presented his annual balance-sheet, from which it appeared that the income of the Guild for the past year had been £38 13s. 4d. which included a balance in hand at the end of the previous year. The expenses for the past year were £20 12s. 4d., which left a balance in hand at the present time of £18 1s. 0d.

Mr. Jerram then read the annual report, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the usual form.

Upon the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. Judd, it was decided to add Lord Radnor's name to the list of vice-presidents. As to the place and date of the annual meeting, it was ultimately decided that it should take place at Warminster on Monday, May 13th. Some considerable discussion followed as to what grant should be made towards members' expenses in attending the annual meeting at Warminster. It was decided that 2s. 6d. be allowed each member, and if the committee thought fit afterwards, they might make a supplementary grant to those members coming from a distance.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Jerram), said it was the duty of the meeting to elect their secretary, or to be prepared with a gentleman who would fill the post when they got to the annual meeting. He wanted to give up last year, but they would not let him. He felt, however, that he must do so this year. He did not realise that the Guild was doing any particular good as it was at present constituted. Their first duty should be to promote belfry reform, and to secure the proper use of bells by encouraging ringing on the greater festivals of the Church. This happily was becoming more and more the rule throughout the country, but he did not see that this Guild had had anything to do with promoting it. He thought it was more due to the minister presiding over the parish. The promotion of scientific change-ringing instead of rounds and call-changes should be one of the Guild's chief objects, and he could not help stating that assisting to pay the expenses of a number of round ringers from all parts of the diocese to attend a meeting at a certain centre once a year or oftener, was not calculated to promote it.

Mr. Short: By not doing that you would greatly reduce the number of members.

Mr. Jerram, continuing, said that might be so, but they would have a band of ringers who would be doing more real good. It was true they occasionally gave a grant towards paying the expenses of an instructor when they were asked to do so, but how seldom was that the case? He thought that where they spent a sovereign in that way, they spent ten in their outings, as he had mentioned. Under such circumstances he added that he was positively ashamed to ask for subscriptions while the money was thus being wasted (as he considered), especially when so many useful Church societies were in want of funds. In concluding, Mr. Jerram said he hoped they would have a successor to him who would be able to turn the Guild into a really useful institution.

The Chairman thought that though they might feel that the Guild was not doing all that it might, it certainly was going a step in the right direction, and they might expect more as time went on.

Mr. Jerram added that considering the many really useful Church institutions that were in want of funds, he himself should not feel inclined to subscribe to that Guild.

The Rev. A. D. Hill thought there was a great air of despondency in Mr. Jerram's remarks all through. They (the Guild) might not have done quite what was expected of them, but he thought belfry reform was being promoted by that Guild. He could not believe that the clergy in the different parishes were alone responsible for the reform in this direction; he certainly thought the Guild had stirred the clergy up. He (the speaker) could not but admit that there was room for despondency with regard to the change-ringing, after the way in which a motion of his with reference to change-ringing was treated at a public meeting at Trowbridge. He thought if a determined

effort was made on the part of the change-ringers, they might attain their object.

Mr. Jerram said he thought Mr. Blackburn would make a very suitable secretary, and that gentleman having intimated his willingness to serve if elected, the meeting was shortly afterwards brought to a close.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-WIRRAL BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, January 26th, at West Kirby. About thirty-two members sat down to tea, the following towers being represented: Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Rock Ferry, Woodchurch, and West Kirby. The Rev. Canon Blencowe, chairman of the branch, presided at the meeting.

The Secretary reported that there were now twenty-four honorary members and ninety-two ringing members in the branch. He also mentioned in his report that the monthly meetings which were started last year, have been most successful; ten meetings having been held during the year, each parish in the branch being visited, and on each occasion the ringers have been most hospitably entertained by the clergy and other friends, for which they wish to tender their best thanks. There is no doubt that the intermingling of members from the various towers has very materially increased the interest in the Art, and improved the ringing in the district. Four peals have been rung by the branch during the past year, and these have been published in "THE BELL NEWS."

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £3 2s. 4d., after handing over to the Diocesan fund £6 17s. 0d., and paying all the branch expenses, which included £2 16s. 0d. paid for instruction at three towers.

The Rev. Canon Blencowe, on being re-elected chairman, said that he was very much obliged to them for the confidence they reposed in him by electing him chairman for another year. He had much pleasure in accepting the office, and begged them to believe that when he did not attend the monthly meetings it was not through want of will but want of power to do so. He considered that the Guild was doing a very good work.

Mr. F. R. T. Bolton was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer, and at this point in the proceedings a very interesting event took place, viz., the presentation of a very handsome writing-desk from the ringers of the branch to the Secretary.

Messrs. Bolton and Wilcox were appointed to act as representatives on the Diocesan Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to carry on the monthly meetings during the ensuing year, the first to be held at Bebington on Saturday, March 9th.

By kind permission of the rector the tower was open during the afternoon and evening, when several touches were rung, the most noticeable being a roo8 of Bob Major.

## RINGERS' DINNER.

The members of the Prestbury branch of the Cheltenham and District Guild, held their annual dinner on Wednesday, February 6th, at Prestbury, when after ringing several touches of Triples on the musical peal of bells, they adjourned to The Plough inn, where the genial hostess had a sumptuous repast awaiting them to the tune of that good old English fare—roast beef and plum pudding. After doing ample justice, and the cloth being removed, the meeting formed itself into a free-and-easy, Mr. D. Davis (Prestbury) occupying the chair, and Mr. W. T. Pates the vice-chair. After the usual loyal toasts had been given and responded to, the bells were brought into requisition, and several courses were rang and songs intervened during the remaining part of the evening. The toast of "The Press" was then gave and responded to by Mr. F. Musty, which brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—At the usual monthly meeting of this branch, held at the parish church, Walton-on-the-Hill, on Saturday, February 2nd, Mr. A. G. Nicholson was elected Branch Secretary, and Mr. B. Richardson Assistant Branch Secretary, both being members of the St. Luke's company, Liverpool.

## OXFORD AND OXFORDSHIRE BELLS AND BELFRIES.

[From *The Oxford Times*.]

## BELL-RINGING IN OXFORD, 1733-5.

Hearne, the eminent antiquarian, has many interesting references to bell-ringing in his diaries. Under date May 24th, 1733, he notes: "On Whit-Sunday last, May 13th, came to Oxford on foot, fifteen ringers from London, and the day before came on horseback, one Mr. Skelton, about fourteen or fifteen years ago a commoner of Queen's College, Oxford, and an excellent ringer, and at this time Register to the Bishop of London (Gibson), and a Proctor in the Arches. The next day being Monday, May 14th, the Oxford ringers gave them a short peal at Magdalen College, as they did in the evening a short one at Christ Church, the Londoners laying still that day, that they might refresh themselves after the fatigue of their journey. The day after (being Tuesday, May 15th), the Londoners rang a peal admirably well at New College, of about 1,500 changes, from a little before eleven o'clock in the morning till twelve, and in the evening they did the same at Christ Church. On Wednesday, May 16th, they (the Londoners) began to ring at Christ Church in the morning a quarter or more before twelve, and they rang till two most incomparably well, when the gudgeons being bad, the biggest bell (that is the tenor) fell down, but not through the loft, otherwise they proposed to have rung 5040 changes. In the evening they rang the eight bells at Magdalen College, but two or three ropes breaking, they could not proceed above half-an-hour. On Thursday, May 17th, they began to ring at New College, proposing to ring the said number of changes, viz., 5040 there. They began a little before twelve, and rang three quarters of an hour, when one of the ropes broke, and so they were stopped. Afterwards they dined at the Weers beyond Frier Bacon's study, and some, if not all of them stepping over to Ifley they rang the six bells there, viz. 700 changes upon them.

"The next day being Friday, May 18th, they were resolved to ring the above-mentioned number of 5040 changes upon New College ten bells as they had begun to do before. Accordingly, they began a little before twelve, and rang full two hours in the morning wanting two minutes, when one of the ropes broke and put a stop to the peal, for which all were very sorry, as they were at the fall of the great bell at Christ Church. For their ringing at both places, as well as elsewhere, was most surprisingly fine, without the least fault from beginning to end, such as never was before in Oxford, and 'tis a scandal that the bells should not be in good order. Saturday, May 19th, they went out of town. On Tuesday, May 22nd, the great bell at Christ Church was got up again, and in the evening the Oxford men rang all ten, and endeavoured to imitate the Londoners, but they were soon out, and made poor work of it in comparison of the others." (Vol. 139, fol. 105).

In the same year, on September 16th, Hearne writes: "Mr. Sacheverell, who died a few years since, of Denman's farm, Berks. near Oxford, was looked upon as the best judge of bells in England. He used to say that Horspath bells, near Oxford, though but five in number and very small, were the prettiest, tunablest bells in England, and that there was not a fault in one excepting the third, and that so small a fault, as it was not to be discerned but by a very good judge. Horspath tower is 46 feet high; Garsington tower is 38 feet high. (Vol. 140, fol. 99).

Thomas Hearne took a wonderful delight in bell-ringing. His references during 1634 are numerous, and apparently were recorded with special care. "1734, Jan. 2; Wednesday, 4 noon. Christ Church bells being now in very good order, yesterday some select Oxford ringers rung them all for a wager. They were every man of them townsmen, but had received some considerable instructions from Mr. Stone, M.A., a man in orders, and a good ringer himself, Fellow of Wadham College. The wager was that they could not ring 5040 changes, quater or cater changes upon them. They were to have six tryals, and if upon the sixth tryal they did not do it they were to lose. Yesterday they began, being the first tryal, just at twelve o'clock, and finished the whole twenty-seven minutes after three o'clock. This is the first time that this number of changes was ever rung in Oxford, the biggest bell at Christ Church falling down and the ropes breaking at New College, when the Londoners rang

at both places lately, otherwise the said Londoners, who rang at each place above two hours and never made the least fault, would have done it with the greatest ease imaginable. The Oxford ringers yesterday made several mistakes, so that 'twas expected they must have given over several times.

"I did not hear them till they had been at it about three-quarters of an hour, but afterwards I heard them quite out till they had done, and I observed fifty-two faults in the ringing, none of which were very considerable ones. However, take it altogether, 'twas excellent ringing, and they may glory of it.

"The most considerable fault was occasioned by Dr. Gregory, Regius Professor of Modern History, and Student of Christ Church, who yesterday broke in upon the ringers to their great disturbance." (Vol. 141, f. 82).

Under Jan. 24, Thursday: "The names of those Oxford ringers that rang the 5040 changes upon Christ Church ten bells on New Year's Day last are in order as each man rung his bell. 1, Mr. Richard Hearne, a taylor; 2, Mr. John Vicars, second Butler of New College; 3, Mr. John George, a Taylor; 4, Mr. Guy Terry, a Pot-ash maker in St. Clement's; 5, Mr. Thomas Yates, second Cook of Magdalen College; 6, Mr. John Broughton, a Barber of St. Peter-in-the-East; 7, Mr. Richard Smith, a Glover in St. Peter-in-the-East; 8, Mr. William Barnes, second Cook of Christ Church; 9, Mr. Arthur Lloyd, of Holywell, Carpenter and Bell Hanger; 10, Mr. Nicholas Benwell, Sexton of Christ Church." (Vol. 141, f. 108).

The next reference is under May 2nd, Thursday: Yesterday an attempt was made upon New College bells of 6876 changes. They began a quarter before in the morning, and rang very well till four minutes after twelve, when Mr. Brickland, a school-master of St. Michael's parish, who rang the fifth bell, missing a stroke, it put a stop to the whole, so that they presently set them, and so sunk the peal, which is a pity, for 'twas really very true ringing, except five faults, which I observed, for I heard all the time, though 'twas very wet all the while, in that part of the park which is on the east side of Wadham College, where I was very privat: one of which five faults was the treble, that was rung by Mr. Richard Hearne, and the other four were faults committed by the aforesaid Mr. Brickland, who 'twas feared by several beforehand would not fully perform his part, but they took him now because Mr. Broughton, who otherwise should have rung, was out of town, attending as barber in a progress of Magdalen College. Excepting this Broughton and George, the ringers were all the same with those mentioned under January 24, last.

"Mr. George's hands, he is above fifty years old, being not quite recovered from some blisters he received the last ringing on April 15th last, Mr. Nash, a cabinet maker, who came from London, but now lives in Oxford, who is an excellent ringer, supply'd his place, and rang the third bell, so they were as follows:—Mr. Hearne, the 1st or treble; Mr. Vicars, the second; Mr. Nash, the third; Mr. Terry, the fourth; Mr. Brickland, the fifth; Mr. Yates, the sixth; Mr. Smith, the seventh; Mr. Barnes, the eighth; Mr. Lloyd, the ninth; Mr. Benwell, the tenth or tenor. Mr. Yates before rung the fifth, and then the sixth was rung by Mr. Broughton, in whose room Mr. Brickland was then taken."

"When I mentioned afterwards my observations to ye said Mr. Smith, he told me, that though he rang himself, yet he minded the faults also himself. Upon which I ask'd him how many were there? He said three before that which stopp'd them. I told him there were just five before that, at which he admired my niceness. They rang in the said two hours and nineteen minutes 3475 changes, which wanted 3401 of the number proposed." (Vol. 142, f. 66.)

[To be continued.]

Mr. D. Thomas Hon. Secretary of the Penarth Company, writes:—"The Penarth branch of the Llandaff Diocesan Association wish me to congratulate you on the publication of a double number. We think it a capital idea, because it not only clears up some of the arrears (and I daresay that a good many brother-strings are disappointed when they see their touches and reports crowded out week after week). And then, again, are we not furnished with extra reading? which I am sure, Sir, to a ringer is most interesting. I hope that your valuable paper may meet with the success it deserves."

## 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 REV. H. L. JAMES' REPLY TO MR. CARTER.

SIR,—I am very much surprised at Mr. Carter's reply to my letter. How can Mr. Carter be acquainted with these facts and yet be unable to draw from them the obvious inference that an extra bell in the hunt does not alter a method? Since, however, he fails to see this I must ask for space for further explanation, as I consider that this matter involves the scientific principles which are at the very root of change-ringing. What is a method? It is an arrangement by means of which any given number of bells are made to work round a bell or bells which are in the hunt. Write out the ordinary four and twenty, putting x for the treble. Alongside of this write the thirty changes of the course of Grandsire Doubles, putting a and b for the treble. Eliminate x from the one and a and b from the other, and you will find that you have left exactly the same residue.

4 3 2 x	
3 4 x 2	
3 x 4 2	{ a 4 b 3 2
x 3 } 2 4	{ a b 4 } 2 3 2nd place.
x 3 } 4 2	{ b a 4 } 3 2
	{ b 4 a 2 3

To make this clearer compare Reverse Grandsire Bob Singles and Reverse Grandsire Doubles, you get—

4 2 3 x	{ 4 3 2 a b
2 4 3 x	{ 4 2 3 b a
	{ 2 4 3 a b
	{ 2 3 4 b a

Identically the same places made, and identically the same dodging. To illustrate this, suppose that the three working bells are three hurdles, and that the treble is a man going to jump over them, and that they are to be moved each time he jumps them, keeping the course order the same first time he jumps, 1 2 3; next time, 3 1 2; next time, 2 3 1; this is the ordinary four and twenty. Now suppose that the hurdles are moved in exactly the same manner, only two men jump instead of one, and you now have Grandsire Doubles. The method of moving the hurdles being identical in both cases. Lastly, I must refer to Double Stedman Triples, as given in "Shipway," and College Single Triples, as given in the "Campanalogia." The relationship of these two methods to the well-known Minor methods is purely superficial, as any one may see who tabulates the places made as so far distant from the central point of x, where x leads a whole pull. In each case the working bells are altered in their arrangement about the treble in a totally different manner from the Minor, and in the Stedman the ordinary slow work is completely broken up. If Mr. Carter will prick a course of Double Stedman Slow Course Triples as I gave it last, he will find that each bell rings the usual Stedman slow work, with a 4th place for a 3rd, when the quick work is being done, because of the extra bell. But the rules are the same as the Minor method, which is not the case with Shipway's attempt at Double Stedman Triples; and Mr. Carter must know that the rules in the method he calls Darlaston are the same as College Single, or he will see that they are, if he examines the reverse variations. Lastly, as regards Surprise methods, if Mr. Carter's methods are Surprise methods with the treble in a Double Treble Bob hunt, then the methods of mine which I shall publish next week, are Surprise methods, with the treble in a half Treble Bob hunt.

H. LAW JAMES.

## THE PEAL AT SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

SIR,—My attention has been called to a letter in your last issue from Mr. H. Wood, questioning the genuineness of the peal of Grandsire Triples recorded in your previous issue, of which I was the conductor. This letter, I am convinced, is not written in the interest of change-ringing, but with a view to discrediting the St. Michael's Society. Mr. Wood is a young man of no long standing in the ringing world, as he commenced to handle a bell barely twelve months ago at Rodmersham, a six-bell tower. Soon after that he expressed a desire to learn the Grandsire method, and at his request was elected a member of our Society. He learnt the method, and shortly after, I regret to say, we had to strike his name off the books for allowing his subscription to get in arrears. Since this time he has shown his gratitude for the trouble we took with him by doing what he can to discredit the Society, and now attempts publicly to do so. So much for the spirit of the letter. Now as to the facts. I positively state that the calls were correctly and properly made, and there was no change-course; the bells were in proper coursing order from start to finish. In this Mr. G. A. Ransome, who was in the peal, will bear me out, and as Mr. Ransome is a conductor of some years' standing, and has rung and conducted many peals, I think his word will carry more weight

with the Association than will Mr. Wood's. The bells were never once firing, but about two leads from home the striking, I admit, was not good, owing to the tenor being rather low, and one of the bells in 4-5 being slow in coming down from behind. This made one lead or so rather lumpy, and Mr. Wood has seized a much longer opportunity, and has construed this into "firing for four minutes." 76, East Street, Sittingbourne.

H. E. SIMPSON.

## A FALSE COMPOSITION.

SIR,—The peal of London Surprise Major arranged by the Rev. H. Law James, and rang by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on January 25th, 1895, is false. The peal was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 2nd.

YORK GREEN.

12, Maryland Park Square, Stratford, London, E.

## MR. WILDE'S METHOD.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Wilde, I did not wish to claim the above as a plain method, as I was not the first to publish it, but simply to let him know I worked it out as a Surprise method long ago.

JOHN CARTER.

## THE JOHN COLLINS BENEFIT DRAW.

SIR,—Will you allow me through your valuable paper to call the attention of all those friends who have books of tickets for the above draw to make every exertion to sell them, and also to send for more if they can, as the time is drawing near for the draw, and the committee would like to make it as successful as possible.

T. STREAD.

## "OBSTINACY."

SIR,—Having, we think, sufficiently justified our action in your issue of the 9th inst., we decline to be drawn into trivial personalities and petty incriminations, which are beneath the dignity of your paper, and are of interest but to a very few of your readers, tempting as Mr. Barber's letter is; we therefore decline to carry on this correspondence further.

C. HINDS.

F. J. FITTS.

## Obituary.

## EDWARD WEAVER.

We have with deep regret to announce the death of the above-named ringer, who for the long period of fifty-three years had been a greatly esteemed member of the society of ringers connected with the parish church, Grantham, and during that time had taken part in many important peals on the splendid bells of St. Wulfram, the first being rung on January 12th, 1844, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. On May 18th, 1891, Mr. Weaver's jubilee as a ringer was celebrated, when he took the treble through a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, as a memorial touch, and afterwards all the members and their friends dined together. In the course of the evening, Mr. Weaver gave some sound advice to the younger members, which will not soon be forgotten, urging them to persevere in the work they had undertaken, until they became thoroughly skilled in the art of change-ringing. When failing health compelled him to relinquish his duties as a performing member, he still took a great interest in the welfare of the Society, and to the last nothing cheered him so much as the music from the lofty steeple. A few short hours after the solemn notes of the mournful peal in memory of the late Vicar of Grantham had died away, Mr. Weaver passed peacefully to his rest, on Wednesday, February 6th, at the ripe old age of seventy-eight years. A muffled peal was rung during the funeral on Saturday, February 9th, by his former comrades, as a last token of respect. The circumstance of two muffled peals within one week is, we should say, almost without precedent at Grantham.

## ROBERT WYATT.

On Friday, February 8th, this ringer passed away at East Dereham, at the age of 74, having been bedridden for just three years. He was interred in the Cemetery on the following Thursday, his brother-ringers being present, six of whom bore the deceased to the grave, the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. L. Arnold, officiating at the last rites of the Church. In the evening 672 Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the deceased, the following taking part: F. Adcock, 1; F. G. Burleigh (conductor), 2; A. Crisp, 3; J. W. Marjoram, 4; W. Leggatt, 5; J. Wells, 6; S. F. Burleigh, 7; F. M. Aldis, 8. It was intended to attempt a peal, but owing to the severity of the weather, and the breaking of the 7th rope after a few rounds, it was abandoned. The deceased began ringing in 1851, and on Thursday, December 22nd, 1853, took part in Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, this being his first peal. On Monday, February 25th, 1867, he rang in Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples; and on Monday, February 20th, 1871, a complete peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, ringing the 5th in each case, and the peals are recorded in the steeple of St. Nicholas' church.

## 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 meeting will be held at Town Mall, to-day, Saturday, February 23rd. Tower (8 bells), open at 3 o. East Mall (6) will also be available. Committee meeting at 5 o. A. L. BRINE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*  
*Bearsted Green.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe to-day, Saturday, February 23rd. Service in church at 2.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in school-room adjoining. Towers open, Wiveliscombe (8 bells); Milverton (8); Norton Fitzwarren (6). HENRY W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec.*  
*The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.*

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—A meeting will be held at Stockton, on Monday, February 25th. Committee meeting at 1 o'clock, and dinner at 2 o'clock at the Queen's hotel, near Railway Station. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. The bells of Stockton parish church and St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, will be at the disposal of members during the day. Members intending to be present please reply before February 22nd, to THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
*314, High Street West, Sunderland.*

**Johnson Anniversary Dinner.**—The usual anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, when A. Percival Heywood, Esq., has promised to take the chair. Dinner will be served at The Market Hotel, Station Street, back of New Street Station, at 6.30 p.m., sharp. Dinner tickets, 3s. each, may be obtained by application to the undersigned on or before Wednesday, February 27th. There will be ringing on St. Martin's bells during the afternoon.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec. St. Martin's Guild.*  
*61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.*

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Leeds (12 bells), to-day, Saturday, February 23rd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, The Crown and Fleece, near the Corn Exchange. Business, nomination of officers, etc. Contributions now due.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
*3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.*

**The Sussex County Association, Central.**—A district meeting will be held at Lindfield (Hayward's Heath station), to-day, Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m., tea at The Bent Hotel at 5.30.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
*49, Clifton Street, Brighton.*

**The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Haslingden, to-day, Saturday, February 23rd. Ringing from 3.30, meeting at 6 o'clock.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Branch Sec.*  
*7, Church Street, Waterfoot.*

**Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.**—By kind permission of the Rev. E. W. J. Symonds, a quarterly meeting will take place at Great Doddington, to-day, Satur-

day, February 23rd. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea in the school-room at 5 o'clock. Business meeting of delegates after tea.  
*Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Burslem, on Saturday next, March 2nd. Members who intend being present are requested to inform Mr. S. Brown, 26, Clarence Street, Longport, Burslem.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. TWIGG, }

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—A general meeting of the above society will be held at Ashton, on Saturday, March 9th, to receive Rule Committee's Report. Dinner will be provided at The Old Church inn for all those who forward their names to the undersigned, on or before March 6th. Tickets for dinner, etc., 2/4 each. Bells ready at 3 p.m., dinner 5 p.m., business meeting 7 p.m.

JOHN HOPWOOD, *Hon. Sec.*  
*25, Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.*  
P.S.—All members are requested to forward their addresses to the secretary, so that he can forward rules when ready.

**Kent County Association.—Rochester District.**—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Halling, on Saturday, March 9th. Tower will be open by 4.30 p.m. for ringing. It is hoped that a good number will turn up as this is the first meeting at a five-bell tower.

A. OSBORNE,  
*Hon. Dist. Sec.*

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—By kind permission of Rev. R. Tahourdin the next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Twickenham. Ringing to commence at 5 o'clock.  
E. J. WALSON,  
*11, Venetia Road, South Ealing. Hon. Sec.*

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

NOTE.—The advertisements of Ringers wanting situations will appear four consecutive insertions free. Those advertising must watch this column week by week, as the reception of all letters addressed care of Editor, will be notified therein. This privilege is only for bona fide ringers, whether subscribers to this paper or otherwise. To ensure publicity in the current number, advertisements ought to reach the office by Tuesday morning.

**RINGER** being out of work a long time, desires work of any kind. Single. Age 26. Ringer in Standard methods and any number. Address, H. B., care of Ed.

**SITUATION** wanted as contractor's clerk, timekeeper, or anything similar. Age 25. Good references. Member of the Lancashire Association. Can ring Grandsire. Apply, W., care of Editor.

**IMPROVER** seeks employment of any description. Used to whitesmithing, bell-hanging, gas-fitting, and locksmithing. Age 21. Slight knowledge of change-ringing. Address, H. Jones, 2, Barker street, Shrewsbury.

**WANTED** by Grocer's Assistant, situation as light porter, solicit, deliver, assist at counter or warehouse. Good experience and references. Age 32. Good change-ringer in all standard methods. Address E. H., care of Editor.

**WANTED** by member of the Surrey Association, Situation as Grocer's assistant or light porter, can drive, solicit, deliver, or any light occupation. Age 34. Married. G. H. Croucher, 6, Worcester Cottages, Worcester Road, Reigate.

**YOUNG** man, 37, married, wants situation as common iron moulder, good craft. A ringer well up in any method and any number. Can conduct. Apply, Thomas Stead, Horse Shoe Pad Manufacturer, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield.

**WANTED** Situation as Baker. Could take management of bakehouse if required. Over nine years' experience. Age 25 years. Member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. C. W., care of Editor.

**WANTED** by a young man a situation as improver. Carpenter and wheelwright. Indoor preferred. Five years' experience. Change-Ringer. Apply W. S., care of the Editor.

## 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 BOB MAJOR.

By CORNELIUS CHARGE, *London.*

5040.

2	3	4	5	6	W	M	H
6	4	2	3	5	-	-	-
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3	4	2	6	5	-	-	-
2	6	3	4	5	-	-	-
3	2	6	4	5	-	-	-
6	3	2	4	5	-	-	-
2	4	3	6	5	S	-	-
3	2	4	6	5	-	-	-
4	3	2	6	5	-	-	-
2	6	4	3	5	-	-	-
4	3	6	2	5	S	-	-
6	2	3	4	5	S	-	-
3	6	2	4	5	-	-	-
2	3	6	4	5	-	-	-

Twice repeated. This peal contains the full combination of 4-5-6.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**DUTCHMAN.**—Read the speech of the Rev. D. Jones this week, at the meeting of the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.

**CHESTER.**—The subject is too great for us to reply to you here; send a stamped addressed envelope.

**GEO. H. SIMON.**—Communicated with direct.

## ELEMENTS OF CAMPANOLOGY,

OR AN

## Essay on the Art of Ringing,

By THE LATE WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL,

Of Sowerby, Yorkshire.

In addition to the Author's works this book contains some of the best discoveries in the Art of Ringing, communicated by the most Celebrated Composers in the Kingdom, whose names are attached to their various productions, and over 60 Treble's Major methods also.

It consists of 660 Pages, and is the largest work of its kind hitherto published.

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**THE CHURCH BELLS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.** By ALFRED HENNEAGE 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. Stahlischmidt 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. Stahlischmidt 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, and be handsomely illustrated with 24 full-page plates of medieval 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 price will be raised on the day of issue should any copies remain unsold.

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**Established 1833.**

At the annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, a report of which will be found elsewhere, the Honorary Secretary—MR. J. R. JERRAM—retired from his post by reason, it would appear, of the utter despondency which he felt with regard to the fortunes of the Guild, under existing circumstances. Mr. JERRAM has been dissatisfied for some time past with the position which the Guild holds among others, and it may well be understood how a practical man like him would, after so long a time, despair of any strong effort being made among the members to place themselves on something like a level, as regards ability, with their brethren in other parts of the country. It is true that the Guild scores peals, many of them being performances of a high character, but these are the achievements of one band almost, and we should be agreeably surprised to see the record of a peal by the Guild without the names of Messrs. GIFFORD, BLACKBOURN, and Co. Evidently the ringers of the counties affiliated to the Salisbury Guild do not revel in the practice of half-pull ringing. It has not “caught on” with them; they appear to be insensible to its enjoyments; and certainly do not look upon it as a pursuit whereby their intellects might become sharpened, and the power of their thinking faculties increased. In his speech at the meeting Mr. JERRAM remarked that “the promotion of change-ringing instead of call-changes should be one of the Guild’s



chief objects, and he could not help saying that assisting to pay the expenses of a number of round-ringers from all parts of the diocese to attend meetings at a centre once a year or oftener, was not calculated to promote it." Who can reasonably contest such a statement? If members who received travelling allowances were ringers, as we understand the word, or likely to become so, there would be nothing to say against it when the funds of the Guild were capable of bearing such a charge. If these round-ringing members showed any ability, or any likelihood of becoming experts, then no objection would be made. But to drain the exchequer in such a manner for no purpose or profit, seems to be very unwise. With the exception we have mentioned, the ringers of the counties concerned make no show whatever; they apparently do not care about change-ringing at all; and it would appear that so long as they can have their expenses allowed in the manner adopted by the Guild, they will be quite content to belong to it. But if a successful attack is made on this custom, they will at once withdraw.

This is the position of affairs—if we understand it correctly—which is objected to by Mr. JERRAM. And beyond doubt many who read these lines will be of opinion that unless members of any Guild or Association strive their best to excel in the Art of change-ringing, they should not be eligible for such a privilege as a travelling allowance. It is said that by its withdrawal the members of this Guild will be greatly reduced in number. That, we think, will be no great evil. The working members of our county and diocesan organisations are generally expected to be proficient, but in most cases the idea of allowances would be to them a startling novelty. In Associations that we know of, where the members are no better off than their brethren of Wiltshire or Dorsetshire, they work hard to promote change-ringing without the hope of pecuniary assistance, or any reward beyond the honour which follows their own exertions. Why should the ringers in the counties above-named be singular in these respects?

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. (THE BOW SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 14, 1895, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BOW, E.,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES DEMPSEY* .. .. Treble.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 5.
SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 2.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 6.
YORK GREEN .. .. 3.	*ALFRED WHIGHT .. .. 7.
SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. 4.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

\*First peal of Major. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th only in 6ths place at the course-ends.

Mr. T. B. Reed, jun., of Birchington, Kent, asks us to insert the following:—"I wish to tender my sincere thanks to brother-ringers and friends for their kindness in responding to the appeal Mr. H. S. Thomas kindly made on my behalf, and whose kindness is so well-known."

### The Provinces.

#### HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 13, 1895, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRED. C. LING .. .. Treble.	F. E. W. MEADOWS .. .. 5.
GEORGE PERRY .. .. 2.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. .. 6.
WALTER WHITING .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	HARRY LAST .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

This is a one-part peal, having 23456 in 6ths place in regular positions, and is taken from Snowdon, part ii., page 47. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the Rev. E. P. Backhouse.

#### TIVERTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 13, 1895, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

RICHARD GRATER, JUN. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM CLEMENTS .. .. 5.
JOHN GRATER, JUN. .. .. 2.	THOMAS HARVEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM GRATER .. .. 3.	JAMES BABBAGE .. .. 7.
EDWIN MUNDAY .. .. 4.	*JOHN HART .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. BABBAGE.

\*First peal. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and by all the band.

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

On Wednesday, February 13, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

BENJAMIN PAGE* .. .. Treble.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. 5.
HARRY STRATFORD .. .. 2.	SYDNEY T. GOODCHILD .. .. 6.
FRANK BIGGS* .. .. 3.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. .. 7.
FRANK BOREHAM .. .. 4.	†JOHN EVANS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

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

#### BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 14, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FRANK HULL* .. .. Treble.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. .. 6.
HARRY TYSOE† .. .. 3.	FRANK SMITH .. .. 7.
SAMUEL CULLIP .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor. \*First peal. †First peal on eight bells; and also by the Association. This peal was taken from "THE BELL NEWS," and contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent (in-course) in 6ths place.

#### EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1895, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM RICHARDSON* .. Treble.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. 5.
FREDERICK TRENDALL .. .. 2.	THOMAS MILES .. .. 6.
JAMES TRENDALL .. .. 3.	CHARLES TRENDALL .. .. 7.
JOHN TRENDALL .. .. 4.	EDWARD TRENDALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by E. TRENDALL.

\*First peal in the method.

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## ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 12.

JOSEPH AYLING* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE CHANTLER .. .. 5.
JOHN WYATT .. .. 2.	†CHARLES READ .. .. 6.
HENRY WILKINSON .. .. 3.	*FRANCIS GROVE .. .. 7.
ALFRED E. BASSETT .. .. 4.	DAVID ANSCOMBE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CHANTLER.

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

## LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt. in A flat.

JAMES HARRISON .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. HEXTER .. .. 5.
WALTER R. HEXTER* .. .. 2.	FRANK BRADLEY .. .. 6.
ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 3.	†HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 7.
JAMES HUTCHBY* .. .. 4.	JOHN PALING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WALTER WILDE.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. Messrs. Ward and Bradley belong to Derby; Hutchby and Paling to Beeston, Notts.; Wilde to Duffield; the rest belong to the local company.

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

On Saturday, February 16, 1895, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. .. Treble.	FRANK BOREHAM .. .. 5.
WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 2.	FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. .. 6.
FRANK BIGGS .. .. 3.	SYDNEY T. GOODCHILD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR .. .. 4.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.

First peal of Major on the bells. The brothers Truss hail from Great Marlow, W. E. Taylor from Maidenhead, the rest from Hughenden. This composition has the 5th and 6th each sixteen, and the 4th twelve courses in 6th place, and is a variation of the Original by starting with the calling of the ninth course.

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

On Saturday, February 16, 1895, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23½ cwt.

ROBERT STONE* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE STEER .. .. 5.
DAVID WRIGHT† .. .. 2.	JOHN HEATH .. .. 6.
HENRY J. SELBY .. .. 3.	W. J. COLLISON .. .. 7.
E. R. J. DUNK† .. .. 4.	DAVID ASHDOWN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. R. J. DUNK.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor. Rung in honor of E. R. J. Dunk's birthday, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day.

## ST. ALBANS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY)

On Monday, February 18, 1895, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

ALBERT HALLETT* .. .. Treble.	ROBERT WEATHERLEY .. .. 5.
ERNST JENKINSON* .. .. 2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. .. 6.
WALTER BATTLE .. .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. 7.
RICHARD HAMMOND .. .. 4.	*LOUIS DRYDEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

\*First peal, †First peal on the treble.

## TAMWORTH.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 18, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. Treble.	JAMES PRATT .. .. 5.
JOSEPH W. TIMMS .. .. 2.	HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 6.
WALTER STONE .. .. 3.	ROBERT BRINDLEY .. .. 7.
CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

Messrs. T. W. Chapman, Argyle and Stone hail from Nuneaton.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 18, 1895, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

WALTER W. MILLER .. Treble.	HARRY LAST .. .. 5.
FRED. E. W. MEADOWS .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 6.
WALTER WHITING .. .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method by W. W. Miller.

## SWINDON, WILTS.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS LAWRENCE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 5.
GEORGE T. ILES .. .. 2.	*HARRY B. SLACK .. .. 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. 3.	†ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. 7.
OWEN W. LAYNG .. .. 4.	†WILLIAM BALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDS.

\*First peal of Triples. †First peal as conductor. †First peal. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to T. Ricketts, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 19, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

JOHN HOPWOOD .. .. Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
THOMAS WROE .. .. 2.	JOSEPH MELLOR .. .. 7.
JAMES BOOTH† .. .. 3.	ALBERT ADAMS .. .. 8.
SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 4.	GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. 9.
FRANK BROWN .. .. 5.	*WILLIAM BOOTH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

\*First peal. †First peal of Caters.

## DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Tuesday, February 19, 1895, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS A. ELLIOTT* .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 5.
JOHN PUGSLEY .. .. 2.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 6.
ROBERT HOLE† .. .. 3.	JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 7.
ALBERT J. CHILCOTT .. 4.	JOHN PAYNE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by W. W. THORNE.

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

**Performances on Five and Six Bells.**

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 16, 1895, in Four Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

7200 CHANGES OF TREBLE BOB MINOR.

In the ten following methods:

Tulip, Primrose, College Treble, 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.	WM. HENRY TURTON .. 5.
JAMES EMMEN .. .. 3.	CHARLES SEVERN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BETTISON.

Messrs. Hancock and Price hail from Eckington; the rest belong to the local company. This is the longest length by all, and the longest by the above Association on six bells.

**DEFECTIVE REPORT.**—A report of a peal at Horley, Sussex, has been sent without the date. Correspondent will please send an amended report.

**Date Touches.**

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, January 22nd, a date touch in the following methods, in 1 hr. 10 mins.; 360 Duke of York; 360 Woodbine; 360 Kent; 360 Oxford Treble Bob; 240 Oxford Bob; and 215 Plain Bob. J. Naylor, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6.

**Miscellaneous.**

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, December 16th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Double Oxford Bob (eighteen singles three bobs). T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (composer and conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 23rd, for afternoon service, 720 Christmas Eve. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And on Christmas morning, at 6 a.m., 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for morning service, 360 College Single. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5; T. J. Watts, 6. On Sunday, December 30th, for morning service, 720 Yorkshire Court Bob. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service, 720 York Surprise in 24 mins. 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 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 10th, for practice, 720 Worcester Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 13th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service, a 720 Double Court Bob Minor. S. James, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; E. Pye, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; W. Watson, 5; W. Pye, 6. On Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, and 216 Stedman Triples. After evening service, 1248 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Watson, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. H. Doran, 3; F. A. Nunn, 4; E. Pye, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7;

W. Pye, 8. And on handbells, retained in hand, 504 Stedman Triples. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye (conductor), 3-4; A. J. Perkins, 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On Friday evening, January 25th, for practice at the church of St. Mary, 1000 changes were rung, consisting of 160 of Grandsire and a 6-score each of the following: Oxford, Cambridge, Old Doubles, St. Simon's, The Dream, St. Dunstan's, and Antelope, in 43 mins. H. Pye, 1; J. Elliott, 2; J. Frost, 3; H. Evers, 4; D. Elliott (conductor), 5. Tenor 21 cwt.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Monday, November 26th, 720 Merchants' Delight. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockcroft, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 2nd, 720 Violet Treble Bob. E. J. Cockcroft, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, December 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. Z. Lord, 1; J. B. Taylor, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. J. B. Taylor hails from Waterfoot. And the same night, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. B. Taylor, 1; E. J. Cockcroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 9th, 720 New London Pleasure. L. Holt, 1; E. J. Cockcroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And 720 Primrose Treble Bob, standing and conducted as before. On Sunday, December 23rd, 720 Tulip Treble Bob. J. H. Smith, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Christmas morning, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs two singles). L. Holt, 1; A. L. Hardman, 2; Z. Lord, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MONNEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Friday, January 4th, for practice at the church of St. Mary, a touch of Plain Bob. R. H. Hayward, 1; E. Wightman, 2; J. Tarrant, 3; S. M. W. Meadows, 4; G. Wix, 5; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 6. A course of Oxford Treble Bob. S. M. W. Meadows (first course in the method), 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; J. Hunt, 3; F. E. W. Meadows, 4; G. Wix, 5; E. Wightman, 6. On handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters. F. E. W. Meadows, 1-2; J. Tarrant, 3-4; R. H. Hayward, 5-6; S. M. W. Meadows (first course of Caters), 7-8; E. Wightman, 9-10. On Friday, January 11th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins. S. M. W. Meadows (first 720 in the method), 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; F. E. W. Meadows, 3; J. Durrant, 4; E. Wightman, 5; S. Wightman, jun. (conductor), 6. A 720 of Cambridge Surprise in 23 mins. F. E. W. Meadows (first 720 in the method), 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; A. S. Wightman, 3; J. Durrant, 4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6. On Friday, January 18th, at Mr. J. Tarrant's house, 720 of Bob Minor, on handbells, in 15 mins. (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 1-2; J. Tarrant, 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. S. M. W. and F. E. W. Meadows hail from Otley; the brothers Wightman and J. Durrant from Cretingham; the rest belong to the local company.

HELMINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, January 3rd, a touch of Grandsire Triples. G. Perry (conductor), 1; W. W. Miller, 2; F. E. W. Meadows, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; H. Pepper, 5; W. Whiting, 6; H. Last, 7; W. Weeden, 8. And several touches of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob. H. Pepper (late of the Helmingham and Otley companies) belongs to Rushmere. On Thursday, January 17th, three courses of Bob Major. J. Whiting, 1; W. W. Miller, 2; F. E. W. Meadows, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; W. Dye, 5; W. Whiting, 6; G. Sharman, 7; H. Last, 8. And a touch of Kent Treble Bob conducted by W. Dye, who hails from Witaesham.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, November 27th, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 1; Dr. Meadows, 2; R. Mortimer, 3; J. Miller, 4; W. Shipp, 5; W. Whiting, 6. On Tuesday, December 11th, 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). J. Durrant, 1; J. W. Miller, 2; H. R. Mortimer, 3; W. Whiting, 4; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 5; W. W. Miller, 6. On Sunday, December 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. W. Miller (first 720 in the method), 1; W. W. Miller, 2; W. Last (Grundsirburgh), 3; F. E. W. Meadows (first 720 in the method as conductor), 4; W. Whiting, 5; A. Hatcher, 6. On Tuesday, January 1st, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). S. M. W. Meadows (first 720), 1; F. E. W. Meadows, 2; H. R. Mortimer, 3; W. Whiting, 4; W. Shipp, 5; A. Hatcher (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 22nd, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). G. Durrant, 1; H. Last (Helmingham), 2; H. R. Mortimer, 3; H. B. Mendham (Clopton), 4; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 5; W. Whiting, 6. On Sunday, January 27th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 1; W. Whiting, 2; H. R. Mortimer, 3; G. Thurlow (Framsden), 4; W. W. Miller, 5; W. Shipp, 6. *Handbell Ringing.* On Monday, January 7th, at Dr. Meadows's, Church House, 168 and

336 of Bob Triples. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows, 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6; P. P. W. Meadows, 7-8. On January 8th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 15 mins. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. On January 9th, 336 Bob Triples and two courses of Canterbury Pleasure Triples, standing in same order. On January 9th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 14 mins. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. And another 720 in the same method (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. W. Miller, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; W. Whiting, 5-6. First 720 on handbells by W. Whiting and W. Miller. On January 14th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), taken from Hubbard's *Campanalogia*, in 16 mins. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. And 228 Grandsire Minor, which was the longest length in the method by all. On January 15th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 15 mins. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. On January 18th, 504 of Bob Triples. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6; P. P. W. Meadows, 7-8. The average age of these last four ringers is only 15½ years, and the first three intend starting for seven 720s of Bob Minor at Easter.

**NORWICH.—Handbell Ringing.**—On Saturday, January 26th, at the parish rooms, St. Peter Mancroft, on handbells, retained in hand, 720 Bob Minor, in 15½ mins. A. W. Brighton, 1-2; J. A. Trollop, 3-4; G. P. Burton (conductor), 5-6. And a course of Grandsire Caters, in which Messrs. F. and G. Howchin took part. On Monday, January 28th, a peal of Bob Major, 5232 changes, was attempted, but came to grief after 2400 owing to a change-course. J. G. Miles, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. Howes, 5-6; J. A. Trollop (conductor), 7-8. Composed by F. E. W. Meadows, of Otley, Suffolk. And a course of Bob Royal. J. G. Miles, 1-2; C. E. Borrett, 3-4; J. Miles, 5-6; A. Brighton, 7-8; G. P. Burton, 9-10. Messrs. Miles and Howes hail from Attleborough, and the above is their first attempt for a peal of Major, and longest length. Umpires, C. E. Borrett and J. E. Burton.

**WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).**—On Tuesday, January 15th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor. F. Watling (conductor), 1; T. Davy, 2; G. Cattermole, 3; G. Kemp, 4; F. Hayward, 5; J. Kemp, 6.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**PENARTH.**—On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service at St. Augustine's church, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs two singles), in 28 mins. J. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; C. Smith, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. And for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). D. Thomas (conductor), 1; C. Smith, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. On Tuesday, January 22nd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. H. G. White, 1; W. Biss, 2; G. Watkins, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Thomas (conductor), 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. First in the method by C. Lloyd. On Tuesday, January 29th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. C. Smith, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; T. Northey, 5; F. Bartlett, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles). J. Vinnicombe, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith, 6.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**EAST RETFORD (Notts).**—On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service, 575 Grandsire Caters. G. Clayton, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. R. Winter, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; H. Haigh, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; T. Spurr, 10. And for evening service, 720 Bob Royal, in 29 mins. G. M. Farr, 1; G. Swannack, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; H. Haigh (conductor), 9; J. B. Joynes, 10. Longest touch in the method on ten bells by all. On Tuesday, January 22nd, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. W. D. Metcalfe, 1; G. R. Winter, 2; T. Spurr, 3; T. H. Denman, 4; J. T. Bottomley, 5; H. Haigh (conductor), 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; G. Clayton, 8. And 394 Union Triples. G. Winter, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; T. Spurr, 3; T. H. Denman, 4; J. T. Bottomley, 5; H. Haigh (conductor), 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 8. And 224 Bob Major. G. R. Winter, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; H. Haigh, 3; G. Swannack, 4; J. T. Bottomley, 5; H. Warburton, 6; T. Spurr, 7; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, January 28th, for practice, 420 and 210 Union Triples. G. Winter, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; T. Spurr, 3; T. H. Denman, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 8. Longest completed touches in the method by all.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**PENDLETON.**—On Friday, January 18th, at St. Thomas's church, a

quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. Boardman (first quarter peal), 1; J. Smith (conductor), 2; F. Smith, 3; J. Winterbottom, 4; S. Greenhalgh, 5; T. Smith, 6; J. Rogers, 7; T. Boardman, 8. On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Smith, 1; S. Greenhalgh, 2; F. Smith, 3; J. Winterbottom, 4; G. Turner, 5; T. Smith, 6; H. Chapman (conductor), 7; J. Brookes, 8.

#### THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants.).**—On Sunday, December 7th, for evening service, 504 Bob Triples. J. Seamark, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Perkins, 3; W. Pettitt, 4; A. Tyler, 5; J. Houghton, sen., 6; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 7; L. Horner, 8. On Monday, December 8th, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; H. Sharp (conductor), 3; W. Pettitt, 4; J. Seamark, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; L. Horner, 8. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Houghton, sen., 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; A. Tyler, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Seamark, 6; A. Perkins, 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. And 352 Bob Major. On Saturday, December 22nd, 700 Grandsire Triples. H. Sharp (conductor), 1; A. Perkins, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; G. Burton, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; A. Tyler, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. On Monday, December 24th, 1264 Bob Major. J. Horner, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Perkins, 3; W. Pettitt, 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, January 1st, 1024 Bob Major. J. Seamark, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Perkins, 3; W. Pettitt, 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; H. Sharp (conductor), 8. And on Monday, January 7th, 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; A. Tyler, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Seamark, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. On Saturday, January 12th, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing 1700 changes. A. Perkins, 1; H. Sharp (conductor), 2; W. Pettitt, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; J. Garratt, 5; W. Gilbert, 6; P. Howard, 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. And a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, standing as before. On Sunday, January 13th, for morning service, 464 Bob Major. And for evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; H. Sharp (conductor), 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; P. Howard, 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. On Monday, January 21st, 800 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; H. Sharp, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Seamark, 6; A. Tyler, 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8.

#### THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**KINGSLEY (Staffordshire).**—On Wednesday evening, January 23rd, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 26 mins. E. Bradshaw, 1; H. Carnwell, 2; A. Edwards, 3; J. Moreton, 4; J. Moreton, 5; H. Booth (conductor), 6. First in the method by all.

**CHEADLE (Staffordshire).**—On Friday evening, January 25th, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. (twenty-six singles). J. Burton, 1; J. Shenton, 2; H. Carnwell, 3; J. Moreton, 4; R. Bullock, 5; H. Booth (conductor), 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**FOLKESTONE (Kent).**—On Wednesday, January 23rd, with the bells muffled, a 504 and 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Pilcher, 1; S. Binfield, 2; J. Fisher, 3; S. Barker (conductor), 4; H. Croucher, 5; G. Holdom, 6; F. Finn, 7; H. Croucher, jun., 8. This was rung for the memorial service in aid of the fund for the widows and orphans of the crew of the Woodside, which sailed from the North, on December 23rd, 1894, and of which no tidings have since been heard. The service added £12 to the fund.

**CANTERBURY.**—On Sunday, January 27th, at the church of St. Alphege, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. A. J. Brett (first 720), 1; F. Marriott, 2; M. W. Pierce, 3; E. Beney (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; A. Saxby (first 720), 5; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 6.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BRISTOL (Gloucestershire).**—At St. Stephen's church, on Tuesday evening, January 22nd, 540 Stedman Caters. C. Millard, 1; J. W. Hinton (conductor), 2; C. H. Gordon, 3; E. Duckham, 4; H. Fring, 5; A. E. Bawn, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. York, 8; F. Price, 9; J. Harney, 10. J. Harney hails from Wraxall, near Bristol.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**GUILDFORD (Surrey).**—On Thursday, January 3rd, at the church of St. Nicolas, for practice, 420 Bob Triples. W. Page, 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Attwell, 3; W. J. Freakes, 4; T. Burdock, 5; F. Bennett (conduc-

tor), 6; J. J. Jones, 7; E. Heather, 8. And 324 Grandsire Caters. A. Brown, 1; T. Attwell, 2; W. Page, 3; W. J. Freakes, 4; C. Eades, 5; J. J. Jones, 6; F. Baker, 7; T. Burdock, 8; F. Bennett (conductor), 9; E. Heather, 10. And 352 Bob Major. T. Attwell, 1; A. Brown, 2; F. Baker, 3; W. J. Freakes, 4; T. Burdock, 5; C. Eades, 6; J. J. Jones, 7; F. Bennett, 8. T. Attwell and T. Burdock hail from Chiddingfold.

#### THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service at St. Laurence's church, 720 College Single (sixteen bobs two singles). H. Tarlton (first 720), 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6.

#### THE ELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

**WILBURTON (Cambridgeshire).**—On Monday evening, February 4th, a touch of 2880 Treble Bob Minor in four different methods, being one each of the following: College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, and Oxford, in 1 hr. and 30 mins. J. Markwell, 1; Henry Markwell, 2; A. Hazel, 3; A. Markwell (conductor), 4; H. Sharp, 5; Herbert Markwell, 6. This is the longest length ever rung on the bells, and longest by all except the conductor, and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**LONG EATON (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, December 2nd, for morning service, the St. Lawrence's society rang 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Harrison, 1; W. R. Hexter, 2; J. R. Ward, 3; W. Hexter, 4; A. Ricketts, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. Bailey (conductor), 7; F. C. Wicks, 8. And for evening service, 840 Plain Bob Triples. J. Harrison, 1; W. R. Hexter, 2; J. R. Ward, 3; W. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Bailey, 6; J. Poxon (conductor), 7; F. C. Wicks, 8. These touches were rung with the bells half-muffled on the fifth anniversary of the death of the Rev. A. Carter, late curate of Long Eaton. And on Sunday, December 9th, 840 Stedman Triples. J. Harrison, 1; W. R. Hexter, 2; J. R. Ward, 3; W. Hexter, 4; A. Ricketts, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. Bailey (conductor), 7; F. C. Wicks, 8. And on Sunday, December 16th, 1008 Grandsire Triples. J. Harrison, 1; A. Ricketts, 2; J. R. Ward, 3; W. R. Hexter (conductor), 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; W. Hexter, 7; F. C. Wicks, 8.

#### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

**WORCESTER.**—On Wednesday, January 16th, in St. Helen's tower, for practice, on handbells, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Johnson, 1-2; W. Powell, 3-4; W. Page (conductor), 5-6; W. Bradford, 7-8. And 336 Bob Major. W. Bradford, 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; E. Davis, 3-4; W. Page (conductor), 5-6; W. Powell, 7-8. On Sunday, January 20th, at the same church for morning service, 1316 Grandsire Triples. G. Checketts (longest touch), 1; W. Cotton, 2; W. Powell, 3; W. Bradford, 4; W. H. Johnson, 5; W. Bright, 6; W. Page (conductor), 7; T. Malim, 8.

#### THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, January 20th, at the church of St. Margaret, a 1040 Kent Treble Bob Royal. H. Beams, 1; A. R. Davis, 2; H. Barlow, 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; W. Baron, 5; G. Smith, 6; J. E. Davis (conductor), 7; J. George, 8; D. W. Griggs, 9; F. J. Pitts, 10. J. George hails from Rugby.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

**BRIXTON.**—On Sunday, January 13th, at the church of St. John the Divine, Vassall road, for Divine Service, 1248 Bob Major. W. Langdon, 1; H. Taffender, 2; F. Perrin, 3; H. N. Davis (conductor), 4; A. R. Davis, 5; H. Beams, 6; J. E. Davis, 7; G. Wild, 8. This is the longest touch in the method on the bells. And on Sunday, January 27th, for Divine Service, 1153 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Wild, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; H. Barton, 3; A. R. Davis, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; H. Beams, 6; J. E. Davis (conductor), 7; A. E. Church, 8.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CREWE (Cheshire).**—On Sunday, January 20th, at Christ Church, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. A. Jervis, 1; A. Harding, 2; J. Wright, 3; R. Langford, 4; G. Harding, 5; E. Weatherby, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; J. Edwards, 8. Longest length by E. Weatherby, and rung at the first attempt.

**ARDLEIGH (Essex).**—On Sunday, January 6th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. F. Fenn, 1; W. Fenner, 2; E. Abbott,

3; A. Fenner, 4; G. M. Rashbrook (conductor), 5; F. Clements, 6. On Sunday, January 20th, 720 in the same method. F. Fenn, 1; W. Schofield, 2; E. Abbott, 3; W. Fenner, 4; A. Fenner, 5; F. Clements (conductor), 6.

**BOBBING (Kent).**—On Sunday, January 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Tassell, 1; E. Allen, 2; C. Millway, 3; C. Dtnall, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; A. Hardy (conductor), 6. This is A. Hardy's first 720 as conductor. The above all belong to Borden, Kent.

**CHELSEA.**—On Tuesday, January 1st, at the church of St. Luke, to welcome the new year, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. W. Gifford, 1; W. Barber, 2; C. Hindes, 3; W. C. Ryde, 4; T. E. Barber, 5; A. Dean, 6; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 7; G. Roberts, 8.

**ELHAM (Kent).**—On Monday, January 21st, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. W. Punnett, 1; G. Shepherd, 2; E. Bush (conductor), 3; C. Richards, 4; A. Castle, 5; A. Hogben, 6. And two 6-scores in the same method. G. Shepherd, 1; E. Smith, 3. And 144 Bob Minor. On Wednesday, January 23rd, a few short touches of Minor, and a 6-score of Bob Doubles. A. Castle, 1; G. Shepherd, 2; H. Pitcher, 3; C. Richards, 4; E. Bush (conductor), 5; E. Smith, 6. On Monday, January 28th, 360 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. G. Shepherd, 1; E. Bush, 2; E. Smith, 3; A. Beer, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Castle (conductor), 6; A. Hogben, 7; W. Punnett, 8.

**EPSOM (Surrey).**—On Sunday evening, January 20th, at St. Martin's church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 41 mins., taken from Holt's Original. G. Kelley, 1; T. Miles, 2; H. Pederick, 3; G. Pederick, 4; J. Easton, 5; A. E. Bassett, 6; H. Kenten (conductor), 7; T. Everett, 8.

**GUILDFORD (Surrey).**—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service at the church of St. Nicolas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes. \*M. Brown, 1; \*W. J. Freakes, 2; \*F. Francis (Bag-shot), 3; \*A. J. Brown, 4; G. Woodiss (Walton), 5; J. J. Jones, 6; \*F. A. Baker, 7; \*C. W. Eades, 8; F. Bennett (conductor), 9; W. Barnes (Maidstone), 10. And on January 27th, for evening service, another quarter-peal, 1277 changes, in the same method. W. J. Freakes, 1; F. A. Baker, 2; \*W. J. Page, 3; A. J. Brown, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. W. Eades, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; \*C. W. Miller, 8; \*W. Grove, 9; W. Barnes, 10. \*First quarter-peal of Caters.

**HAVANT (Hants).**—On Monday, January 21st, for practice, 546 Grandsire Triples. T. Pullen, 1; H. Shirley, 2; C. Goble, 3; J. Staples, 4; G. Instrall, 5; A. Langtreay, 6; A. P. Goddard (conductor), 7; W. Kilt, 8. And 503 in the same method. Rev. H. J. Selmes, 1; J. Staples, 2; A. P. Goddard, 3; C. Goble, 4; T. Pullen, 5; A. Langtry, 6; G. Instrall (conductor), 7; A. Reeve, 8. The above were the last practices previous to the bells being taken in hand by Mr. T. Blackburn, of Salisbury, for repairs. The 7th will be recast; new stock put to the tenor; all new fittings to both; and frame thoroughly strengthened. The work is to be completed by Easter.

**LYMINGE (Kent).**—On Saturday, January 5th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles four bobs). J. Prebble, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Andrews, 4; A. Tanton, 5; A. Castle (conductor), 6. On Saturday, January 19th, 360 Bob Minor. J. Prebble, 1; S. Binfield, 2; E. Bush, 3; E. Potter, 4; A. Castle, 5; J. Andrews (conductor), 6. And 360 in the same method. A. Tanton (conductor). On Saturday, January 26th, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. E. Laker, 1; E. Cheeseman, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Andrews (conductor), 4; A. Castle, 5; J. Prebble, 6. And 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). J. Prebble, 1; E. Cheeseman, 2; A. Castle, 3; A. Beer, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6.

**OSWESTRY (Salop).**—At the parish church, on January 21st and 22nd, on handbells, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. R. Edwards, 1; D. Davies, 2; R. Evans, 3; E. Jones, 4; G. Whitfield, 5-6. A 120 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Whitfield, 1; H. Jarman, 2; E. Jones, 3; D. Davies, 4; R. Evans, 5; R. Edwards, 6. A course of Grandsire Triples. W. Worton, 1; R. Edwards, 2; D. Davies, 3-4; R. Evans, 5-6; G. Whitfield, 7-8. A course of Grandsire Caters. G. Whitfield, 1-2; R. Evans, 3-4; E. Jones, 5-6; D. Davies, 7-8; R. Edwards, 9-10. A plain course of Stedman Doubles. R. Martin, 1; R. Evans, 2; G. Whitfield, 3; D. Davies, 4; E. Jones, 5-6. Also R. Edwards, 4; with the rest as before.

**PINCHBECK (Lincolnshire).**—On Friday, January 18th, with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. F. J. Wayet, formerly rector of St. Stephen's church, Bristol, who was buried here that day, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Laxton, 1; T. Ladd, 2; R. Marshall, 3; J. Westland, 4; G. Ladd (conductor), 5.

**SREWSBURY.**—On Friday, January 25th, at the church of St. Julian, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. W. Owen, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Burrows, 3; A. Espley, 4; F. Taylor, 5; G. Byolin (conductor), 6. First 720 ever rung on the bells, and by the ringers.

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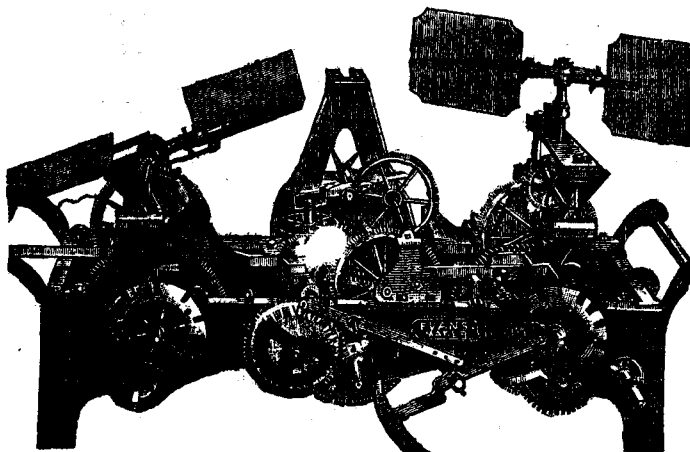
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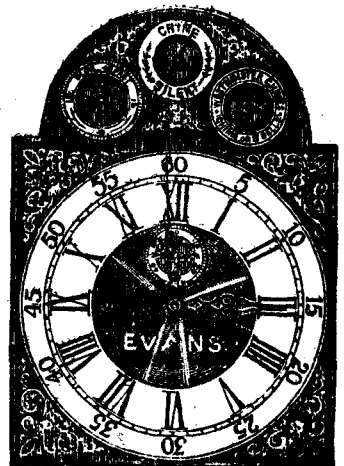
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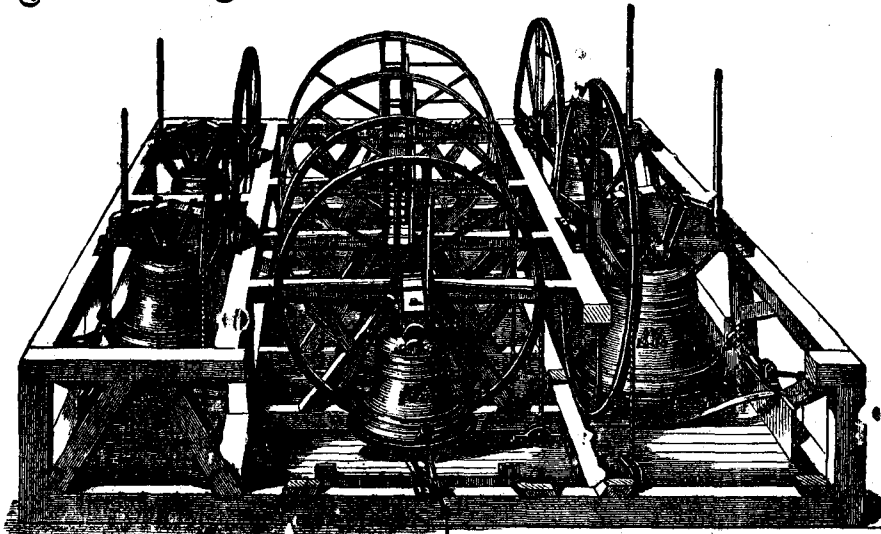
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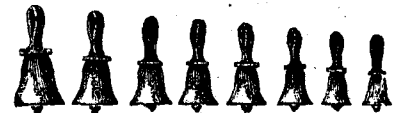
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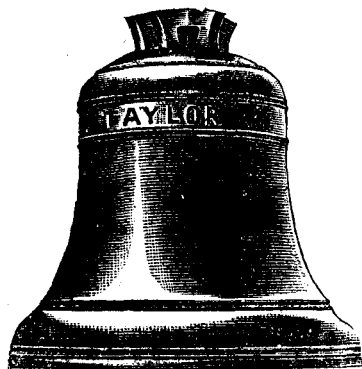
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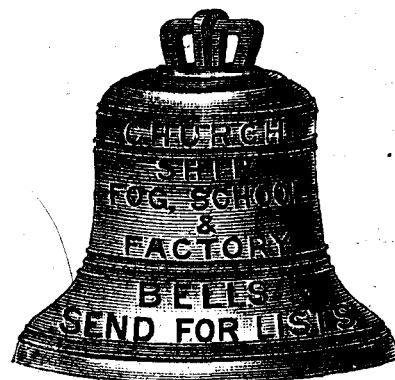
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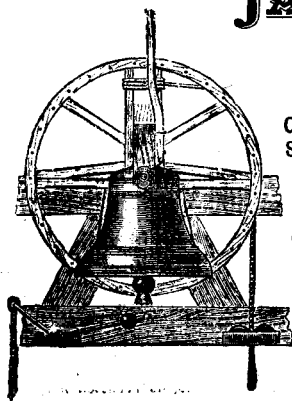
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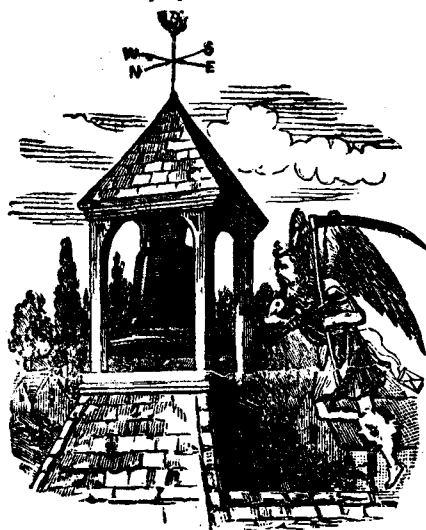
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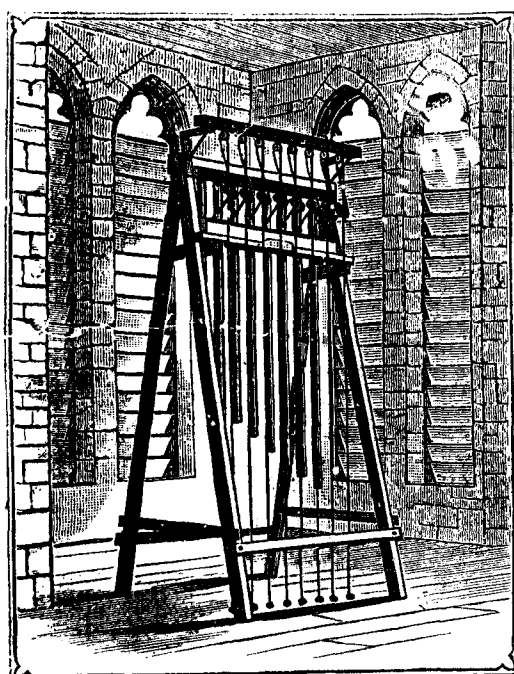
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## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9th, a special meeting was held at Staveley, when upwards of thirty members were present. Mr. J. W. Nicholson presided. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting in which a proposition was made to offer a silver challenge cup to be competed for by the members of the Association, the winning company to hold the cup for the ensuing twelve months.

The chairman explained to the meeting that such a scheme would promote a hearty spirit of competition amongst the various branches, and be a means of drawing together the individual members in such a way as would strongly tend to produce that feeling of harmony and mutual help, which is so necessary to the progress of each band, and without which good and regular Sunday ringing is next to impossible.

The opinion was expressed that clergymen would readily see the advantage of such a scheme, and would personally be willing in the interest of their own ringers to help it forward.

Mr. W. Price (Eckington) proposed, and Mr. W. Worthington (Staveley) seconded, that a cup be purchased for competition among the members of the Association.

Mr. A. Craven (Staveley) moved as an amendment that no such competition be held.

Eight members voted for the amendment, and fourteen for the proposition; several members did not vote. The next question was should it be for a 720 of Minor to be rung on a given day, or for the greater number of 5000 and upwards as per point during the year. After a long discussion it was resolved by fifteen votes to eight for the 720 best struck changes.

Mr. T. Bettison proposed that a committee be elected to draw up rules for consideration at the Annual Meeting on Easter Monday. The following were elected: H. Madin (Staveley); W. Price (Eckington); E. Allen (Dronfield); J. Allen (Norton); C. Severn (Killamarsh); and J. W. Nicholson (Treeton).

The chairman having invited the members present to enter their names as subscribers, upwards of £5 was promised. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Nicholson for presiding, and the meeting terminated, having lasted 1½ hours, being at times very lively.

## HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, February 4th, the ringers at the above church held their third anniversary dinner at "The Frighted Horse" inn. The company present, to the number of about twenty-five, included several friends, representing the various ringing societies of Birmingham and the district.

An excellent dinner was served by host Taylor, and it is needless to say received ample justice. At the clearing of the cloth the chair was taken by the veteran tower-keeper and leader of the Handsworth company—Mr. W. Verry—and after the usual loyal and social toasts had been duly honoured, the remainder of the evening was devoted to music and harmony.

In the speeches made by the chairman and Mr. W. H. Godden, reference was made to the obligations the local company were under for assistance and instruction to such of their visitors as Messrs. Bastable, Kent, and Reynolds, and they were urged to spare no amount of perseverance and effort in perfecting the ringing at the parish church.

Mr. F. Smith, in a neat little speech, expressed the great pleasure it gave the other invited guests and himself to attend such gatherings, and ended by wishing every success to the Handsworth parish church society of ringers.

A very pleasant evening was spent by every one present, and parting time came all too soon.

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"Coming O Thou glorious Priest  
Hear ye not His golden bells."

The second's note is B flat; it weighs 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs., has a diameter of 2 ft. 9 in., and upon it 1894; a low-relief of the Holy Child upon the lap of His Mother (the Patron of the Church), and

"O hark to what I sing  
As joyously I ring  
May Jesus Christ be praised."

The third's note is A flat; it weighs 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs., has a diameter of 2 ft. 11½ in., and has on it

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The fourth's note is G; it weighs 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs., and has a diameter of 3 ft. 1½ in., and is without a letter or figure. It is assumed to be one of the four made in 1668.

The fifth's note is F; it weighs 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs., has a diameter of 3 ft. 3 in., and upon it "T. BILBIE, 1743." This bell has been improved in tone by the shearing off of half an inch or so of its lip.

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After the service members of the Diocesan Association from St. James', Taunton, rang some touches to the great delight of the people who had sadly missed their bells, and were rejoiced to find how a tuneful ring had been obtained.

**HANDBELL RINGING CONTEST.**

A handbell ringing contest and concert was held at the Odd-Fellows hall, Uppermill, Saddleworth, on Saturday, February 9th, when the Hollingworth silver challenge cup was competed for. The committee had secured the services of Mr. Arthur Jones-Welch, tenor, Mr. Richard Kay, baritone, and Mr. A. W. Holden (Southport), bass; solo pianist and accompanist, Mr. Hugh W. Wood, organist of St. Paul's, Southport, and with Councillor T. J. Wild, J.P. as chairman, and Mr. Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, as judge, success was assured. "What beautiful singing," and "what good ringing" were the expressions heard on every side at the close.

The chairman made a very good introductory speech, and kept the meeting in good order by his well-timed remarks. The first item on the programme was the duet "Excelsior" (Balfe), by Messrs. Jones and Kaye, which was rendered with much spirit and taste. A pianoforte solo by Mr. Wood—"Tarantelle" convinced the audience at once that he was a player of considerable ability, execution, and precision. Song—"I fear no foe" (Pinsuti), was very well sung by Mr. Kay, who was greeted with rounds of applause. Mr. Holden got a good reception for his rendering of the "Yeoman's Wedding Song," and for the old favourite song "Tom Bowling," Mr. Jones brought down the house. In responding to a well-merited encore he gave the old English ballad "Sally in our alley." Mr. Kay was encored for his rendering of "The Shipwreck," and responded with "The Long Shoreman." The artists having to leave at this stage of the proceedings, the large gathering expressed their appreciation of their services, with rounds of applause as they left the hall.

After the decision had been announced, Mr. Wild distributed the prizes to the winning companies, after which votes of thanks to Mr. Samuel Wood for acting as judge, and to the chairman, brought to a close a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BARKING ROAD.**

On Saturday, February 16th, the bells of this church were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of Mr. C. Dickerson, formerly a member of the above Guild, who died very suddenly on Friday, February 8th, and was buried on Friday, February 15th. Owing to meeting short for change-ringing, some call-changes were rung by W. Floyd, 1; J. Waits, 2; A. Sanderson, 3; C. St. John, 4; J. L. Sanderson, 5; W. H. Dallimore (conductor), 6. The deceased was born at Weston Colvill, Cambridgeshire and when very young learnt to handle a bell at the parish church. At the age of fourteen he joined the navy, and was invalided out after eight or ten years service. He then came to reside at Canning Town, where for thirty-four years he was in the employ of the Great Eastern Railway at the Canning Town station. He did not ring any more until the bells were placed in the above church in 1887, but was unable to do much owing to ill-health. The deceased was fifty-nine years of age at the time of his death, and leaves a wife but no young children to mourn his loss.

**THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 16th, a meeting of the above was held at Liversedge, the business of the society being transacted at the Victoria tavern. A good muster of ringers were present from Batley, Birstal, Dewsbury, Ossett, Earlsheaton, Batley Carr, Mirfield, Brighouse, Lindley, and other places. Mr. J. Peacock presided. A vote of condolence was passed respecting the death of H. Wilson (Brighouse), and W. Sykes (Shelley).

The business of the meeting was got through as early as possible to allow the full companies a practice upon the tower bells. The next monthly meeting will be held at Birstal.

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**THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, February 9th, a meeting of this Guild was held at Ormskirk, members being present from Aughton, Croston, etc., besides the local company. The business meeting was held in the vestry at which the vicar presided, who in the course of a few remarks gave the members present a hearty welcome to Ormskirk, and said he should be pleased to become an honorary life member in place of honorary member. Mr. Martin gave a statement of accounts, which were very satisfactory; and Mr. W. Fairclough (Christ Church, Aughton), was elected auditor.

Mr. W. L. Hutton (Christ Church, Aughton), said he was sorry there was not a better meeting, and that the severity of the weather no doubt kept many from attending, but he was pleased to propose that the Right Hon. A. B. Forward, M.P. be elected an honorary life member, and that Henry Brighouse, Esq. (Aughton), be elected an honorary member of the Guild, which was seconded by Mr. W. Bentham and carried with acclamation, and the usual vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

A district meeting of the above was held at Colchester, on Saturday, February 16th. The bells of St. Peter's (8), and All Saints' (5) were kindly placed at the disposal of the members. Ringers assembled from the following places: Writtle, Colchester, Ardleigh, Ipswich, Great Bentley, Little Bentley, Hadleigh, Sudbury, Harwich, Walter Belchamp, Springfield, Coggeshall, Ferriers, Chelmsford, and Braintree. Tea was held at The Temperance hotel, to which thirty-one sat down. The Hon. Sec., the Rev. T. L. Papillon, took the chair, and was supported by the Assistant Sec., the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre. Several new members were elected into the Association. The next meeting was fixed for Easter Monday, at Kelvedon, where the heavy ring of bells is to be augmented to six.

**TIVERTON, DEVON.**

In last week's issue appeared the record of the first peal of Stedman Triples by a purely local company in the county of Devon, at Tiverton, on Wednesday, February 13th. The striking, with scarcely an exception, was good, and reflects much credit on all concerned. This branch of the Devon Guild has been steadily improving in the past year, and has they have not for many years had the advantage of any professional assistance, it is specially to their honour that they have begun the year with a peal of Stedman Triples. Mr. James Babbage conducted, and proved in every sense most capable and efficient. We heartily congratulate the Tiverton Branch, and hope, ere long, to hear of a similar performance at Exeter and other Devon centres.

L. M.

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY.**

On Tuesday, February 5th, the members of the Billingshurst company rang two 720s, viz., Warnham Court Bob. P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; J. Newman, 3; H. Feast, 4; M. Ireland, 5; W. Wadey, 6. And one of Plain Bob. P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; H. Meetens, 3; M. Ireland, 4; J. Voice, 5; W. Wadey, 6. Both were conducted by W. Wadey, and were rung to celebrate the seventy-third birthday of William Chantler, who is still one of the best ringers in this parish. Not many people in this country can boast of having rung in one parish church for fifty-seven years as he has done.

**RINGERS' DINNER.**

On Wednesday, January 30th, the Folkestone ringers held their annual dinner at The Harbour inn. There was a goodly company when "go" was called, who did ample justice to the good things provided, amongst which figured the leg of mutton, which has always been a gift of the esteemed and worthy Mayor. The evening was enlivened with touches and handbell music. The usual toasts brought a pleasant evening to a close.

## OXFORD AND OXFORDSHIRE BELLS AND BELFRIES.

[From *The Oxford Times*.]

(Continued from page 479.)

Hearne's next reference is under "1733, July 9th, Tuesday, 7 non, Juli.—Anno. 1733, came out at London, a little book in 12mo., being the third edition of *Campanologia, or the Art of Ringing*."

"One Annables is now putting out a new edition of the same book, which 'tis said will be the best book of its kind that ever yet was printed on that subject.

"The said Annables is one of the London ringers that rang at Oxford at Whitsuntide in 1733. He rang the ninth bell, and is judged to understand ringing as well as if not better than any man in the world." (Vol. 142. f. 144).

Saturday, September 28th, 1734: "Yesterday being the obit of William of Wickham, founder of New College, and the festival of St. Cosmas and Damianus, some of the Oxford ringers agreed to ring at New College, proposing to ring 6876 Cater changes upon the ten bells there. They designed to have began at eleven in the morning, but 'twas near twelve before they began, for they had only rung 200 changes when the clock struck twelve. They had so many gross faults that 'tis not worth while to particularize them all, only thus much may be noted, that a bob was missed, being called before they had got to two hundred, and [that they] strangely blundered a little after they had rung 600, and so again a little after they had rung 1,100 and so after 1,400 and 1,900; and at length when they had rang 2,714 (which wants 4,162 of the whole), they were quite out, it being then three quarters after one. Then they set the bells, and soon after began again and rang 650, and made an end at very near half-hour after two, so that the whole both times were 3,364 changes in two hours-and-a-half, whereas they rang on the 1st of May last 3,475 changes in two hours and nineteen minutes. I was very apprehensive yesterday when they first began, that they would not perform their task, the compass being too wide, and the person that rang the ninth bell making a bad step even at first. Though 'twas so wet I heard them all the time, walking for that purpose up and down in the parks on the east side of Wadham College. Had they finished the peal and done it well, I should have taken care to transmit in print (in one of my books that I print at the Theater) the names of several ringers to posterity, 6,876 changes having never as yet at one time been rung in Oxford. But as the performance was bad (considering the character each ringer bore for his skill in the Art of ringing), as it will not be to their credit to have their names mentioned, so neither will it be for the honour of William of Wickham to discover who the persons were that performed so lamely on the day he died, which day ought to be observed with all possible decorum, and the ringing should be then as clear and true as can be, for which reason I shall pass over (what might be further observed) in silence." He did not, however strictly keep to his word, thinking that after all it was certainly necessary—if only to prevent a similar occurrence in the future—to place their names on record; and this he resolved to do in order to shame them—which apparently was needless, for the ringers endeavoured to conceal the true facts from him with every possible care, but all to no purpose.

Continuing, he writes (the date being Monday, December 2, 1734):—"On the 5th of November last, some Oxford ringers were resolved to show their zeal for the Government by ringing Cater changes as well as they possibly could upon the Christ Church ten bells. They were some of the best ringers, and because they think they merited much by their performance, I shall here specify the names of every one of them, at the same time noting that those three excellent ringers, Mr. John George, the Taylor, Mr. Thomas Yate, the second cook of Magdalen College, and Mr. John Broughton, the barber, acted much more for their honour and credit, who declined ringing amongst them that day, by which these three avoided the censure of being poor mercenary ringers (for the others rang for money) and of giving credit to a downright false notion, that the Prince of Orange landed upon the fifth, whereas it was upon the 4th of November, to say nothing of the Powder Plot, which many wise

men give out was a mere sham. I happened that day, between three and four o'clock in the afternoon, to go through the White Walk while the bells were ringing, and I heard some one in the walk say 'twas exceeding good ringing.' Coming to the Cloysters I stood still to listen (which I not have done on such a day as that; were it not to see whether the character of its being exceeding good ringing or not), and in fifteen minutes I discerned eighteen considerable faults, the last six so very considerable that I found they would soon be confounded, as indeed they were, and so gave over, being not able to make clean work; and yet, notwithstanding this, they boast that 'twas extraordinary good ringing, and that they rang two thousand. I cannot say anything to the number of changes, nor to the goodness of the ringing before the last quarter of an hour, and how bad that was I have fairly signified, and yet 'twas good enough for the day. I should likewise here remark that the reward of the mercenary ringers was only 15s. 6d. a man, and that one of the ringers was a learner or beginner (as it were) only, viz., Mr. Crozier, a cork cutter, and yet so skilful, that he may deservedly be reckoned among the best Oxford ringers. The names (what I propose to give) of all these ten ringers were in order, just as they rang as follows:—1, Mr. Richard Hearne (a taylor); 2, Mr. John Vickers (second butler of New College); 3, Mr. William Crozier (a cork cutter); 4, Mr. Guy Terry (a pot-ash maker); 5, Mr. Brickland (a schoolmaster); 6, Mr. Thomas Nash (a cabinet-maker); 7, Mr. Arthur Lloyd (carpenter and bell-hanger); 8, Mr. William Barnes (second cook of Christ Church); 9, Mr. Richard Smith (a glover); 10, Mr. Nicholas Benwell (sexton of Christ Church).

"And now I have mentioned this 5th of November ringing, I will beg leave to take notice of the names of those who rang at New College (Friday) September 27 last, being the founder of New College's Obit, a thing I should not have done had not the ringers been so proud of this 5th of November at Christ Church, and been so much ashamed of that at New College, and yet I think there is much more reason to be ashamed of that at Christ Church than of this at New College. That they are ashamed of what was done at New College appears from all accounts, inasmuch that they have endeavoured as much as ever they could, to conceal the names of those that chiefly erred or blundered in the ringing, which, notwithstanding, I have been able to find out. The names of the ringers are in order thus:—1, Mr. John Vickers; 2, Mr. Thomas Nash; 3, Mr. John George; 4, Mr. Guy Terry; 5, Mr. Thomas Yates; 6, Mr. John Broughton; 7, Mr. Richard Smith; 8, Mr. William Barnes; 9, Mr. Arthur Lloyd; 10, Mr. Nicholas Benwell.

"The day before the ringing Mr. Vickers told me that Mr. Richard Hearne was to ring the first, and himself the fifth, and Mr. Yates the sixth; but Hearne excusing himself from being one of them, Vickers therefore rung the 1st, and Mr. Yates the 5th, and Mr. Broughton (who was not otherwise to have been one) the 6th.

"As to Mr. Vickers, he is very ingenious in the Art of ringing, and is excellent in calling the bobs and managing the musick of ringing. I think he is one of the very best. Hearne was no mean judge—in England, as he is withall a very good ringer himself; and yet at this time he missed calling two of the bobs (one of which was before she had gone two hundred changes), as at the same time did likewise Mr. Arthur Lloyd and Mr. William Barnes (otherwise two famous ringers), commit most notorious blunders, on these were the three chief blunders in this undertaking, and 'twas from their mistakes that the peal was spoiled; and yet it must be owned that it happened purely from their being much in liquor, whereas as they ought to have been sober, as indeed there can never be any true ringing but by persons that come to it perfectly sober." The italics are not Hearne's.

References to bells and bell-ringing in Oxford during 1735 are not so plentiful as in the year preceding. The first is recorded in folio 99, volume 144. It runs thus:—"March 12, Wednesday. Yesterday a new attempt was made at New College by Oxford ringers, to ring 6,876 Cater changes, but they did not succeed as it was hoped they would. They began about half an hour after twelve, and rang till a little after three in the afternoon. Being indisposed, I could not go out to hear them, and so will not pretend to be critical about the ringing."

[To be continued.]



## 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."

## NOT GENUINE.

SIR,—Referring to Mr. Henry Wood's letter in your last issue, as to the genuineness of the peal of Grandsire Triples rung by the St. Michael's Society, Sittingbourne, on January 20th, since my name is brought into the matter (though without my consent) I beg to say that although I made the remark in the churchyard that I thought it could not possibly be a "true and complete peal," owing to the "lumpiness" of the striking in the last few changes, and I also expressed it as my opinion that the conductor must have called the bells round. I withdrew that remark and expression of opinion on ascending the tower and learning from the conductor (Mr. H. E. Simpson), and from several others in the company of many years' standing in the ringing world that "there had been no change-course, that the peal had been correctly called, and that all the bells were in their right places when they came home. I have always understood that the word of the conductor, endorsed by one or more of a company equally capable of conducting the same peal, is considered sufficient guarantee of the genuineness of such peal. What other check is there on any peal being true and complete except the lead-ends, or at least the part-ends be taken down by a competent and disinterested party outside? Neither Mr. Wood nor the other listeners (myself included) were either competent so to do, or disinterested in the result of the attempted peal. With regard to Mr. Wood's remark, "For fully four minutes the bells were firing, and then opened into rounds," this is a gross exaggeration. The changes, according to the time of the peal, were going at the average rate of twenty-eight per minute. "Fully four minutes" of firing would thus mean 112 strokes, struck all together, which to a ringer of even less experience than Mr. Henry Wood must be seen to be an absurdity, unless the company were practising for a wedding or some other festive occasion, which was not the case. In my opinion the peal disputed deserves to be recorded as a "true and complete" peal quite as much as many that are so recorded, where jealous and vindictive persons have not been present to criticise the striking. In writing this letter I should like it to be known that I have not been in collusion, or had correspondence with the conductor or any of the company who rang in the said peal. I write as secretary to the St. Michael's Society, in order to refute the imputation that they record peals which are not genuine.

J. G. ELLIOTT,

Hon. Sec. St. Michael's Company, Sittingbourne.

SIR,—As Mr. Simpson chooses to say it was to discredit the St. Michael's Society that I disputed the peal, I beg to state that such was not the case, the matter being taken up by me solely in the interests of true and scientific change-ringing (which I am happy to say I practice), but since he prefers to adopt that course, perhaps he will change his opinion in the face of the remarks made by Mr. Elliott, who is a much better and more advanced ringer than Mr. Simpson can claim to be (although not aspiring to become a bob caller). As to the bells being in proper coursing order, etc., and the reference to Mr. Ransom, I myself, at the conclusion of the so-called peal, heard that ringer state that he was not watching the calling, but to the best of his belief the bells were in proper coursing order. It would therefore be interesting to know how Mr. Ransom can support the statement made by Mr. Simpson. I still adhere to my former statement, and maintain it has no right to be entered in the Association peal-book. I have, I think, stated all I care to say on this subject, but I should be obliged if any of the other listeners would give their opinion through these columns. I should then be willing for the matter to be placed before, and decided by, the Kent County Association Committee.

HENRY WOOD.

## ON METHODS.

SIR,—We have had some correspondence lately concerning Darlaston Bob, and if you will kindly allow me I should like to give my humble opinion upon the subject in general. The Rev. H. Law James seems to have lost sight of one or two rather important facts in regard to the way a method should work on the different numbers of bells, and I am afraid the old authors were not so careful as they might have been in this matter, and who, I think, are chiefly to blame for confusing methods one with another. Now we have had the Plain Bob and Grandsire methods handed down to us from the earliest stages of change-ringing, and there appears to be no question as to how these two methods shall work on the different numbers of bells, in spite of the effect being had on odd numbers in one case, and even numbers in the other. I think most of us have a pretty clear

impression that this admirable principle is perfectly sound and correct, and seems to have been accepted by the Exercise. In the face of this principle no wonder Mr. James finds it difficult to convince Mr. Carter that Darlaston is College Single. But in keeping strictly to this principle in dealing with real College Single, and I may say real Oxford Bob and Court Bob, the effect would be very objectionable indeed, for at plain leads in the two former, and at bob leads in the latter, the bell that turns the treble from behind, would remain in that position till she returned. Thus we see clearly why the old authors put a bell into the hunt to produce Oxford Bob and Court Bob on odd numbers of bells. At the same time we have a sort of feeling that the thing is not strictly correct. We did not blame them for giving us two such excellent methods as these, but they are certainly to blame for naming and classing them with what are strictly even-bell methods. Shipway says on page 143 that all methods having a bell in the hunt ought to have the term Grandsire attached to them. This would be very necessary if the real methods were sometimes rung; we should then have to add to the others some such accompaniment as "Grandsire Variation." Now I feel sure Mr. Carter will admit that Darlaston is what Shipway would perhaps call the Grandsire variation of College Single, at least, as far as the plain course is concerned; and for my own part I see no earthly reason why Mr. Carter should not call it Darlaston Bob, as he was the first to produce it. The College Single given by Mr. Bratton is certainly a lead of the B block of Darlaston Bob, but this only runs three leads, while the true method runs six.

J. J. PARKER.

## REPLY TO THE REV. H. L. JAMES.

SIR,—In reply to the letter which appeared in your last issue, I fail to see the correctness of Mr. James' idea shown by figures as to how the places should be moved for the extra bell from 4 to 5 unless it is done up to 12 thus:—

1243	12345	123456	1234567
1234	21354	214365	2143657
		241356	2416375
			4261357

His idea then holds good. But he says that Darlaston Bob is identical with College Single to my mind an untenable theory, unless he admits that Plain Bob, St. Dunstons, College Single Minor and Triples are all alike and should bear the same only one name. Here are the examples of the four:—

		432156	5432167
	32154	341265	5341267
2134	31245	314256	3514276
1243	13254	132465	3152467
1234	12345	123456	1325476
2143	21354	214365	1234567
	23145	241356	2143576
		423165	2415367
			4251376
			4523167

The above places are made from where the treble leaves the 3rds place from behind until she returns to that place. There have been rung a number of peals of Treble Bob Triples, both in the Oxford and Kent Variation, without any second guiding bell. If this rule applies to Treble Bob methods it must apply to plain methods. In my opinion all methods, where each bell is a working bell, should be classed as one system and method with one guiding bell (say the treble) as another system. Two guiding bells (as in Grandsire) should be yet another, and so forth. I consider Darlaston Bob to be of the Grandsire system, and College Single of the Plain Bob system. As I have written several letters on this subject, and my ideas still remain unaltered, I may say to the Rev. H. L. James "This is all."

JOHN CARTER.

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**Johnson Anniversary Dinner.**—The usual anniversary dinner will be held to-day, Saturday, March 2nd, when A. Percival Heywood, Esq., has promised to take the chair. Dinner will be served at The Market Hotel, Station Street, back of New Street Station, at 6.30 p.m., sharp. Dinner tickets, 3s. each. There will be ringing on St. Martin's bells during the afternoon.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec. St. Martin's Guild.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Burslem, to-day, Saturday, March 2nd. Members who intend being present are requested to inform Mr. S. Brown, 26, Clarence Street, Longport, Burslem.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. TWIGG, }

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—A general meeting of the above society will be held at Ashton, on Saturday, March 9th, to receive Rule Committee's Report. Dinner will be provided at The Old Church inn for all those who forward their names to the undersigned, on or before March 6th. Tickets for dinner, etc., 2/4 each. Bells ready at 3 p.m., dinner 5 p.m., business meeting 7 p.m.

JOHN HOPWOOD, *Hon. Sec.*

25, Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

P.S.—All members are requested to forward their addresses to the secretary, so that he can forward rules when ready.

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Halling, on Saturday, March 9th. Tower will be open by 4.30 p.m. for ringing. It is hoped that a good number will turn up as this is the first meeting at a five-bell tower.

A. OSBORNE,  
*Hon. Dist. Sec.*

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—By kind permission of Rev. R. Tabourdin the next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Twickenham, to-day, Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing to commence at 5 o'clock.

E. J. WALSOM, *Hon. Sec.*

11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

**Waterloo Society, London.**—A special business meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6th, at 8 o'clock, at St. John's, Waterloo Road. Members are requested to attend.

F. PERRIN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—A committee meeting will be held on Friday, March 8th, at The Crown and Fleece, near The Corn Exchange, Leeds, at 8 p.m. One representative from each company is earnestly desired to attend. Business of importance.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Balderstone church, on Saturday, March 9th. Meeting at 6 p.m.

G. HOYLE,  
*Branch Sec.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held in the schoolroom, Bebington, on Saturday next, March 9th. Tea at 6 p.m., free. Tower open from 3 p.m. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, March 4th, to

F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Braeside, West Kirby.

**The Surrey Association.**—The Annual Report for 1894 will be placed in the hands of the printers at once. Representatives and unattached members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1894, and wish their names to remain in the list of members, are requested to forward the same without delay, together with the revised lists of membership, so that the Annual Report may appear as correct as possible.

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60x16.

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

Three times repeated calling single in place of bob at 4 in the 6th course of the 2nd and 4th parts. It contains all the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6. By omitting the bobs braced, the peal is reduced to 5120, and by adding a bob at 4 in the 1st course of any part, reduces it further to 5008.

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

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

On Saturday, February 23, 1895, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CLAPTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM B. MANNING .. Treble.	†ALBERT COLES .. .. . 5.
FREDERICK RUMENS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. 6.
GEORGE J. GAINS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM D. SMITH .. .. 7.
GEORGE J. SMITH .. .. 4.	*CHARLES TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BURKIN.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the birthday of A. Coles, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, February 23, 1895, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS .. Treble.	*HARRY BARTON .. .. . 5.
FREDERICK J. PITTS* .. 2.	WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 3.	*HARRY STUBBS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by FREDERICK J. PITTS.

\*First peal in the method. This composition has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths. Messrs. Grove and Neale hail from Woolwich.

**The Provinces.****CHERTSEY.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, February 16, 1895, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lbs.

J. STAPLES .. .. .	Treble.	REV. R. C. M. HARVEY..	5.
H. WHITE .. .. .	2.	J. J. JONES .. .. .	6.
F. BENNETT .. .. .	3.	W. H. GEORGE .. .. .	7.
G. WOODISS.. .. .	4.	J. W. WHITING.. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by G. WOODIS.

Messrs. Bennett and Jones hail from Guildford; Staples from Havant; White from Basingstoke; Woodiss from Horsham; Whiting from Fareham; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey and George from Eastleigh. The above is believed to be the first peal of Triples on the bells.

**HORLEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
(THE HORLEY BRANCH.)*On Tuesday, February 19, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

FRANK VOICE† .. .. .	Treble.	THOMAS SPARKS.. .. .	5.
STEPHEN KENWARD* ..	2.	ALBERT SONGHURST ..	6.
GEORGE STAPLEHURST ..	3.	PETER ETHERIDGE .. ..	7.
JOSEPH KENWARD .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM WALLIS .. ..	Tenor.

Conducted by STEPHEN KENWARD.

†First peal. \*First peal as conductor. This peal was rung in honor of the Vicar's birthday, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. This is the first peal ever rung by Horley men.

**ACTON, MIDDLESEX.****THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, February 20, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 13.

WILLIAM WARD† .. .. .	Treble.	EDWARD HARRIS .. .. .	5.
GEORGE THOMPSON* ..	2.	WILLIAM FOSTER .. .. .	6.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. .	3.	ALLEN H. TABER .. .. .	7.
EVERED J. WALSON .. ..	4.	BENJAMIN GREEN .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by J. BASDEN.

†First peal away from tenor. \*First away from treble. †First peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, February 20, 1895, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. .	Treble.	EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN ..	5.
HUGH D. DALL .. .. .	2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER.. ..	6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN.. ..	3.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. .	7.
FREDERICK J. HARRISON ..	4.	HAROLD PEARSON .. ..	Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS LEES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Hugh D. Dall.

**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, February 21, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

JOHN COOK .. .. .	Treble.	*ERNEST C. QUICK .. ..	5.
BENJAMIN BASSETT .. ..	2.	WILLIAM SHORT.. .. .	6.
HARRY RANCE* .. .. .	3.	HENRY BURSTOW .. .. .	7.
JACOB BROWN .. .. .	4.	*JOHN RICE .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal.

**WORCESTER.****THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
(THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.)*On Thursday, February 21, 1895, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.**

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

BENJAMIN S. HILL .. ..	Treble.	LIONEL LONGNEY .. ..	5.
WILLIAM COTTON' .. ..	2.	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ..	6.
WILLIAM POWELL .. ..	3.	WILLIAM PAGE .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM BRADFORD .. ..	4.	ERNEST DAVIS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. PAGE.

This is the first peal in the method ever rung in the City of Worcester, first in the method by all the band, and was rung at the first attempt. Rung in honour of the birthday of their Hon. Sec., W. H. Johnson, the members wishing him many happy returns. The peal contains the 5th and 6th their extent in 6th's place.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, February 22, 1895, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.**

FRANK BOREHAM .. .. .	Treble.	SIDNEY GOODCHILD .. ..	5.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. ..	2.	RALPH BIGGS .. .. .	6.
FRANK BIGGS .. .. .	3.	FRED. BIGGS .. .. .	7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON ..	4.	JOHN EVANS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by H. PRICE and Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

**HEADINGLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, February 23, 1895, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HARRY MOTTERSHALL ..	Treble.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. ..	5.
WILLIAM PRICE.. .. .	2.	ARTHUR WORTHINGTON ..	6.
HERBERT MADIN .. .. .	3.	JOHN HARRIS .. .. .	7.
ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. .	4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. ..	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This peal, in thirteen courses, contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th eighteen times each way in 5-6. W. Price hails from Eckington, A. Knights from Chesterfield, the rest from Staveley, Derbyshire. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for their hospitality.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, February 23, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST BRYANT .. .. .	Treble.	ALFRED BURGESS .. ..	5.
HARRY E. WITHERS.. ..	2.	ALFRED WHITE .. .. .	6.
A. SMITH .. .. .	3.	E. CLAPSHAW .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM G. WITHERS ..	4.	HARRY FORDER .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY E. WITHERS.

Messrs. Smith, White, and Clapshaw are members of the local band, the rest hail from Alton.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, February 23, 1895, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE NORMAN TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

SAMUEL SLATER .. .. .	Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. ..	6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON ..	2.	ARTHUR SYMONDS .. ..	7.
CHARLES SILLITOE .. ..	3.	FREDERICK DAY.. .. .	8.
ALFRED PITSTOW .. .. .	4.	GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. .	9.
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ..	5.	FREDERICK PITSTOW.. ..	Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX and Conducted by FREDK. PITSTOW.

Messrs. Brighton and F. and G. Howchin hail from Norwich; Slater from Glemsford; Sillitoe from Sudbury; A. and F. Pitstow from Saffron Walden; Symonds from Lavenham; Day from Eye; and Taylor from Cambridge. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## NEWHEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

On Saturday, February 23, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6160 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS BUCKLEY† .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HOYLE .. .. 5.
FRANK BIRTWISTLE .. .. 2.	EDMUND SCHOFIELD .. .. 6.
JOSEPH CROSSLEY .. .. 3.	*JOSEPH MARSHALL .. .. 7.
ROBERT WHITTLES* .. .. 4.	JOHN HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY and Conducted by JOHN HARRISON.

Longest length rung in the district and by all the above. †First peal of Major.  
\*First peal.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1895, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK A. NUNN .. .. 5.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. .. 2.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. DORAN .. .. 3.	JOHN DALE .. .. 7.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX and  
Conducted by ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd.

## WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1895, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PRIESTMAN* .. Treble.	JOSEPH GOODHEAD .. .. 5.
THOMAS MILLER .. .. 2.	*ALFRED GROCOTT .. .. 6.
S. J. HOLDEN† .. .. 3.	HENRY PAGE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM GRICE .. .. 4.	CHARLES OLLIER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. WILDE and Conducted by THOMAS MILLER.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell. W. Priestman hails from Kildgrove, W. Grice from Newcastle, H. Page from Stoke-on-Trent.

## SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5504 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

This peal, in seventeen courses, is now rung for the first time. It has the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 5-6, with the 6th five times at home, without the 2nd ever being in 6th's place at a course-end. T. Redman hails from Burnley, the rest belong to the local company.

## ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

DAVID ANSCOMBE† .. .. Treble.	JOHN CRAWFORD .. .. 5.
GEORGE CHANTLER .. .. 2.	ALLAN GOWER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM COOK* .. .. 3.	HENRY WILKINSON .. .. 7.
JOHN WYATT .. .. 4.	*HARRY CORBETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CHANTLER.

\*First peal. †First peal away from tenor. W. Cook was elected a member of the Association previous to the peal.

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

On Saturday, February 23, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

W. TRUSS .. .. Treble.	FRANK BOREHAM .. .. 5.
J. C. TRUSS, JUN. .. .. 2.	RALPH BIGGS .. .. 6.
FRANK BIGGS .. .. 3.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 7.
SIDNEY GOODCHILD .. .. 4.	FRED. BIGGS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. EVANS.

This is the first time F. Biggs has ever rang the tenor.

## SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1895, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SYDNEY CLARK .. .. Treble.	EDWIN WHEATER .. .. 5.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. .. 2.	FREDK. W. HARGREAVES .. .. 6.
HARRY B. PAYNE .. .. 3.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 7.
SAM H. LONDON .. .. 4.	CHARLES DRACUP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by CHARLES DRACUP.

Messrs. Clark, Payne, and Broadley hail from Bradford; London from Saltaire; Wheeler from Tong; Hargreaves from Drighlington; Dracup from Low Moor; and Kendall belongs to the local company. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Nettleton, the steeple-keeper, for having everything in readiness.

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

## RAUNDS AND WELLINGBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

GEORGE WARNER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PARKER .. .. 5.
GEORGE RANDALL .. .. 2.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 6.
THOMAS R. HENSHER* .. .. 3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 7.
GEORGE BROWN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PETTET .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN B. MARTIN.

\*First peal. The above is the quickest peal on the bells. T. Hensher hails from Kettering, and is the first one in that band to ring a peal.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 25, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. GIFFORD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

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

Composed and Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

## MIDDLESBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 25, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

RICHARD FENWICK* .. .. Treble.	*ALEXANDER MACFARLANE .. .. 5.
JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. .. 2.	*FRED A. MELLANBY .. .. 6.
ROBERT ALCOCK .. .. 3.	WILLIAM NEWTON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 4.	FRED J. HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Oxford. Newton hails from Stockton; Holmes and Harrison from Newcastle. This is the first peal of Oxford on the bells.

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## BANSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 25, 1895, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. F. PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. Treble.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. . 5.
JOHN TRENDALL .. .. . 2.	CHARLES TRENDALL .. .. . 6.
EDWARD TRENDALL .. .. . 3.	JAMES TRENDALL .. .. . 7.
FREDERICK TRENDALL .. .. . 4.	*ALFRED H. WICKS .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN TRENDALL.

\*First peal.

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 25, 1895, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR HEAD .. .. . Treble.	JOHN BEAMS .. .. . 5.
GEORGE HEAD .. .. . 2.	THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. . 6.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. .. . 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. . 7.
GEORGE W. SORRELL .. .. . 4.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## HITCHIN, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 25, 1895, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES MORLEY* .. .. . Treble.	E. P. DEBENHAM .. .. . 5.
THOMAS WEBB† .. .. . 2.	JOHN HARE .. .. . 6.
WILLIAM BIDNELL* .. .. . 3.	*JOHN FOSTER .. .. . 7.
GEORGE T. SPICER† .. .. . 4.	*GEORGE GENTLE .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by E. P. DEBENHAM.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. †First peal of Grandsire. Messrs. Morley, Webb, Bidnell, Gentle, and Spicer hail from Baldock, E. P. Debenham from St. Albans, Foster and Hare belong to Hitchin.

## ARMLEY, YORKS.

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

On Monday, February 25, 1895, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. B. COWLING, BOSPHOROUS STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

JOHN THACKRAY .. .. . 1-2.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. . 5-6.
JOSEPH THACKRAY .. .. . 3-4.	JOHN WHITAKER .. .. . 7-8.

Composed by A. CRAVEN and Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

This peal, in four equal parts, has the full combination of the 4th, 5th, and 6th, the 2nd and 3rd each four times in 5th's and never in 6th's place, and is now rung for the first time. Referee, Bertie Cowling.

## SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Monday, February 25, 1895, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

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

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

ARTHUR J. JONES .. .. . Treble.	JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. .. . 6.
JOHN DAY .. .. . 2.	WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. .. . 7.
HENRY BASTABLE .. .. . 3.	JOHN BUFFERY .. .. . 8.
THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. . 4.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. .. . 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. . 5.	WILLIAM KENT .. .. . Tenor.

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

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

## DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 25, 1895, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

E. DOWELL* .. .. . Treble.	C. E. HART .. .. . 5.
C. DRAPER .. .. . 2.	S. MASKREY .. .. . 6.
J. W. THOMPSON .. .. . 3.	A. E. THOMPSON .. .. . 7.
C. T. DOWELL .. .. . 4.	*E. WILLIS .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHT and Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

\*First peal. This peal, in six parts, is now rung for the first time. Ruag on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. A. H. Prior, late of St. Barnabas, to the living of St. Andrew.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

On Wednesday, February 20, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## 5088 CHANGES OF MINOR,

In the four following methods:

Being 720 and 504 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 and 600 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Teno 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

FRED FLETCHER .. .. . Treble.	CHARLES PRICE .. .. . 4.
JOHN MORGAN, JUN. .. .. . 2.	ALFRED MATTHEWS .. .. . 5.
RICHARD THOMAS .. .. . 3.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

This peal was arranged for F. Fletcher, who is over on a tour from America.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on February 11th, was a Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association peal.

## Miscellaneous.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Tuesday evening, December 18th, at St. John's church, for practice, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. W. Moncaster (longest length in the method), 1; R. Moncaster, 2; J. Baxter, 3; A. E. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. D. Lister, 6; F. A. Teasdale, 7; W. Porter (first attempt as conductor), 8. On Sunday, December 23rd, for evensong, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Patton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; A. E. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. Porter, 6; F. A. Teasdale, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. On Christmas Day, for Matins, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. W. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; J. Baxter (conductor), 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Bolton, 8. On Saturday, December 29th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. Bolton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; J. Baxter, 4; D. Shipp (Staindrop, conductor), 5; E. J. Titt (South Church), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor, standing as before. And 720 Grandsire Minor. E. J. Titt, 4; J. Baxter (conductor), 6; the others as before. These were rung through meeting one short for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in honour of the wedding of W. Porter, a member of the local company, who was married at Tunbridge Wells, on Boxing day. On Monday, December 31st, at 11.30 p.m., 518 Grandsire Triples. C. W. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Porter (conductor), 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; W. Patton, 7; A. E. Moncaster, 8. On Sunday, January 6th, for evensong, 560 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Moncaster, 1; W. D. Lister, 2; W. Porter, 3; J. K. Whitfield (Clifton Station, Westmorland), 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, January 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. W. Moncaster, 1; W. D. Lister, 2; J. K. Whitfield, 3; A. E. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; W. Porter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. This was rung after an attempt for a peal in the above method. On Sunday, January 13th, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. W. Moncaster, 1; A. E. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; W. Porter, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 22nd, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. W. Moncaster, 1; J.



Baxter, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; W. Patton, 7; F. A. Teasdale, 8. On Sunday, January 27th, for evensong, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. W. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; W. Porter, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; W. Patton, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Christmas Eve, December 24th, at St. Mary's parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by C. Crampton. On Wednesday, January 16th, 240 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Barrett, 1; C. Crampton, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; R. Bevan, 5; G. Newson, 6. On Wednesday, January 23rd, three courses of Stedman Doubles. C. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; C. Crampton, 5; F. Kirby, 6. On Wednesday, January 30th, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, standing as before except H. Martin ringing the 6th. On Sunday, February 3rd, after evening service, 360 Plain Bob. H. J. Martin (conductor), 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Webb, 3; W. Tubb, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. Crampton, 6. A 6-score of Stedman Doubles. C. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; C. Crampton, 5; J. Cornell, 6. Two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. E. Tubb, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Russell, 3; F. Pratt, 4; W. Webb, 5; G. Miles, 6. A 288 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cornell, 1; E. E. Pratchett, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; H. J. Martin, 5; C. Crampton, 6. A 240 of Oxford Bob. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. Tenor 163 cwt. *Handbell Ringing.* On Thursday, December 13th, an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief through a change-course in the fifth part. H. J. Martin, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8. On Thursday, December 20th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). F. Carroway, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5-6. On Wednesday, January 16th, a touch of Grandsire Triples round at hand. E. E. Pratchett, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; G. Newson (conductor), 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8. A course of Treble Bob Major. H. J. Martin, 1-2; G. Newson, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8. On Sunday, January 6th, 1008 Bob Major. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6; E. E. Pratchett, 7-8. And on Tuesday, January 22nd, 720 each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure. F. Carroway, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; E. E. Pratchett, 5-6.

BARNET (Herts).—On January 7th, at the parish church, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. R. Roffey, 1; F. A. Milne, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; J. W. Jinns, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; A. E. Dolton, 6; F. Blondell, 7; A. E. Dolton, sen., 8. Also 392 in the same method by the same band. On January 21st, 406 Grandsire Triples. J. Belton, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; A. E. Dolton, 3; J. W. Jinns, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; E. E. Pratchett, 6; F. Blondell, 7; A. T. King, 8. A 588 in the same method. R. Roffey, 1; J. Dell, 2; J. W. Jinns, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; F. Blondell, 6; A. E. Dolton, 7; J. Belton, 8. On Monday, January 28th, several 168s of Grandsire Triples, two of which were conducted by F. Blondell, Messrs. A. R. Samuels, A. Chidwick, and A. T. King taking part in them. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, January 1st, at Christ Church, 720 Merchants' Delight. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockcroft (conductor), 6. On January 6th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. Smith, 5; A. White (conductor), 6. J. Smith hails from Rawtenstall; and A. White from Waterfoot. On January 14th, 720 Imperial Treble Bob. Z. Lord, 1; E. J. Cockcroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the band. On January 20th, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. Z. Lord, 1; E. J. Cockcroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On January 21st, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Holt, 1; E. J. Cockcroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On January 25th, 720 Imperial Treble Bob. E. J. Cockcroft, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by J. Smith. On January 27th, 720 Imperial Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by L. Holt. On same night 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockcroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And on January 28th, 720 Symphony Treble Bob. G. Shottin, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockcroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the band and rung at the first attempt.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SANDY (Beds).—At a quarterly meeting held here on Saturday,

January 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. Chasty, 1; J. Sharman, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). H. Cullip, 1; E. C. Chasty (St. Neot's), 2; F. Keech, 3; H. King, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court (sixteen bobs two singles). W. C. Fox, 1; W. Shimmans, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Sharman, 1; H. Sharp, 2; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor, standing as before, and conducted by J. Sharman, and was his first 720 as conductor.

BEDFORD.—At the church of St. Paul, on Tuesday, January 1st, 251 Grandsire Triples. H. Shimmans, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; D. Thompson, 8. On Sunday, January 6th, 544 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; F. Smith, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Monday, January 7th, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major came to grief after 1 hr. 45 mins. good ringing. S. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; F. Smith, 4; J. Sharman, 5; I. Hills, 6; P. Howard, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 13th, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Hull, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Sharman, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; D. Thompson, 8. A 432 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Hull, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Sharman, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. A 272 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major and 168 Stedman Triples. On Sunday, January 20th, 420 Stedman Triples. F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Tysoe, 3; C. Chasty, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; J. Sharman, 7; D. Thompson, 8. A 224 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Tyler (Loughborough), 6; J. Sharman, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. A 560 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Sharp, 3; F. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; J. Sharman, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. A 216 of Stedman Triples. J. Sharman, 1; H. Sharp, 2; I. Hills, 3; F. Keech, 4; W. Tyler, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. A 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. On Friday, January 25th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. H. Shimmans (longest length), 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. Cullip, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; J. Sharman, 7; F. Hull, 8. On Sunday, January 27th, 447 Grandsire Triples. F. Keech, 1; F. Hull, 2; H. Sharp, 3; C. Chasty, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; J. Sharman (conductor), 7; D. Thompson, 8. A 448 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Hull, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; J. Sharman, 7; F. Smith, 8. And on Tuesday, January 8th, at St. Mary's church, Bedford, 720 Bob Minor. D. Thompson (first 720, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Tysoe, 3; F. Smith, 4; S. Cullip, 5; J. Sharman, 6.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TREETON (Yorks).—On Tuesday, January 8th, at the parish church, for practice, 720 New London Pleasure. A. Woofenden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 13th, for Divine Service, 360 Plain Bob. J. Tinkler, 1; A. J. Plowman, 2; T. Whitworth, 3; J. H. Brothwell, 4; S. Walker, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 20th, for practice, 720 Brothwell Surprise. A. Woofenden, 1; J. H. Brothwell (composer), 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. First in the method by all, and is supposed to be the first time it has been rung. On Friday, January 18th, for practice, 720 Brothwell Surprise, all standing as above. On Sunday, January 20th, for service, 360 Plain Bob. J. Tinkler, 1; W. Lambert, jun., 2; S. Walker, 3; W. J. Nicholson, 4; A. Woofenden, 5; J. H. Brothwell (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 22nd, 720 College Treble Bob. A. Woofenden, 1; T. W. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; J. H. Brothwell, 4; T. Bettison (conductor), 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6. First in the method by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and tenor. T. Bettison hails from Killamarsh. On Friday, February 1st, for practice, 720 College Treble Bob. A. Woofenden, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; ———, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 3rd, for service, 720 Primrose. A. Woofenden, 1; T. W. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. This is the first in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. On Tuesday, February 5th, for practice, 360 Plain Bob. J. Tinkler, 1; J. W. Whitworth, 2; J. H. Brothwell, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. And 720 Tulip. A. Woofenden, 1; the rest as above. This is the first 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS**—On Tuesday, January 22nd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; R. W. Burrows, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; C. J. A. Cushing (conductor), 5; T. Stuart, 6. On Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (forty bobs and twenty singles), in 25 mins. J. Gibson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; T. Stuart, 4; J. Spencer, 5; T. R. Jackson, 6. On Sunday, February 3rd, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-four bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. J. Spencer, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Tuesday, February 5th, for practice, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor (twenty-six singles and thirty-four bobs), in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; R. W. Burrows (first 720 in the method), 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jordan (first in the method with a bob bell), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, February 10th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles), in 24 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; R. W. Burrows, 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

**BLOXWICH** (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, January 1st, at the parish church, 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Birch (first 500), 1; W. Barton, 2; J. Barton, 3; E. Washbrook, 4; T. J. Elton (conductor), 5; A. Turley, 6; J. Elton, 7; J. C. Adams, 8. On Friday, January 25th, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Nicholls, 1; W. Barton, 2; J. Barton (first 504 as conductor), 3; E. Washbrook, 4; F. Edwards, 5; A. Turley, 6; J. C. Adams, 7; R. W. Frost, 8. On Tuesday, January 29th, 336 Bob Major. J. Birch, 1; W. Barton, 2; J. Barton, 3; E. Washbrook, 4; D. Chapman, 5; A. Turley, 6; J. C. Adams, 7; T. J. Elton (conductor), 8. On Sunday, February 3rd, for Divine Service, 910 Grandsire Triples. F. Edwards, 1; W. Barton, 2; J. C. Adams, 3; E. Washbrook, 4; J. Jones, 5; A. Turley, 6; J. Barton (conductor), 7; R. W. Frost, 8.

**FULHAM** (Middlesex).—On Thursday, January 31st, for practice, 742 Grandsire Triples. \*W. Banham, 1; J. Green, 2; H. Newnham, 3; C. Hindes, 4; H. Adams, 5; J. W. Driver, 6; E. H. Adams (conductor), 7; \*A. Saunders, 8. \*First touch.

**RAINHAM** (Kent).—On Friday, January 18th, at the church of St. Margaret, for practice, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. G. Green, 1; E. Dunster (conductor), 2; F. Ockwell, 3; C. Croucher, 4; J. Champion, 5; G. Inwood, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. G. Green, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; J. Scoones, 3; E. Dunster (conductor), 4; J. Champion, 5; A. Vaughan, 6. On Monday, January 21st, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. C. Bishop (longest length), 1; F. Ockwell, 2; J. Scoones (longest length), 3; E. Dunster (conductor), 4; J. Champion, 5; C. Croucher, 6. Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qrs.

**STEYNING** (Sussex).—On Sunday, December 2nd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Smart (conductor), 1; J. Matthews, 2; G. Smart, 3; E. Rapley, 4; A. Gatland, 5; J. Smart, 6; W. Woolgar, 7; G. Gatland, 8. And for evening service, 504 in the same method. E. Rapley, 1; J. Smart, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; G. Smart, 4; J. Matthews, 5; A. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Thursday, December 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from J. J. Parker's twelve-part, in 44 mins. G. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; L. Payne (Henfield, first quarter-peal in the method), 3; G. Payne (Henfield, first quarter-peal in the method), 4; E. Rapley, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; W. Woolgar, 7; A. Gatland, 8. On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, 503 Grandsire Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; J. Matthews, 3; E. Rapley, 4; J. Smart, 5; W. Woolgar, 6; C. Smart (composer and conductor), 7; A. Gatland, 8. On Christmas Day, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Smart, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; E. Rapley, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; A. Gatland, 8. On Monday, December 31st, 503 Grandsire Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; E. Rapley, 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; A. Gatland, 8. On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; E. Rapley, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; J. Smart, 5; E. C. Boniface (West Grinstead), 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Hughes, 8. On Sunday, January 13th, for morning service, 252 Stedman Triples. J. Woolgar, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; E. Rapley, 3; J. Gatland, 4; C. Smart (conductor), 5; G. Gatland, 6; J. Smart, 7; J. Woolgar, 8. And for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Gatland, 1; J. Matthews, 2; E. Rapley, 3; C. Smart, 4; J. Smart, 5; W. Woolgar (conductor), 6; J. Woolgar, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Woolgar, 1; J. Smart, 2; E. Rapley, 3; J. Matthews, 4; F. Morriss, 5; W. Woolgar, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; C. Smart, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. C. Smart (conductor), 1; E. Rapley, 2; J. Matthews,

3; T. Morriss, 4; G. Gatland, 5; A. Gatland, 6; J. Smart, 7; W. Woolgar, 8. On Thursday, January 24th, for practice, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Matthews, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; E. Rapley, 3; J. Smart, 4; A. Gatland, 5; W. Woolgar, 6; G. Gatland, 7; C. Smart (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Woolgar, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; J. Matthews, 3; J. Smart, 4; E. Rapley, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; A. Gatland, 8. And for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Rapley, 1; C. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; J. Smart, 5; W. Woolgar (conductor), 6; G. Gatland, 7; A. Gatland, 8. Also 504 in the same method. J. Woolgar, 1; J. Smart, 2; E. Rapley, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; J. Matthews, 5; A. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Thursday, January 31st, for practice, on the back six, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Matthews, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Smart, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; W. Woolgar (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 7; C. Smart (conductor), 8.

**SUTTON COLDFIELD** (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, January 26th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins., containing twenty-four short courses with the 5th, 6th, and 7th in all their positions, queens, etc. F. Dickens (conductor), 1; A. Woodcraft, 2; C. Dickens, 3; S. Matthews, 4; G. Roberts, 5; J. Sanders, 6; W. Allsopp, 7; G. Perks, 8. Composed by the late Henry Johnson and is now rung for the first time.

**THORNE** (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, January 20th, for Divine Service in the morning, at the parish church, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Welch (conductor), 1; A. Wood, 2; T. Jackson, 3; F. Sanderson, 4; W. Sanderson, 5; F. Clarke, 6; A. Hemingway, 7; W. Walker, 8. A course of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Walker, 1; W. Welch, 8; the rest as before. In the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. W. Welch (conductor), 1; W. Walker, 8; the rest standing in the same order as in the touch for morning service. Composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." The above was rung as a compliment to T. Jackson, who attained his 21st birthday the day previous, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

**UPPER BEEDING** (Sussex).—On Sunday, January 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. J. Alliss (Henfield), 1; T. Searle (Upper Beeding), 2; C. Smart (Steyning), 3; W. Wadey (Billingshurst), 4; J. Smart (Steyning), 5; H. H. Chandler (Shermanbury, conductor), 6.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT BURY ST. EDMUNDS.**—This is the first peal on the ten bells, which are a harmonious and flowing peal, all cast by Osborne in 1785. Several attempts have been made for a peal on these bells. For instance, the Norwich Scholars in 1855 rang within three or four leads of a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, which was lost through one of the band turning to look at his watch. The Cumberlands from London the following year rang very nearly a peal of Stedman Caters. It may be interesting to know that this fine Norman tower stands some distance from the church, a road-way passing between the tower and church. It is said to have been built 800 years ago, to form the principle entrance to the grand Abbey of St. Edmunds. We wish to return our most sincere thanks to Messrs. H. Turner, R. Moore, and G. Farrants, of the Bury company for getting everything ready for us, and making all arrangements, and doing all in their power to make the peal a success. S.

**THE PEAL AT WRITTLE.**—This peal, which is the first in the method by all except the conductor, was rung as a farewell compliment to John Beams, who is leaving the neighbourhood. It is also the conductor's 50th peal, which comprise the following: Grandsire Caters, rang 4; Grandsire Triples, rang 22, conducted 9; Kent Treble Bob Major, rang 3, conducted 1; Stedman Triples, rang 1; Bob Major, rang 12, conducted 8; Darlaston Bob Triples, rang and conducted 1; Oxford Bob Triples, rang 3, conducted 2; Union Triples, rang 4, conducted 3. Total rang, 50; conducted 24.

## Obituary.

## JAMES BARNES.

We have to announce the death of the above-named ringer who had held the office of parish clerk at Heckington, Lincolnshire, for thirty-five years, and was a member of the choir, and filled several other offices in the town. On Saturday, February 23rd, he was laid to rest in the cemetery, and after the funeral a date touch of 1895 changes of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the deceased, in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. H. Spink, 1; S. C. Skinner (conductor), 2; T. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; T. H. Clark, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson (composer), 7; F. Warrington, 8.

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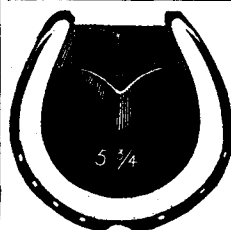
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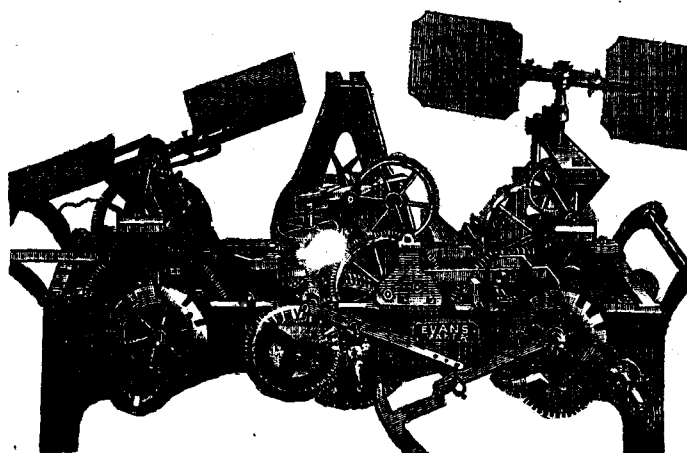
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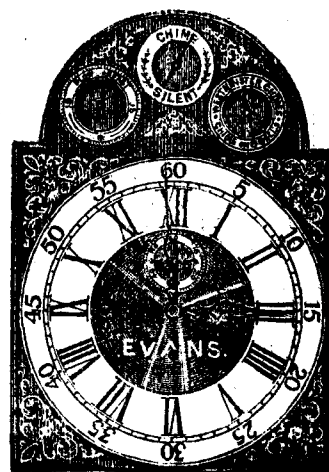
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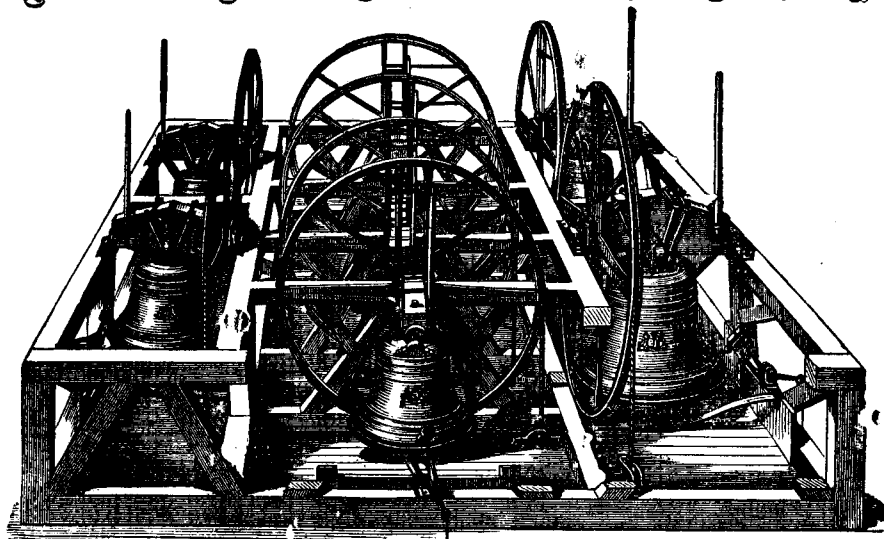
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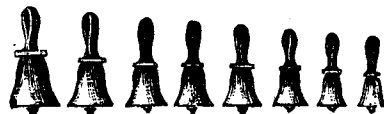
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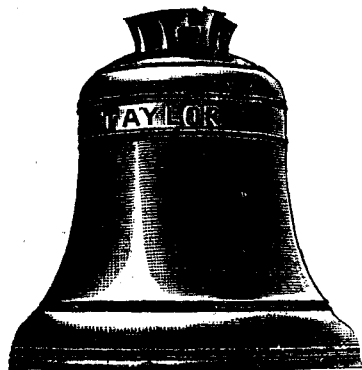
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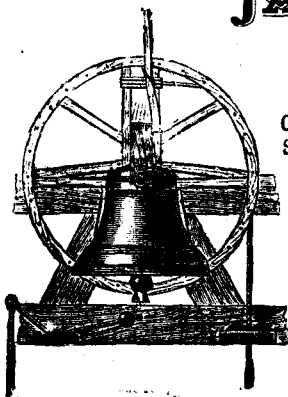
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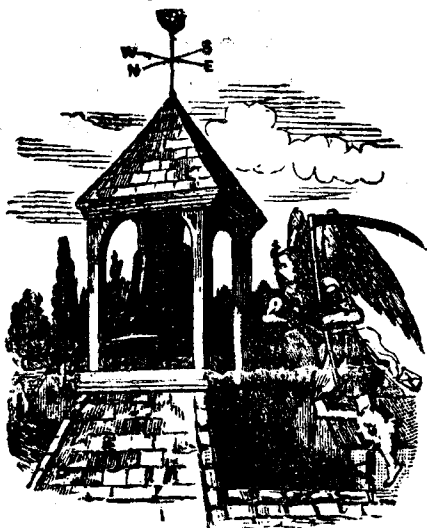
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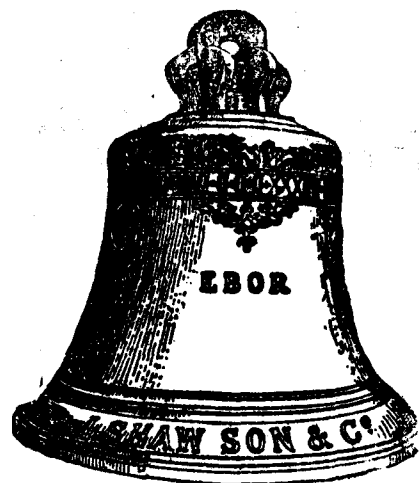
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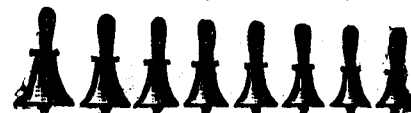
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## THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

Saturday, the 2nd inst., showed most conclusively that this annual reunion of Midland ringers, with the object of honouring the memory of one who was so totally unselfish in his devotion to our science, as the late Henry Johnson, had lost nothing as compared with former years in popularity and enthusiasm.

The hardware capital offered so many attractions in other directions, that the ringing at St. Martin's during the afternoon was hardly up to its usual interesting standard, and a frozen gas meter compelled an early finish.

Soon after The Market Hotel presented a busy scene, and an enjoyable dinner was soon accounted for. On the clearing of the cloth one naturally looked around for the familiar faces of old and particular friends, brother-strings in many a well accomplished deed.

It could not be otherwise than satisfactory to those who were responsible for the arrangements, to discover the presence of so many visitors from a distance. Messrs. Lockwood, Woodhead, and Binns were present from Leeds; Willey from Sheffield; Jaggar from Burton; George from Rugby; while the immediate neighbourhood around Birmingham was represented by ringers from West Bromwich, Walsall, Bromsgrove, King's Norton, Solihull, Sutton Coldfield, Kenilworth, etc.

The Chairman, A. Percival Heywood, Esq., supported by W. Jones, Esq. (churchwarden of St. Martin's), J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A., Vice-President, and Mr. John Day, Presiding Ringing-Master of the St. Martin's Guild, was soon hard at work in that peculiarly energetic style of his own, which so quickly takes hold of and carries his audience with him. The first toast of "Queen, Church, and State" evidenced that he had something to tell his audience. After passing an encomium on our gracious Sovereign, whose many virtues had so endeared her to her subjects, as to ensure the tranquility of her long and generally peaceful reign, a tranquility they might still expect to be maintained during her life-time, although no one could possibly predict what changes to expect at its termination in this age of rampant destruction, he then went on to deal with "Church and State." He claimed the attention of his audience in placing before them a subject in which every ringer ought to feel a burning interest—"the proposed disestablishment of the Church in Wales." In a long and eloquent speech, every point of which was vigorously driven home, he laid bare the machinations of the promoters of the Bill, in one detail shewing how ingeniously it had been framed in order to prevent the same principle of disendowment they advocated in the case of the Church being applied to the endowments of the Dissenters. In another case he proved by historical facts that the endowments of the Church were not derived from the State, and met in full detail the unscrupulous assertion so frequently made that the Church was a State-supported one. As dealing with the popularity of the Church in Wales, he cited the case of a year's burials in Wales. Explaining that in Wales nearly every Dissenting place of worship had its burial-ground, he quoted statistics to shew that a preponderance of nearly 20 to 1 existed in Church burials over Dissenting burials. He advised them to distrust all the clamorous outcries in cases of this kind, and above all to accept all the party statements in newspapers in a perfect spirit of disbelief until they had opportunities of sifting and verifying them.

This speech was enlivened throughout by humorous anecdotes, and at its conclusion was met by a hearty outburst of applause.

After a short interval the Chairman was again on his legs to propose the toast of the evening—"The late Henry Johnson, may his memory be ever with us." Referring to previous occasions on which he had attended these gatherings, and the good he considered they did, he asked his audience to again consider the lesson to be learnt from the life of this good and honest man, which—as he read it—told of unostentatious and freely rendered services, of a cheerful and liberal spirit free from the taint of acrimony and envy, and, considering it, to drink this toast in all sober earnestness.

This appeal was impressively honoured, and Mr. J. S. Pritchett then rose to propose "The Rector and Wardens of St. Martin's," coupling with it the health of Mr. Jones. Humorously classifying the church authorities with whom ringers had to deal as "the actively favourable," "the passively favourable," and "the actively aggressive," he spoke of the facilities for

ringing always so freely accorded by Mr. Jones to the St. Martin's Guild, and placing him therefore under the first of these headings.

This toast was honoured in such a way as to leave no doubt of the popularity of Mr. Jones as a "ringers' warden."

In responding Mr. Jones spoke of the great age of their rector, Dr. Wilkinson, now in his eightieth year, and mentioning the great difficulty experienced by him in reaching the ringing-chamber on his last visit in his (Mr. Jones's) company some months ago, when the rector expressed his pleasure at the way in which the ringing-chamber had been beautified by the Guild in the panelling and erection of peal-boards, stated that they could hardly wonder at the rector's visits being so few. He then went on to give the toast of "Success to the St. Martin's Guild," complaining in an amiable and somewhat humorous way of the scarcity of their visits to the tower for Sunday ringing, and coupling with his toast "The health of the Presiding Ringing-Master—Mr. John Day."

Mr. Day, in responding, referred to the complaint of their Warden, and explained the steps which had been taken by himself and the other members of the Guild's Committee to ensure more frequent Sunday ringing, steps which he felt certain would bear fruit in the future. He mentioned the difficulty caused in this way by such a number of their ringers living at such an extreme distance from the church.

Mr. S. Reeves then proposed "Success to the ringing papers, 'BELL NEWS' and 'Church Bells,'" mentioning the services for which the Exercise were indebted to those organs.

This having been duly honoured, Mr. Day then gave "The health of the Visitors," coupling with it the name of Mr. Willey, of Sheffield.

Mr. Willey responded, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to see so many present to honour the memory of one to whom honour was so justly due, as the late Henry Johnson. He also expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet so many of his friends, and to think that three of his Yorkshire friends should undertake so much longer a journey than his own for that purpose.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett rose to propose "The health of the Chairman, Mr. Percival Heywood," and caused some amusement by commencing with the now too seldom heard "unaccustomed as I am to public speaking." He mentioned the debts owed by all ringers to Mr. Heywood, citing his creation of the Central Council from which so much was expected, and the invention of a new and beautiful ringing method—Duffield. Had Mr. Heywood alone written his work on "Duffield," he would have been entitled to the everlasting gratitude of all ringers. He was personally not so much concerned with composition and other such branches of their Exercise, but he was informed by his friend Mr. John Carter, who was present in the room, that one chapter alone in "Duffield" that on proving, was of inestimable value. He also mentioned Mr. Heywood's services as President of the Midland Counties' Association, and his kindness in consenting to come from such a distance to take the chair at the present meeting.

Needless to say this toast was received with acclamation, and on rising to respond, the Chairman was again received with a hearty vote of applause.

Mr. Heywood in thanking his audience for the attention they had given him in what he hoped they would not consider a tedious speech on the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, again urged them to present an undivided front in opposition to it, feeling assured that such an opposition must carry great weight. He expressed the pleasure it always gave him to come among them, and although he had many and good friends in all parts of the country among ringers, he could assure them that to be present with the St. Martin's Guild was one of his greatest pleasures. He always recollected with lively gratitude the exertions they had made in meeting him, and assisting to ring the peal of Duffield Maximus at St. Martin's, and spoke in high commendation of that performance. In conclusion he proposed a vote of thanks to the Dinner Committee for their arrangements, coupling with it the health of the secretary of the St. Martin's Guild—Mr. Godden.

In responding Mr. Godden stated that the best thanks his Committee and himself could receive on such an occasion was to see such a gathering in that room, and felt that he could do

no less than express his lively sense of gratitude to his friend Mr. Painter, not only for his services in bringing the attention personally of many of his friends to that gathering, but in making such arrangements with Mrs. Painter and others as would ensure a musical programme when the speaking was over.

The remainder of the time was devoted to music and harmony. A touch of Stedman Caters in hand was rang by Messrs. T. Lockwood, 1-2; W. Kent, 3-4; B. Witchell (conductor), 5-6; H. Bastable, 7-8; T. Russam, 9-10.

During the evening Mr. T. Lockwood, of Leeds, expressed his pleasure at being present, and on behalf of his fellow-ringers at Leeds extended a cordial invitation to the St. Martin's ringers to come and ring a peal of Cinques on their ring at Leeds, which was a sister ring to St. Martin's.

Capital songs were rendered by Messrs. Maylott, Eames, Doody, Willey, and Witchell. Mr. Willey's song "My Village Home," although capitally rendered, was such an undoubted piracy on the copyright of an old Sheffield favourite at Birmingham—Mr. C. H. Hattersley—that we sincerely trust no future difficulty may arise over the occurrence.

## OXFORD AND OXFORDSHIRE BELLS AND BELFRIES.

[From *The Oxford Times*.]

(Continued from page 491.)

Another note (an extension of the one above), folio 119, states that "the ringers at New College, on Tuesday last, were the very same that rang at Christ Church the 5040 Cater changes on January 1, 1733, viz., and the given list ends with the name of "Nicholas Benwell, who shews Great Tom."

"I am told by good judges that the ringing (except towards the beginning) was extraordinary good; but as I before observed, I could not judge for myself, as I desired to do, and would have done had I been in a condition of doing it, and yet, from what I heard at that distance from the bells, I did guess that they rang excellently well. 'Twas pity (and all was sorry), that they were baulked: such was occasioned by the rope slipping somehow or other out of Richard Benwell's hand, who rang the tenor, and (for all I know) is as good a tenor man as any in England."

"March 22nd, Saturday.—On Thursday last the Oxford ringers began to ring at New College at three-quarters after twelve o'clock, and rang completely what they had attempted several times before, 6876 Cater changes, finishing the peal about three-quarters of an hour after four o'clock. 'Tis the first time that such a number of Cater changes was ever rung in Oxford upon the bells. I did not hear the ringing myself, for the same reason I have specified above under March 12th inst., but I have heard from good judges that, take it altogether, it was a glorious performance. For though there were two very great blunders"—Hearne being keenly critical in this respect—"and some other bad ringing, such as can hardly be mended, unless it be by the Londoners, it being a thing, as it were, next to impossible, to go through such a long tedious work without faults." The ringers were exactly the same as those who performed on Christ Church bells on November 5th, 1734. It is therefore quite unnecessary to again specify them. "They were much caressed when they had done, and were handsomely treated or entertained at New College, but Mr. Barnes could not be at the entertainment, being obliged as soon as ever the ringing was done, to go to his brother, the waggoner's in St. Aldate's, then dying, who indeed died that very evening of dropsy. He is the same Barnes that set up a waggon in opposition to the Vice-Chancellor" (volume 144, folio 120).

The last reference given by Thomas Hearne is under date of May 31, 1735, which says:—"I hear the Oxford ringers rang this Whitsuntide above 3000 changes exceedingly well at Warwick." Their fame had evidently preceded them. He died a few months later, aged 57.

### OXFORD BELFRIES.

My experience of Oxford belfries is sufficiently large to admit that they are "fearfully and wonderfully made." Carfax is a typical one in this respect; it is certainly the most complicated I have met with.

To examine a belfry and its contents one needs certain

requirements, and possibly a few directions. For instance, it would be well to make your will, wishing your friends good-bye, in case "Great Tom" should fall over and extinguish you, or the clapper of St. Mary's tenor should come in collision with and fracture your head. It is also quite unnecessary to wear a dress suit when among St. Aldate's bells. A compass would be invaluable in All Saints; a sign-post—"To the Bells"—at St. Mary-le-Virgin; a telescope—"for distances under ten miles" at St. Ebbe; the electric light at St. Martin's and most other places; cast-iron plates, "for the knees only," at Oriel and Corpus; a balloon at Exeter; a pair of stilts about 30 or 40 feet in length in other cases, and new brooms for all.

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Oh! the poetry of the belfry—  
That tempted me, and I went in search of it.

St. Aldate's seemed a likely place, I determined to try it. The great gate flew open, the small door yielded: I was within the tower. Three, six, a dozen—such was my haste—forty steps, and I stood in the ringing-chamber—neat, clean, and comfortable. Up a perpendicular ladder—another twenty steps—sliding a door overhead in the meantime, I reached the bells with a leap and a bound. Half choked by the fog, and buffeted by the wind, I suddenly exclaimed—

Ugh! the dirt of the belfry,  
The poetry was missing—the poet most assuredly dreaming.

### THE SEX OF OXFORD BELLS.

Bells are essentially feminine. Of the hundred or so bells in Oxford, "Tom" by virtue more especially of his sound—is the the only exception. Writing on Great Paul, Sir John Stainer ventured to call the bell "she," adding that he was afraid it must, like all other bells, be considered feminine. To the ringer the bell is always "she." He has to pull the "sally" in order to ring the "(k)nell." Think, too, of her tongue, and its excellent use; her loud and high-pitched (not necessarily) use; and also her "mouth," "lip," and "tongue," her "head," "crown," "shoulders," and "waist." Many Oxford bells are called "maidens," on account of the successful tone they received immediately they were recast.

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LONDON.—At the church of St. John the Evangelist, Pimlico, for Divine Service, on Sunday evening, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. \*W. Moore, 1; \*E. C. Phillips, 2; \*F. Godfrey, 3; J. Read, 4; \*J. Thimblethorpe, 5; J. H. Martin, 6; G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 7; \*F. Gatensbury, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

## BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Monday, February 11th, a very interesting ceremony took place in St. Philip's belfry, Birmingham, viz., the unveiling of two peal tablets by Dr. Knox, the Bishop of Coventry. One was to record a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters rang for Dr. Bowlby, the late Bishop of Coventry, and rector of St. Philip's; and the other was to record a peal of Darlaston Bob Caters, the first peal ever rung in the method, it being the first time the Bishop came into the belfry, as he was only read in as rector of this church on January 26th. He was introduced in the belfry by Dr. Malins (churchwarden), and supported by the Rev. Harvey Brooks, rector of Solihull, the Rev. T. G. Clark, and Mr. J. S. Pritchett, of King's Norton.

The Bishop opened the proceedings with an appropriate prayer, after which Mr. J. Carter, the ringing-master, said it gave him great pleasure in asking the Bishop on behalf of the ringers to unveil the two peal tablets; and it also gave him great pleasure in being the ringing-master of such a band of ringers as those connected with St. Philip's.

The two peals recorded on the tablets were rang entirely by service ringers who attend every Sunday morning and evening to ring for service.

The Bishop upon unveiling the tablets, expressed the pleasure that it gave him in meeting such a number of ringers upon such an occasion, to show the respect they had towards the late Bishop of Coventry, and spoke in appropriate terms upon the life of the late Bishop, and complimented the ringers upon the two excellent peals recorded on the tablets; and he was also pleased to hear that they had been performed by ringers entirely connected with the church, and he also spoke very highly of the Sunday ringing. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than to hear the bells ringing for service, it always seemed to him to give a more hearty welcome to the congregation to come to service, than when there was only one or two ting-tanging, and he should always feel it a pleasure in coming amongst the ringers.

Dr. Malins followed with a few complimentary remarks to the ringers, and congratulated them upon the peals that had been rang since the rehanging of the bells, and said it was always a pleasure to him to come amongst the ringers (to which the ringers themselves can testify), and he should always look upon it as a pleasure to do anything that lay in his power for the benefit and comfort of the ringers.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop of Coventry for honouring them with his presence that evening, and said there was not many churches that could boast of such a band of ringers as St. Philip's could.

Mr. C. Walker, on behalf of the ringers, seconded the proposition, and hoped that it would not be long before they had to invite the Bishop to come amongst them again; to which the Bishop responded in suitable terms.

A short touch of Grandsire Caters was rung while the Bishop and party remained in the belfry. J. Prickett, 1; J. E. Scott, 2; J. Jennings, 3; R. C. Bowkett, 4; J. Jones, 5; C. Sparks, 6; J. Carter (conductor), 7; G. Walker, 8; G. Hitchman, 9; F. Mumford, 10.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.—The annual meeting of this district was held this year at Town Malling on Saturday, February 23rd. The weather was not very propitious for such a gathering, as it was raw and foggy, and Malling, usually a bright and pleasant looking little town, looked the very reverse of cheerful. Notwithstanding the lack of fine weather, there was a goodly number of change-ringers, members arriving from Ashford, Aylesford, Bearsted, Boxley, Gillingham, Harrietsham, Maidstone, Malling, Rochester, Seal Chart, Swanscombe, Westerham, and Willesborough. The bells of the parish church were set going at 8 p.m., and were ringing away till late in the evening, except during the interval during which the important business of tea occupied the attention of the ringers. The tea was provided at The George by host Martin, who is to be congratulated on the very satisfactory manner in which he supplied the wants of the sixty-six men who sat down at his well

appointed tables. The chair was taken by the Rev. W. Lawson, vicar of Town Malling, supported by the Rev. T. L. Stack, of Wrotham, and the Rev. S. Wigan, of East Malling. At the close of the tea, the hon. district secretary (Rev. A. L. Brine), rose to thank the vicars of Malling, East and West, for their kindness in placing their belfries at the disposal of the Association that afternoon. Mr. Lawson had become not only an hon. member, but had been elected at the Committee Meeting a probationer ringing member. He wished him every success in his pursuit of the noble Art. Mr. Lawson in reply stated that it gave him great pleasure to welcome the Association at Malling that day, and hoped that it would not be the last time that they would meet there. He looked upon ringers as an important body of Church officers, and hoped in time to become an efficient ringer himself, though at present he found a great deal of mystery in the science of change-ringing. Well-struck touches of Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were successfully brought round at the parish church by mixed bands, and at East Malling a 720 of Bob Minor by the Willesborough band. At the Committee Meeting six probationers were elected, and four were elected as full members.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Thursday, February 21st, the members of this society held their annual supper at The Heart-in-Hand inn, when a substantial and well-served repast was partaken of by about twenty members and friends. Mr. H. Horwood occupied the chair, and Mr. H. Argyle the vice-chair.

After the cloth had been removed, and the loyal toasts given, the chairman proposed "The Clergy and Churchwardens," who he said appeared to take more interest in the ringers than they did formerly. The vicar, who gave them every facility for ringing, was a keen listener for good striking.

Mr. James George (Rugby) proposed "The Nuneaton Parish Church Society," and in a neat speech said he was pleased to see them making steady progress. He congratulated them upon their performances during the past year, especially their handbell peals, and hoped this year they would be even more successful.

Mr. H. Horwood, in responding, thanked Mr. George for his encouraging remarks, and said it had only been by constant perseverance they had been so successful with their peals.

Mr. T. W. Chapman also responded, and said they had been unfortunate in losing one of their best ringers, but he hoped to see one or two promising young fellows soon taking part in the ringing, as they were making good progress.

The chairman next proposed "The Visitors," to which Mr. J. George (Rugby), and Mr. T. Randle (Bedworth), responded, the latter saying it had given him and other Bedworth friends great pleasure to be there that night, and although they were not competent change-ringers themselves, they were always pleased to hear those who were.

One or two other complimentary toasts and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," brought a very pleasant to a close. Songs, trios, and handbell ringing were freely indulged in, among those taking part being Messrs. T. Randle, Astillon, Topp, George, Horwood, Chapman, Clarke, etc.

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## Central Council Correspondence.

## ODD AND EVEN METHODS.

SIR,—With your permission I should like to say a few words in connexion with the dispute that has been going on in your columns. And this I do, not with the intention of carrying on a babbling dispute as to the designation of any single method, but in the hope of seeing the whole question threshed out in its broadest principles, and finally settled by the Council. Since the matter at issue has been rather obscured in a confused jumble of figures, I will commence by defining it briefly, and then treat of the arguments on both sides, taking as counsel for the opposition Mr. Parker's letter in your last issue, which appears to me to contain the most substantial arguments on their side. Here then is what I take to be the gist of the matter. In transposing a method from an even number of bells to an odd one, or *vice versa*, we always have one bell over which can be treated in two ways. 1.—It can do the same work as the other bells. The old system. 2.—It can do the same work as the treble, or as we call it, go into the hunt. This is the new system introduced, I believe, by Shipway in 1806. If we follow the old system, foreign and objectionable work is introduced into the method. This objectionable work is slight in the simpler methods, reducing itself to four blows behind in Bob Triples, and was therefore tolerated by our ancestors, but if the higher and more musical methods are treated in this way, the noise becomes so execrable that no one would care to ring them. Again, if we follow Shipway's principle, the extra bell does the same work as the treble, which cannot be called foreign to the method, whilst the other bells do place for place and dodge for dodge, the same work as in the even-bell method, with the slight difference that there is always the extra, or hunt bell, either above or below them. Now let us examine Mr. Parker's arguments against the one, and in favour of the other. What he says is to this effect. *We feel that the new system is not strictly correct*, but the old authors by using it have given us two very fine methods, and since the methods are so fine we will forgive them this time for calling them by the names of the even methods (from which they spring). But don't do it again. As to the old system he says that it was handed down from the *earliest stage of change-ringing*, and that the result is always *bad*, even on the simpler methods, and very objectionable indeed on the more complex ones. But there is an *impression* that this admirable (?) principle is perfectly sound and correct, and it seems to have been accepted by the Exercise. This then is the gist of Mr. Parker's argument, and I doubt if a better case could be made for that side of it. And now for my remarks on the subject. Of course I am perfectly aware that it has been written in the law that the sins of the fathers shall descend on the children, but I know of no argument to show that the children should submit to the punishment if they have it in their power to escape from it, and besides I submit that this error has already passed the fourth generation. Mr. Parker says the old system must be maintained because it came down from the earliest stages of change-ringing. Six-score ringers, I presume, who first evolved Bob Doubles from the four-bell method; and *is it* to their authority that all our great composers and method builders are to submit? If so the Central Council had better be made from all the young beginners of the Exercise, for surely the six-score ringer of the nineteenth century knows more than those old founders of our craft, who first produced the science out of chaos. I appeal to all to use their common sense, and not be guided by the rules that held two centuries ago, when all was in its infancy. Here are two systems; the first will give us two bad methods got from Plain Bob and Grandsire. But when we get to higher methods the system fails, because the noise produced is execrable. The other will apply to every method where the treble hunts, aye, and will keep its features in the change. Is there music in your Major method? It shall be beatified in Caters? Has the Major method features that makes it interesting to ring? You shall find them reproduced in Caters. Can you ring the Major method? Then you shall learn the Cater method in a short five minutes. Here are two systems, the one execrable in its every feature; the other giving us every advantage to be desired and adding a large stock of good Cater

methods to our store. The odd and even-bell methods *do*, and always will, twist themselves in and out in this way. You can't stop them, nor any one else. Now the question I ask of you is, are you going to sneak out of this matter by ignoring this great fact, or will you come forward like men, acknowledge that old Shipway was right after all, and accept the benefits of the good methods offered you as a reward.

St. Michael's Rectory, Gloucester.

E. BANKES JAMES,  
C.C. for G. and B. D. A.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of this Association was held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, February 23rd, when ringers were present from Bath, Bristol, Taunton, Minehead, Dunster, Old Cleeve, Stogumber, Huntspill, Milverton, and Wiveliscombe. Several of the members stopped at Norton Fitzwarren and Milverton on their way down, and at the former place several short touches of Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung on the bells; and at the latter place touches of Stedman Triples (the first on the bells) were brought round. At 2.30 p.m. a semi-choral service was held in the parish church, and a very practical address was given by the Master (Rev. C. W. Griffith), founded on Corinthians xii., 31. After service a capital tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Warman, to which about thirty sat down. The Master presided, and was supported by the vicar (Rev. Howard McCrick), the Rev. H. C. Courtney, Mr. H. W. Tomkins (hon. sec. and treasurer), Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower (hon. sec. for Bristol), Mr. T. Doble (hon. local sec. for Taunton), and others. After tea a business meeting was held, when the hon. sec. and treasurer produced the minutes of the last meeting, which were read and confirmed. About thirty new members were elected, including the following honorary members: Sir A. A. Hood, Bart., M.P., the vicar of Wiveliscombe, the Revs. C. De Salis (Milverton), W. Prowse Hewett (Norton Fitzwarren), Prebendary Buller (North Curry), J. Tripp (Samford Brett), and J. Byrchmore (Tickenham).

The Master said he could not allow that occasion to pass without expressing his pleasure at the success of the Dunster Guild in scoring two peals of Stedman Triples, the first by this Association, and he hoped that the example they had set would be emulated by other bands in the diocese.

It was decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Yeovil in May.

On the proposition of Mr. Boutflower, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the vicar and churchwardens, the choir and ringers of Wiveliscombe, and to the rector of Norton Fitzwarren and the vicar of Milverton for the cordial welcome extended to the members of the Association.

The vicar suitably responded, and remarked that he hoped to have the bells rehung by the time the Association paid them their next visit.

Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major were rung on the bells of the parish church, and some of the members who were compelled to leave early had the opportunity of a pull on the bells of St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on their way home.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DIVISION.—A district meeting was held at Lindfield on Saturday, February 23rd, when the following towers were represented: Crawley, Bolney, West Grinstead, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint, Brighton (St. Peter's), Lindfield, Ardingley, Hastings, and Lewes. After various touches on the fine peal of eight bells, an adjournment was made to The Bent hotel for tea, which was presided over by the Master (Mr. G. F. Attree), supported by the vicar, the Rev. E. F. D'Auvergne. Sixteen new members were elected, including a new branch for Aldington; also the Rev. W. M. Ede, of Lindfield, as an honorary member, and Mr. N. J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the vicar for the use of the bells, to which the vicar suitably responded. The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, and London Surprise Major were rung till 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

N.B.—Will secretaries of bands in this division, please note that all contributions, etc., should be made to the divisional secretary, 49, Clifton Road, Brighton.



## 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."

COLLEGE SINGLE V. DARLSTON BOB.

SIR,—Now Mr. Carter has cried "this is all," I should like to say a few words upon this matter. First, I have no objection to the method being called Darlston Bob, but it is not new, and has, no doubt, been known to many, although never published with a double hunt. The way I became acquainted with it, was through the late Mr. J. W. Snowdon. I asked him, when he published *Standard Methods* first, why he did not add the Triple methods in addition to the Minor ones? His reply was, "add a bell in the hunt, and make the next place above, and you have them." I took the trouble to do this, and when Mr. Carter published the above, with Court Bob Triples, I sent him a note to say that the one was C. B. T., and the other College Single. If I have done wrong, I must apologise to Mr. Carter, but I do not think I have, so I must try and prove that a bell or bells in the hunt make no difference to a method. Before I do so, I should like to point out that the two methods mentioned, in the Minor state, the bob lead of one is the plain lead of the other, but Mr. Carter has added a new bob, which is a great improvement over the third's place one, as rung upon hand-bells by our company. I will take Double Norwich as an illustration, because Mr. Carter queries Mr. James upon that. In Major we find the work is a double dodge both before and after leading or lying behind, unless the treble intervenes, then, when the hunt bell goes up or down, the other bells make places above or below them as the case may be. In Caters (Shipway, page 71), we get the same work as Major, but when we come to Royal and Maximus, the beautiful Double Norwich is gone, and a sort of jumbling of figures, consequent upon the 3-4 places being made when the treble is passing through, without regard to the fundamental principle of the system, but if we add an extra bell in the hunt before the treble, as well as one behind it for Royal, and two in front and two behind for Maximus, we have the method perfect in every respect. I enclose a lead of Royal and Maximus, from which it will be seen at a glance that all the bells that are not required to form the foundation are put into the hunt (a sort of reserve), and are then ready to be called out when occasion requires them to complete a peal. I have added the bells in the hunt before the treble, so as to have the place made opposite the treble at lead or behind, and if the places are counted the same from the back as the front, they are exactly the same as Major. To make it clearer still, take Maximus, and put 9, 10, 11, and 12 in the hunt, and 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 in 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and write the course from that, you have the whole course of Major in the work in front, behind. It therefore appears to me from this treatment, that bells in the hunt do not constitute a different method.

R. CARTWRIGHT.

Wombourn.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT  
BOB ROYAL.

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8604953712

6840935172

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DOUBLE NORWICH COURT  
BOB MAXIMUS.

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6482710395ba

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C. E. BORRETT.

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"NOT GENUINE."

SIR,—As I was present and heard the so-called peal come round, I can, therefore, fully endorse Mr. Wood's statement as to the bells opening into rounds after clashing for four minutes. As soon as the tower door was opened, Mr. Elliott, the Hon. Secretary, and myself went up into the ringing-chamber, and I was surprised to hear one of the ringers ask the conductor if it was a peal, and he told him yes. Moreover, the ringer of the 4th said he thought he was in 6-7 when the bells were supposed to come round. So much for no change-course, etc. Mr. Simpson seems to think that Mr. Wood has stretched it somewhat, but I should like to refer him to the remarks made by their Hon. Secretary, viz.: "That it could not possibly be a peal." And it is a well-known fact that he (Mr. Elliott) has had more experience of change-ringing than any other member of the St. Michael's company. If Mr. Simpson thought it was a genuine peal why did he wait until the next evening to ask Mr. Ransom's opinion as to whether he should report the peal or not? I think, under the circumstances, and in justice to peal-ringing, that the Association should refuse to accept the same as a peal, and so put down such a dishonest performance as this.

CHARLES MILLWAY.

SIR,—Referring to Mr. Wood's letter of last week I find he again adopts the course of false speaking. He says he heard me say that I was not watching the calling, but to the best of my belief the bells were in coursing order. Now what I said was this: "That the bells were in proper coursing order for coming home, and that I believed that the conductor had called the peal correctly." G. A. RANSOM.

## STATISTICS FROM "THE CHURCH YEAR-BOOK."

SIR,—In the church statistics just issued it is interesting to find under the head "Lay Help" a column for bell-ringers. The total number of ringers returned for England and Wales, reaches the respectable total of 34,121. Personally it is a great pleasure for me to find the Diocese of Oxford at the head, with 2438 ringers, closely followed by Exeter with 2408. One can hardly expect to rank one-half these men among change-ringers, but that some approach is being made to this proportion, I may point to the fact that there are 958 ringing members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which only 174 are probationers. This recognition by authority of the bell-ringer as a church officer is most welcome. Your readers would, I think, be grateful if you would find room for all the figures in the column, a copy of which I append.

R. H. HART-DAVIS.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

P.S.—I might add that the number of ringers is an increasing one.

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1892-3. . . 32,684.

1893-4. . . 34,121.

R. H. H. D.

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## Obituary.

## ISRAEL THOMAS HAMLETT.

We have to record the death of the above-named ringer, who had been connected with the Charlton Kings company for over fifty years. Deceased was in the company of some of the junior members of the Charlton Society a week previous, and expressed a wish that they would ring a muffled peal at his death, he then being in his usual health. Strange to say he had a fall the same night, which caused his death two days later. Eight of his brother-ringers bore him to his last resting-place, after which they rang 672 Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last mark of respect to deceased. J. Midwinter, 1; T. Hooper, 2; G. Hamlett, 3; W. Brinkworth, 4; W. Dyer (conductor), 5; F. Musty, 6; W. James, 7; F. Turner, 8.



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**The Bell News & Ringers' Record.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1895.

It is a recognised belief that the practice of bell-ringing does now and then, under certain peculiar circumstances, incommode residents whose dwellings are unfortunately situated close to the church tower. Yet though this is really the case, it is satisfactory to know that objections to bell-ringing from such a cause are very few and far between. Now and then we hear, it is true, of a cantankerous parishioner inveighing, with more vigour than politeness, against the bells, but it is generally found that this person's objections are equally in force against the existence of the Church itself. Taking into consideration however, the amount of bell-ringing that is practised through town and country, we think there is much cause for congratulation that more complaints are not heard of, and that in these levelling times, more efforts are not made to lessen, or do away with altogether, the practice of church bell-ringing. It is certainly not too much to say that societies of good ringers generally have sense and moderation enough to know whether their ringing is likely to prove an annoyance to any parishioner, and therefore, when any fear of this is entertained by them, they make the best arrangements possible whereby the real or supposed annoyance may be removed, or else

greatly mitigated. When requested to desist from ringing, or to postpone for a season their practice, they yield with alacrity if the necessity for such postponement is just barely reasonable, and await the removal of the obstacle to their meetings with a patience very seldom witnessed in other bodies. We should think there is hardly a ringer living who has not experienced much disappointment in the temporary closing of a belfry to satisfy either the pleasure, or the whims, or the necessities of parishioners. And these drawbacks to the practice of ringing are submitted to, not always cheerfully, perhaps, but willingly and with a good grace. This willingness on the part of ringers to yield to such a deprivation when necessary, or when reputed to be so, is no doubt a good reason why very strong or influential objections to bell-ringing are scarcely ever sustained. People of well-balanced minds to whom the temporary cessation of ringing is an object, know they have only to give expression in the proper quarter to their desires, and they are acceded to without any difficulty. But when, as in the case referred to below, irresponsible persons adopt methods wherein that commodity known as fair play is absent, and in so doing descend to the writing of anonymous letters, they surely cannot grumble if ringers think them worthy of very little consideration. And the reverend gentleman who was the recipient of this underhanded epistle, has no sympathy whatever with the *modus operandi* of his correspondent. If the latter had signed his name, he would have been entitled to some recognition. But we will come to the point.

An inhabitant of the parish of St. Helen, in the city of Worcester, a being evidently with no poetry in his soul, has recently done a very clever thing. He has addressed a letter to the Rector of the above parish objecting to the bells. This cantankerous parishioner has thought fit to preserve his anonymity. What a valorous writer! Perhaps he was under the impression that his position and standing in the parish would hardly be influential enough to induce the Rector to stop the bells; and therefore he prefers to complain *incognito*. But what does the Rector do on the receipt of this letter from the man of Fish Street? Stop the ringing? O dear no. Nothing of the kind. But he sends the following lines to the local press:—

"SIR,—I have received an anonymous letter complaining of the ringing of St. Helen's bells. I should not, of course, have considered such an incident worth mentioning but for the fact—(1) That there will always be some persons who dislike bell-ringing, and also (2) that as it is our rule at St. Helen's to allow no ringing of a peal during Lent, I am anxious to guard against the possibility of my polite correspondent's flattering himself that such cessation this Lent could be the consequence of his refined and gentlemanly effusion! Also (3) I should like to take this opportunity of saying that if the ringing of the bells is honestly thought to be a reasonable source of annoyance to any parishioner or parishioners, I shall be perfectly willing to consider the matter, provided that one or two of such persons will constitute themselves into a friendly deputation, and personally talk the matter over with me (and perhaps the churchwardens also), and then we could discuss the matter fairly and squarely, with the view of arriving at some reasonable compromise (for surely bell-ringing must be a matter of give and take to a great extent). But silly and cowardly

anonymous threats are of no use whatever. I may add that it is always our rule that in the event of illness in the near neighbourhood, the ringers at once cease ringing, upon application being made at the tower, and that this has not infrequently been done. But to demand that beginners in the Art, or skilled ringers, should never have the opportunity of practice or of performance upon our fine-toned bells of St. Helen's, simply because bell-ringing is distasteful to one or a few of the parishioners, seems rather 'too large an order.' Certain it is that anonymous letters only tend to cast doubt upon the *bona-fides* of the complaint they convey.

Yours faithfully,

St. Helen's, February 22nd.

CHARLES CHAYTOR."

Every change-ringer throughout the civilised world who reads this letter of the REV. CHARLES CHAYTOR will feel thankful to him for such a manly protest against anonymous scribblers. It is "too large an order," says the reverend gentleman, that because ringing may be distasteful to a few, it should be stopped altogether. Too large for any one to carry out. Perhaps this anonymous correspondent—this man of Fish Street—would delight in the streets of the "faithful city" being rendered hideous on a Sunday afternoon by a Salvation Army band. There is no accounting for taste, it is true. We think a majority of the most influential people in the neighbourhood concerned would prefer the sound of the bells, even if by reason of their proximity it prevented them from indulging in an afternoon siesta. Church bells, when in tune, and rung well, create a charm which is not attained by street bands, or anything else. Before the bells of the mother church of Worcester are bidden to be silent, we entreat all objectors to hear them at their best, first of all. This can be done by an evening's promenade on the opposite side of the river, when ringing is going on, at which spot the greatest opponent to bell-ringing, anonymous or otherwise, will immediately become converted, and feel ashamed of the opposition he may have hitherto shewn towards it.

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W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 9.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE† .. 5.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. W. HALEY and Conducted by C. F. WINNY.

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

#### HENDON, MIDDLESEX.—THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 28, 1895, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. C. H. MARTIN, 8, FULLER STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

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

Composed and Conducted by C. H. MARTIN.

Referee, Mr. Charles Crampton, who had the course-ends and calling written down, and marked off the bobs as they were called. The composition was published in "THE BELL NEWS" for March 12th, 1892, and has the 4th and 6th only in 6th's place at the course-ends.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1895, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

J. W. JINNS* .. .. Treble.	HENRY JAMES MARTIN† .. 5.
ALFRED J. DARLINGTON .. 2.	FRANK BLONDELL .. .. 6.
F. A. MILNE, ESQ. .. .. 3.	CHARLES HENRY MARTIN .. 7.
ERNEST E. PRATCHETT† .. 4.	ARTHUR E. DOLTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. H. MARTIN.

\*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Triples.

## The Provinces.

## SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 26, 1895, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

J. S. WRIGHT .. .. Treble.	C. CRUST .. .. 5.
J. R. MACKMAN .. .. 2.	R. JARVIS .. .. 6.
J. SMITH .. .. 3.	E. JARVIS .. .. 7.
R. MACKMAN .. .. 4.	C. HOSKIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. JARVIS.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 31, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Treble.	JAMES SAXBY .. .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 2.	THOMAS SAXBY .. .. 6.
JOHN TURNER .. .. 3.	ARTHUR PEILL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. 4.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

## AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.—LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1895, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16½ cwt.

RICHARD S. MANN .. .. Treble.	EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. 5.
LAURENCE GARDNER .. .. 2.	JOHN GARDNER .. .. 6.
THOMAS JENKINSON .. .. 3.	JOHN WALKER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM JAMES .. .. 4.	CHARLES SHARPLES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD S. MANN.

Messrs. Mann and James hail from Liverpool; J. Walker from Blackburn; the rest belong to the local company. This is the first time this peal has been rung on the bells.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1895, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

EDGAR BENNETT .. .. Treble.	JAMES TRAPPIST .. .. 6.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 7.
CHARLES BANCE .. .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 8.
WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. 4.	CHARLES GORDON .. .. 9.
GEORGE WELLING .. .. 5.	GEORGE BURT .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th each eleven courses behind the 9th, and the 6th twelve courses behind the 8th. T. Groombridge hails from Chislehurst; Butler from Mitcham; Burt from South Croydon; Burkin from London; the rest belong to the local company.

## KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1895, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE WILSON .. .. Treble.	FENTON THOMPSON .. .. 5.
ARTHUR J. KERRIDGE .. 2.	FRED PAGE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DREW .. .. 7.
ROBERT WELLS .. .. 4.	GEORGE HARDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by GEORGE WILSON.

G. Wilson hails from Leiston. Rung in honor of the birthday of the Rector, Rev. G. H. D. Davies, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

## DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1895, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN W. SMITH* .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 5.
GEORGE PEARSALL* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 6.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 3.	†HARRY MASON .. .. 7.
ARTHUR SPITTLE .. .. 4.	JOHN GOODMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY MASON.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major as conductor. A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

## TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1895, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. Treble.	ALFRED WATMORE .. .. 5.
JOHNSON E. HERN .. .. 2.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 3.	J. MARTIN ROUTH, ESQ. .. 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER and Conducted by RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

This is the first peal in the method by the first six ringers, and by the Guild.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 1, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR,

Each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE DURRANT* .. .. Treble.	WALTER WHITING .. .. 4.
WALTER W. MILLER .. 2.	†EVELYN MEADOWS .. .. 5.
ROBERT MORTIMER* .. 3.	ALFRED HATCHER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EVELYN MEADOWS.

\*First 5040. †First 5040 as conductor. First 5040 on six bells by Messrs. Miller, Whiting, Meadows, and Hatcher. This is the first 5040 ever rung on these bells which were augmented to six in 1878, by a treble, the gift of Captain Woolner, uncle to the conductor. It was rung at the first attempt. The conductor is believed to be the youngest who has yet called a 5040.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The composer of the peal rung at Wolstanton, on Saturday, February 23rd, should have read the late J. Wild, and not H. J. Wild as published.—The ringer of the 5th in the peals at St. Mary's church, Portsea, on December 26th, 1894, and January 19th, 1895, was A. E. Tomlins, of Gosport.

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## Date Touches.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORLEY.—On Tuesday, February 5th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1895 changes (Morris's), in 1 hr. 7 mins. F. Voice, 1; S. Kenward (conductor), 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; J. Kenward, 4; A. Songhurst, 5; P. Etheridge, 6; G. Apps, 7; W. Wallis, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORLEY.—On Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins. F. Voice, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; W. Edwardes, 5; P. Etheridge, 6; A. Songhurst, 7; W. Wallis, 8.

WEST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).—On Thursday, January 3rd, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; E. C. Boniface, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Tourle, 4; W. Denman, 5; E. C. Boniface (conductor), 6. And 360 Plain Bob. R. Summersell, 1; W. Denman, 2; S. Woolgar, jun., 3; W. Pierce, 4; H. Tourle, 5; E. C. Boniface (conductor), 6. On January 17th, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; W. Denman, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; E. C. Boniface (conductor), 6. On January 24th, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Pierce, 1; S. Woolgar, sen., 2; S. Woolgar, jun., 3; W. Denman, 4; H. Tourle, 5; E. C. Boniface (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, 360 Court Bob. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; E. C. Boniface, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. For evening service, 360 Canterbury Pleasure, and after service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 23 mins., standing as before.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—Handbell Ringing.—On Thursday, January 31st, at 9, Valentine Street, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Triples, 5040 changes, but it came to grief after ringing 1600. J. A. Trollop (composer and conductor), 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; C. E. Borrett, 5-6; A. G. Warne, 7-8. Umpire, J. E. Burton. On Tuesday, February 5th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major, 5232 changes, came to grief after 4058 in 2 hrs. J. G. Miles, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. Howes, 5-6; J. A. Trollop (conductor), 7-8. Composed by F. E. W. Meadows, Otley, Suffolk. Umpires, J. E. Burton and C. E. Borrett. Afterwards some touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples were rung.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (North Notts).—On Saturday, January 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 47 mins. G. M. Farr, 1; G. Swannack, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; H. Warburton, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 10. This quarter-peal has the 6th ten courses behind the 9th, contains thirty-five bobs and eight singles, and was composed by J. George, of Rugby. It was rung to celebrate the event of the marriage between Mr. Thomas Slingsby Tanner, of 24, Sussex Gardens, Regent's Park, London, and Miss Barbara Darrell Denman, only daughter of Alderman Denman, of East Retford, and sister to Mr. T. H. Denman, one of the local ringers. The ringers take this opportunity of wishing the bride and bridegroom much happiness and prosperity. A 575 of Grandsire Caters. G. M. Farr, 1; G. Swannack, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; T. Spurr, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; C. Crawford, 9; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 10. C. Crawford hails from East Markham. On Sunday, February 3rd, for morning service, a 720 of Grandsire Caters. G. M. Farr, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. Winter, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; T. Spurr, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton (conductor), 8; H. Haigh, 9; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 10. And for evening service, 352 Bob Major. G. Winter, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. M. Farr, 3; T. H. Denman, 4; T. Spurr, 5; H. Warburton, 6; H. Haigh (conductor), 7; W. Skelton, 8.

ORDSALL (North Notts).—On Tuesday, February 5th, at the usual practice, a 720 of College Single Minor in 25 mins. H. Merrills, 1; T. H. Denman, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. This is the first 720 in the new year on the bells, also the first in the method by T. H. Denman, who together with H. Haigh hail from East Retford; and the remainder belong to Ordsall.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLWALL.—On Monday, January 28th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26

mins. E. S. Kings, 1; H. Allen (first 720 of Minor), 2; G. Peacey, 3; C. Greening, 4; J. Field, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, January 31st, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. H. Allen, 1; J. Field, 2; G. Peacey, 3; C. Greening, 4; C. Layton, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

MATHON.—On Friday, January 25th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Smith, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; H. Pritchard, 3; A. Layton, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt. Also 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. F. Smith, 1; J. Wall, 2; C. Watkins, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; W. Powell, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 27th, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. F. Smith, 1; A. Layton, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; W. Powell, 5; C. Watkins (first as conductor), 6.

CRADLEY.—On Saturday, January 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. \*E. S. Kings, 1; A. Layton, 2; \*C. Watkins, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; \*H. Knowles, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. \*First in the method, and first in the method on the bells. Tenor 14 cwt. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 28 mins. F. Smith, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; H. Pritchard, 3; C. Watkins, 4; C. Layton (conductor), 5; H. Knowles, 6. Also 360 College Single, with C. Layton as conductor.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORTLEY (Yorks).—On Thursday January 31st, at the residence of Mr. McKegg, on handbells, retained in hand, a half peal of Bob Major, 2512 changes, in 1 hr. 22 mins. W. Dronfield, 1; T. McKegg, 2; E. Robbins, 3; A. Saxby, 4; E. Dronfield, 5; J. Dronfield, 6; D. Brearley (conductor), 7-8.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).—On Wednesday, January 30th, for practice, 240 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; F. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; J. Nowell, 6. On Sunday, February 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 600 Oxford Single. A. Burn (conductor), 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. And for afternoon service, 360 New London Treble Bob, standing as above. And for evening service, 720 Bob Minor and a 6-score of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Ingham, 1; F. P. Powell (conductor), 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; J. Nowell, 6.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service at Holy Trinity church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; D. Heys, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. And for evening service, 576 in the same method. D. Campbell, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; D. Heys, 4; N. Townend, 5; H. Heyworth, 6; E. A. Baker, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, January 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Duxbury, 1; \*E. A. Baker, 2; \*J. R. Werring, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; T. Redman, 5; J. Wilkinson, 6. \*First 720 in the method. On Sunday, January 13th, for morning service, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson (conductor), 2; H. Heyworth, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; D. Heys, 8. And for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Baldwin, 1; D. Campbell, 2; N. Townend, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; D. Heys, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Saturday, February 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Redman, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; F. Towns, 3; D. Heys, 4; N. Townend, 5; H. Heyworth (conductor), 6.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 27th, at St. Peter's church, for Divine Service in the evening, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Lover, 1; F. Larbey, 2; G. Burt, 3; W. Dolton, 4; F. Hermon, 5; C. Kitching, 6; H. Brooker (conductor), 7; B. Blake, 8. And on Sunday, February 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 Grandsire Triples. P. Page, 1; H. Brooker (conductor), 2; W. Dolton, 3; H. Lover (first 500 with a bob bell), 4; G. Burt, 5; A. E. Dolton, 6; P. Hermon, 7; C. Kitching, 8. A. E. Dolton hails from High Barnet; the rest belong to the local band.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, January 19th, for practice at the church of St. Mary, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Wyatt, 1; O. Bond, 2; A. Evans, 3; S. Radford, 4; J. Joyce, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6; J. Burge, 7; J. Fowler, 8. On Sunday, January 20th, for Divine Service, 336 Bob Triples. O. Bond, 1; A. Evans, 2; T. Doble, 3; J. Joyce, 4; S. Radford, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. W. Radford

(conductor), 7; J. Fowler, 8. On Wednesday, January 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Fowler, 1; A. Evans, 2; J. Joyce, 3; S. Radford, 4; J. Richards, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6; J. Burge, 7; W. Avis, 8. On Sunday, January 27th, 364 Grandsire Triples. J. Fowler, 1; O. Bond, 2; A. Evans, 3; J. Joyce, 4; S. Radford (conductor), 5; T. Doble, 6; J. Burge, 7; T. W. Radford, 8. On Saturday, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 48 mins. O. Bond, 1; G. E. Harbour, 2; A. Evans, 3; J. Joyce, 4; S. Radford, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Fowler, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Sunday, January 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, at St. Michael's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. Rudkin, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Sunday, January 13th, for morning service, 720 College Exercise, and for evening service, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; F. Rudkin, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; C. H. Howard, 6. On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Hammond, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; F. Calthorpe, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. For practice, on Saturday, January 26th, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; W. Hammond, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. For morning service, on Sunday, January 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), and in the evening 720 New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; F. Rudkin, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; C. H. Howard, 6. On Saturday, February 2nd, for practice, 720 Double Court Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Calthorpe, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. And for the morning service on Sunday, February 3rd, 720 Morning Exercise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Rudkin, 4; W. Hammond, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

**BOCKING (Essex).**—On Sunday, January 13th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). H. E. Hammond, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (composer and conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 22nd, for practice, 720 Double Court Bob. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, 720 Single Court Bob. \*G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 29th, for practice, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob in 53 mins. W. Grimwade, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the afternoon, on Sunday, February 3rd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Grimwade, 1; S. Sargent, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. \*First in the method. Tenor 18½ cwt.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

**KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).**—On Monday, January 7th, for practice, 720 London Surprise. H. Greaves, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; W. H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. On Sunday, January 13th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Emsen, 1; J. Maycock, 2; T. Bettison, 3; G. Burnham, 4; F. Marshall, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6; A 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Burnham, 1; J. Maycock, 2; F. Marshall, 3; T. Bettison, 4; W. H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. First 720 by all except Messrs. Maycock and Marshall, who hail from Clay Cross. On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service, 720 Wells Surprise. H. Greaves, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; W. H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. For evening service, 720 Duke of York. H. Taylor, 1; H. Greaves, 2; T. Bettison (conductor), 3; the rest as before. On Monday, January 21st, for practice, 720 York Surprise. H. Greaves, 1; the rest as before. On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, 720 Lichfield Surprise, and for a memorial service held in the afternoon, in memory of the unfortunate miners who lost their lives by the flooding of the Audley Colliery, in Staffordshire, 720 Bristol Surprise, and after the service, 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob, rung with the bells half muffled, standing as before. And for evening service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure with B. Taylor, 1; the rest as before.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**WARRINGTON (Lancashire).**—On Saturday, January 19th, at St. Paul's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. A. Oxley, 1; F. Spence, 2; F. Stout, 3; \*S. Horsfall, 4; W. Brammer, 5; E. Edwardson (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. And 720 Col-

lege Single Minor, in 25 mins. \*W. Oxley, 1; \*G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; \*W. Brammer, 5; \*A. Oxley (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. On Monday, January 28th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 25 mins. \*W. Oxley, 1; \*J. Romfrey, 2; A. Oxley, 3; F. Stout, 4; W. Brammer (conductor), 5; E. Edwardson, 6. \*First 720 in the method. On Saturday, February 2nd, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. Oxley, 1; J. Romfrey, 2; A. Oxley, 3; T. Stout (conductor), 4; W. Brammer, 5; E. Edwardson, 6. And on Sunday, February 3rd, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 24½ mins., standing and conducted as before. On Saturday, February 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 25 mins., standing as before, and conducted by F. Stout. And on Saturday, February 16th, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 26 mins. W. Oxley, 1; W. Brammer, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence, 5; E. Edwardson (conductor), 6.

#### THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

**IPSWICH.**—On Saturday evening, January 26th, an attempt was made by the following members for a half-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus, with the bells deeply-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. Canon Turnock, a former vicar of the church, who died on Sunday, January 20th, but owing to one of the band missing his sallie, it was lost after ringing 2400 changes, in 1 hr. 45 mins. R. Hawes, 1; E. Pemberton, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; A. C. Durrant, 5; W. Motts, 6; C. Saul, 7; H. Bowell, 8; W. L. Catchpole, 9; J. Motts (conductor), 10; R. H. Brundle, 11; F. Tillett, 12.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

**FINCHLEY (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, January 20th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (nineteen bobs six singles). E. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; F. Blondell, 6. And 160 Grandsire Doubles. R. Roffey, 1; W. Tubb, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; J. W. Ginns, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; F. Blondell, 6. And 480 Plain Bob Minor. W. Webb, 1; W. Tubb, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; J. W. Ginns, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; F. Blondell, 6. On Sunday, February 17th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (four bobs fourteen singles). W. Russell, 1; W. Tubb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Webb, 4; F. Blondell, 5; F. Sparkes (conductor), 6. And 360 in the same method. E. Tubb, 1; J. Cornell (conductor), 2; W. Tubb, 3; F. Sparkes, 4; W. Webb, 5; F. Blondell, 6.

**BANGOR (North Wales).**—For practice at St. David's church, on Tuesday, January 22nd, 630 Grandsire Triples. R. J. Hughes, 1; Rev. T. L. Jones, 2; T. A. Rowlands, 3; M. J. Morris (conductor), 4; W. Owen, 5; P. W. Davies, 6; J. Gayton, 7; W. Crane, 8. On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, 72, 108, and 216 Grandsire Minor. On Sunday, February 3rd, for evening service, 420 Grandsire Triples, standing as above. On Wednesday, February 6th, an attempt for a quarter-peal resulted in a failure after ringing 1005 changes.

**BUNWELL (Norfolk).**—On Tuesday, January 29th, at the residence of Mr. J. Hinchley, on handbells, retained in hand, 720 Bob Minor, in 20 mins. O. Hinchley (age 14, first 720), 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; G. Smith, jun., 3; R. Hutton, 4; J. Hinchley (conductor), 5-6. And 360 Oxford and a 6-score of Kent Treble Bob. O. Hinchley, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; G. Smith, jun., 3; J. Hinchley, 4; R. Hutton (conductor), 5-6.

**LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).**—On Monday, January 21st, at the cathedral, three courses of Grandsire Caters. \*G. Bennett, 1; \*A. Bowler, 2; C. Davis, 3; W. Dempster, 4; E. Gallimore, 5; J. Key, 6; H. Meacham, 7; C. Barrett, 8; F. J. Cope (conductor), 9; J. H. Gallimore, 10. On Sunday, February 3rd, at St. Michael's church, 720 of Grandsire Minor. A. Taylor, 1; C. Davis, 2; W. Dempster, 3; H. Meacham, 4; A. Bowler, 5; F. J. Cope (conductor), 6. \*First touch of Caters. †First touch of Caters with a bob bell.

**OSPRINGE (Kent).**—On Thursday, January 24th, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), with the tenor covering. S. Croucher, 1; H. Foster, 2; G. Foster, 3; E. Bridges, 4; H. Burling, 5; H. Baker, 6; J. Austin, 7. On Monday, February 4th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), with 6-8 covering. H. Stevens, 1; C. H. Drake, 2; H. Foster, 3; G. Foster, 4; H. Burling, 5; H. Baker, 6; W. Holdstock, 7; Rev. H. P. B. Chubb, 8. Conducted by H. Burling. This is the first 720 by all except the 1st, 7th, and 8th men. All are members of the Kent County Association except the Rev. H. P. B. Chubb.

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**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—A general meeting of the above society will be held at Ashton, to-day, Saturday, March 9th, to receive Rule Committee's Report. Tickets for dinner, etc., 2/4 each. Bells ready at 3 p.m., dinner 5 p.m., business meeting 7 p.m.

JOHN HOPWOOD, *Hon. Sec.*

25, Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

P.S.—All members are requested to forward their addresses to the secretary, so that he can forward rules when ready.

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Halling, to-day, Saturday, March 9th. Tower will be open by 4.30 p.m. for ringing. It is hoped that a good number will turn up as this is the first meeting at a five-bell tower.

A. OSBORNE,  
*Hon. Dist. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Balderstone church, to-day, Saturday, March 9th. Meeting at 6 p.m.

G. HOYLE,  
*Branch Sec.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held in the schoolroom, Bebington, to-day, Saturday, March 9th. Tea at 6 p.m., free. Tower open from 3 p.m.

F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Braeside, West Kirby.

**The Surrey Association.**—The Annual Report for 1894 will be placed in the hands of the printers at once. Representatives and unattached members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1894, and wish their names to remain in the list of members, are requested to forward the same without delay, together with the revised lists of membership, so that the Annual Report may appear as correct as possible.

R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec.*

13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be open for ringing on Tuesday, March 12th, at 8 p.m. It is hoped that the business meeting held afterwards at Head-quarters will be well attended.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Waterfoot, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting 6.30.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Branch Sec.*

7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Birstal, on Saturday, March 16th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Black Bull inn.

GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*

19, Albert Street, Bailey Carr.

Mr John Thorp, of Ashton-under-Lyne, writes to say that the peal of Canterbury Pleasure Triples, by Henry G. Rowe, which appeared in our last issue, is false.

ADDRESS.—Mr. W. H. Fussell will be located at Slough until August 1st.

## 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 HENRY DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

6 5 3 2 4 - -

5 6 4 2 3 - -

6 2 4 5 3 - -

2 5 4 6 3 - -

3 6 5 2 4 - -

2 5 6 3 4 - -

5 3 6 2 4 - -

2 6 3 5 4 - -

6 3 2 5 4 - -

3 2 6 5 4 - -

5 6 2 3 4 - -

6 2 5 3 4 - -

3 5 2 6 4 - -

5 2 3 6 4 - -

2 3 5 6 4 - -

Twice repeated. This peal was first rung at St. Mary's church, Lewisham, on Saturday, May 19th, 1894, by members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, conducted by Arthur Jacob. It contains the full combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, even course changes. By calling the last course first, a peal of Bob Major, containing the same mentioned qualities, is obtained.

## A MISTAKE.

Mr. Arthur Craven, of Staveley, writes:—I find that I have made a slight mistake in the peal of Double Norwich (6016), which you published in last week's issue. The last nine courses should read as follows:—

2 6 3 5 4 1 4 5 6

2 4 3 6 5 - -

6 3 4 2 5 - -

3 4 6 2 5 - -

4 6 3 2 5 - -

2 3 6 4 5 - -

3 6 2 4 5 - -

6 2 3 4 5 - -

4 3 2 6 5 - -

3 2 4 6 5 - -

The same footnote reads correct, that by omitting the bobs braced reduces the peal to 5120, and by adding a bob at 4 in the first course of any one part, further reduces it to 5008.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

M. W.—We cannot give publicity to what you send. We have not the slightest respect for such a gathering, at any rate upon the day mentioned.

H. F. C.—The Vicar is the sole master of the situation; whatever he decides upon, all the churchwardens, steeplekeepers, or sextons in England cannot put aside his decision. But we think that you should have waited for his initiative in the matter.

D. RUSSON.—In about a fortnight.

EVIDENCE.—There is only one way of doing it, i.e. the right way. It is necessary to watch for certain changes appearing.

## NOTE TO THE PEAL AT DUDLEY.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the many virtues possessed by the late Alderman D. Howatt, and the kind heartedness always displayed by him in his public capacity. It was also the conductor's 50th peal, which comprise the following: Seven Minor Methods, 3; Darlaston Bob Triples, 1; Union Triples, 2; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1; Forward Major, 1; Plain Bob Triples, 3; Major, 8; Royal, 1; Grandsire Triples, 10; Major, 1; Caters, 6; Royal, 1; Cinques, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 2; Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Royal, 1; Stedman Triples, 3; Caters, 1.

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

NOTE.—The advertisements of Ringers wanting situations will appear four consecutive insertions free. Those advertising must watch this column week by week, as the reception of all letters addressed care of Editor, will be notified therein. This privilege is only for bona fide ringers, whether subscribers to this paper or otherwise. To ensure publicity in the current number, advertisements ought to reach the office by Tuesday morning.

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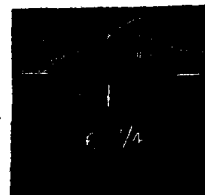
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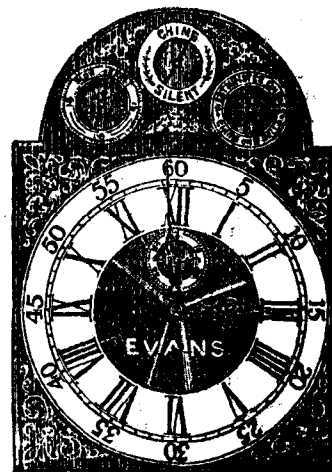
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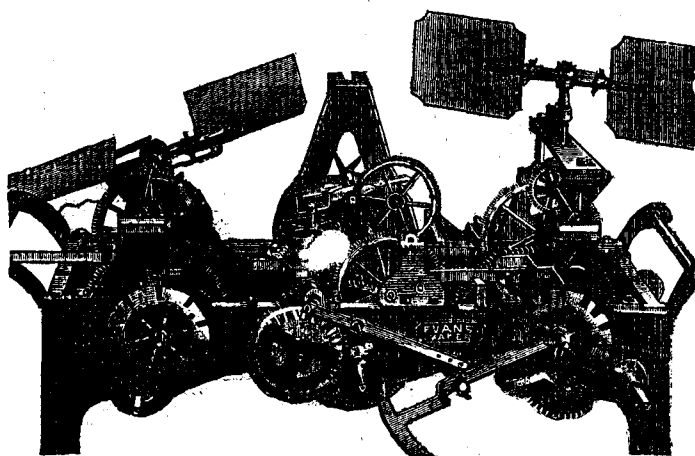
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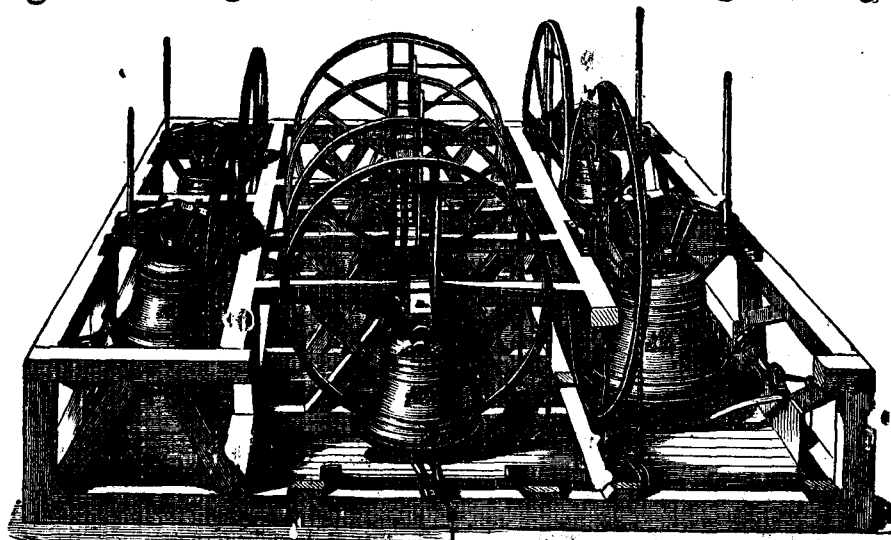
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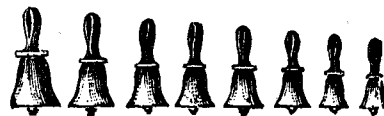
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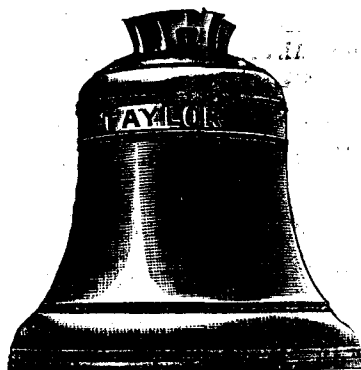
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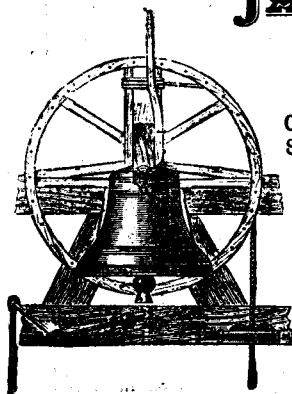
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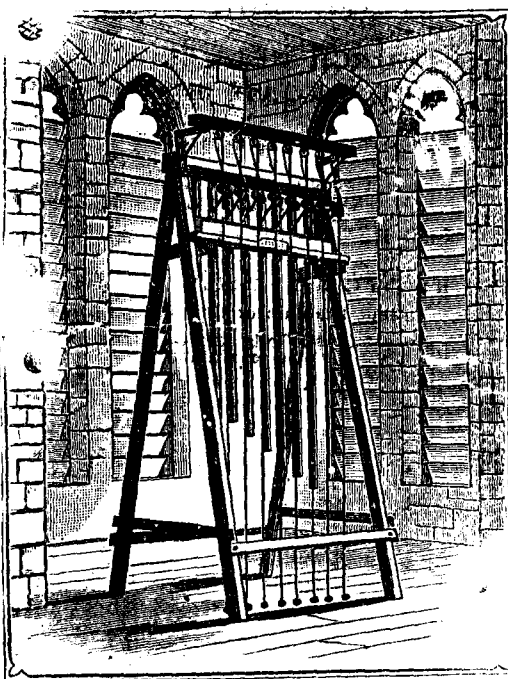
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## THE RINGERS OF TEWKESBURY ABBEY.

The Mayor again repeated his kind invitation to the ringers of the Abbey to dine with him at The Bell hotel on Thursday, February 7th. In addition to the ringers, the churchwardens, staff officials at the Abbey, and a few friends were also invited. The dinner, served by Mr. Watton, was of a most sumptuous description, and included everything that could be desired. The Mayor was supported by the Revs. H. A. Sheringham, C. D. Mason Cox, and Mr. F. J. Brown.

The toast of "The Queen" was followed by that of "The Bishop and Clergy," proposed by Mr. F. J. Brown, who said the Bishop and Clergy of the diocese worked hard and conscientiously, while the ministers of other denominations also did their duty in their various spheres of labour. He coupled with the toast the name of the vicar.

The Rev. H. A. Sheringham responded, and thanked them for the cordial manner in which they had drunk his health. Since he had been in Tewkesbury he had noticed how well this toast had been received, and it was a sign to him that they were following in the footsteps of those who had ministered here before.

Mr. R. W. Fouracre proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," and mentioned how on a recent Saturday a trial call was made on the Volunteers in London, and 11,000 had turned out obedient to the summons of duty.

In the absence of any qualified one to respond, the vicar kindly undertook the duty, and referred to the fact that when in London on the Saturday abovementioned, he had seen 6000 of the fine body of Volunteers alluded to by Mr. Fouracre.

Messrs. Wathen, Cleal, Hampton, and Hale, then gave an exhibition of change-ringing on the handbells, which was followed later on in the evening by a quintette, W. Devereux coming in as the fifth man, and in both performances splendid time was kept.

Mr. J. Wathen then proposed "The health of Mr. Collins," their host of the evening. He said want of words only prevented him from proposing the toast as it should be done, for it would be difficult for any one to say half enough that he ought in praise of Mr. Collins.

Mr. Collins said he was pleased that the toast had fallen into the hands it had, and he esteemed Mr. Wathen very much. As a science he knew but little of bell-ringing, but he much enjoyed listening to the bells, and was always glad to hear them. In the old days he had always been pleased to hear the chimes, with their old familiar airs. He was very pleased to see them there that evening, and to ask them to a supper once a year, was but a poor recompense to them. Theirs was a sacred calling, in that they rung for prayer and tolled for the departed. He would have made them a longer speech, but that the severity of the weather had affected his breath.

The Rev. H. A. Sheringham proposed the health of "The Churchwardens." They had a national monument in Tewkesbury Abbey, which they were very proud of, and the churchwardens watched over its interests with unremitting zeal. He thanked Mr. B. T. Moore (who was not able to be present that evening), and Mr. Brown for the many important services they had rendered, and for the intense interest and care they had always manifested in their charge. The vicar then mentioned others in the room to whom in one way or another the church was indebted, coupling with the toast the names of Mr. F. J. Brown and Mr. W. Bannister.

Mr. Brown, in response, regretted the absence of his colleague, who had filled the position of vicar's warden for forty years past. He had himself been fifteen years parish warden, and he thought the parishioners would be wise to make a change and get in some new blood; he was, however, proud of his position. Before sitting down, he wished to thank the Mayor for his kind hospitality that evening. He had, if he might be allowed to say so, worked himself up to his present proud position of Chief Magistrate of the borough, and no one could have filled the office more admirably than Mr. Collins had done during the last four years.

Mr. W. Bannister also appropriately responded to the toast. Mr. Collins proposed "Health, prosperity, and long life to

the bell-ringers," which was responded to by Mr. J. Wathen, who said they had lately not been able to do much in bell-ringing, but hoped soon to do more.

The Mayor then proposed "The health of Mr. Fouracre," who had kindly undertaken all the arrangements for the supper, and of Mr. Watton for his catering of the same. A most enjoyable evening came to an end by the singing of the National Anthem.

Between the speeches several good songs were sung by Messrs. Haines, jun., Mayall, Cleal, and W. Devereux, and a recitation was given by Mr. W. North, jun.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was held at Stockton on Monday, February 23th. In the morning several members visited the local churches and rang several touches. A committee meeting was held in the afternoon at the Queen's hotel, over which the President of the Association (Mr. R. S. Story, Whitley), presided. Routine business having been transacted, a large company adjourned for dinner, Mr. Blake providing an excellent repast. After dinner several toasts were submitted and honoured. Mr. Story presided, and was supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. Hudson, of Sunderland, the vicar of Stockton (Rev. H. Martin), etc. The loyal toasts having been honoured, the chairman proposed "The Bishops and Clergy of the Diocese," and alluding to the parish church bells and the contemplated additions and improvements in them, hoped they would be made a first-class ring.

The Rev. H. Martin replied, and said he looked upon the work of the ringers as Church work, and he was always wishful to recognise all ringers as being church-workers. As far as the religious services of the church were concerned, they occupied a very important position, owing to the fact that they called the people together for worship, but they did a great deal more than that, because the sounds that come from the church tower dwelt in people's memories, and often came back to them in far-off scenes. They were not only beautiful in themselves, but they were sounds which were distinctly connected with the higher feelings of the human heart. He was in sympathy with Mr. Clarkson, the conductor, and the ringers of the parish church, with regard to increasing the number of bells, and when more urgent matters in connection with the restoration of the church were attended to, he would heartily co-operate in making the ring into a larger one.

On the proposition of the chairman, thanks were heartily accorded to the Stockton parish church and the St. Hilda's church, Middlesbrough societies, for the use of their bells.

Other toasts having been submitted, and some of the members having given a skilful exhibition with the handbells, the company separated for practice on the Stockton and Middlesbrough bells.

## THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING, ESSEX.

The annual dinner of the above society was held on Tuesday evening, February 26th, at The Bull hotel. The chair was taken by Mr. A. Whight (captain). Twenty-six members and friends sat down to an excellent spread provided by Host Parsons. After supper, Mr. Davies said he regretted to say the President, the Rev. H. H. Henson, was unable to be present owing to a severe cold. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, the Rev. T. H. Goodwin (curate), submitted the toast of the evening, "Success to the St. Margaret's Society," which was responded to by Messrs. E. A. Davies and A. Whight. Mr. Davies, who has been a member of the Society since its formation, said he had never seen it in such a flourishing condition as it was at present. During the evening, songs were contributed by Messrs. A. J. Davies, S. Lake, F. Norris, J. Hopkins, W. Horder. A duet by the Rev. T. H. Goodwin and Mr. A. J. Davies was well received, Mr. A. Hume presiding at the piano. Mr. S. Hayes gave a humorous recitation.

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## OXFORD AND OXFORDSHIRE BELLS AND BELFRIES.

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## FOUNDERS OF BELLS.

The Rudhall family at Gloucester cast very many bells for Oxford city and county. Altogether the firm produced 1,882 church bells between 1681 and 1830. Of this number four had peals of twelve bells, ten with peals of ten, 82 with eight, 295 with six, and 131 with peals of five bells. Thirty-two of these were brought to Oxford from the Gloucester foundry; Magdalen College five bells (added two trebles to make a peal of ten bells; they were the gift of William Freeman, Esq.); New College (for a peal of ten), and Christ Church Cathedral, five bells each; Queen's College, 1; St. Peter's-in-the-East (dated 1700), 6; St. Thomas (to make six), 5; St. Mary (in 1731), 1; St. Mary Magdalen (in 1717), 1; St. Michael (treble, 1708), 1; Holywell (tenor, 1725), 1. On each of these bells there is, I believe, the usual trade-mark of the Rudhalls, which consisted of the letters A.R., with a bell between them. The foundry supplied ninety-two bells to twenty-six parishes in Oxfordshire. The list is given below, but the spelling is that of the bell-founder: Chipping Norton (tenor weighing 14 cwt.), Witney (tenor 16 cwt.), and Great Tew (tenor 21 cwt.), eight bells each. Messrs. Warner supplied a ring of six for Little Tew. Charlbury (tenor 14 cwt.), Chasleton (tenor 8 cwt.), Kingham (tenor 11 cwt.), North Moor (tenor 11 cwt.), and Taynton, 6 bells each; Allvescott (tenor 9 cwt.), Nuneham (The Hon. Simon Lord Harcourt, benefactor), Radley (tenor 6 cwt.), and Shalbbington, 5 bells each; Chalgrove, Kidlington (tenor and 3rd bell), Horspath and Garsington, 2 bells each; Bloxham, Cowley, Dailsford, Fyfield, Idbury, Iffley, Long Comb, Newington, Shipton-under-Wychwood, and Stanton Harcourt (gift of the Right Hon. Simon Lord Harcourt), 1 bell each.

The list is compiled from the Founder's catalogue. Thirty-two churches and four colleges were therefore supplied with 124 bells from Gloucestershire.

## BAGLEY OF WOODSTOCK.

Bagley's foundry was at Woodstock. In his catalogue published at Oxford in 1732, he modestly claims to have cast 441 church bells (mostly the work of his predecessors), consisting of one ring with ten bells, five with eight, twenty-seven with six, thirty with five, two with four, and seventy-one other bells. There was formerly a solitary example of his work in the tower of St. Ebbe's church—the only one in Oxford. St. Ebbe's, 1 bell; Kirtlington (Sir Robert Dashwood and Mr. Robert Dashwood, benefactors), 8 bells; Woodstock (His Grace the Duke of Marlborough gave £100), Banbury and Wardington, 6 bells each; Ducklington, Middleton Stoney, Rollright, Standlake, and Wood Eaton, 5 bells each; Spelsbury (to make six), 4 bells; Wolvercote, 3 bells; Burford (to make 8), Chasleton, Chipping Norton, Deddington, Shilton, Southleigh, Witney (2 trebles to make eight), 2 bells each; Amersden, Beckley, Cockthrop, Coggs (tenor), Crawton, Ewelme, Martin (fifth), North Aston, Somerton, South Newington, Steeple Barton, Stanton St. John, Fullbrook, Upper Heyford, and Westwell, 1 bell each.

Bagley, it thus appears, cast or recast eighty-three bells for thirty-four churches in Oxfordshire. It is by no means an accurate list. He claims to have founded one or two bells which Rudhall sent from Gloucester.

## OTHER BELL FOUNDERS.

There were, however, many other founders who, for the benefit of posterity, considerably recorded the fact that they did this or that in such and such a year. Unlike Bagley—the model of modesty—they did not publish catalogues, at the same time asking everybody's forgiveness as a preface, but adding a postscript far more interesting to themselves as a business concern. In addition to the Rudhalls and Bagley, very many bells were supplied by Michael Darbie, Richard Keene (Woodstock), Taylor of Oxford (removed to Loughborough in 1840), and Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel; Henry Knight, of Reading (St. Ebbe's 3rd, 1616, and Magdalen College, 6th bell, 1673). W. Y. (Cathedral, 6th, 1611), W. S. (the Bodleian bell,

also dated 1611—but the letters are curiously formed), Christopher Hodson (Great Tom, 1680, and Merton College bells, 1680), Newcombe of Leicester (St. Mary-le-Virgin, 4th and 5th, 1612).

## SIZE AND WEIGHT OF OXFORD BELLS.

St. Ebbe's church possesses the lightest ring of bells in the kingdom, the tenor weighing only 5 cwt. That of St. Thomas' has a diameter of 35 inches (4 inches larger than St. Ebbe's), and weighs 7 cwt.; the tenors of St. Peter's-in-the-East and St. Mary Magdalene (the old peal) are three inches larger and two cwt. heavier—but the latter was robbed of 160 lbs. in 1874. The diameter of the largest bell at St. Cross, Holywell, is 3 ft. 3 in., and its weight half-a-ton. Until the year 1874, All Saints possessed a cracked tenor, weighing 11 cwt.,—not a very valuable possession, it is true—and measuring 19 ft. in circumference; but it was recast, and, as far as can be judged with certainty, its pedigree most now be traced through the first and second bells of the existing peal, the tenor of which (in all probability the fifth of the former ring) weighs 8½ cwt. The tenor of St. Aldate's, with a diameter of 39 inches, contains 1,240 lbs. of bell-metal (of which 250 fairly represent the amount of tin present); it is worth £70, partly on account of its associations.

St. Michael's bells succeed in point of size, the largest being 11 ft. round the rim, and having a weight of 12 cwt. Wood, with his usual precision, noted "in ye diary" the birth of this peal, which rang for the first time on March 13th, 1669. St. Giles' tenor is 42½ inches in diameter, weighing 13 cwt.; whilst the sonorous tones heard every hour at Carfax proceed from a quivering mass of metal weighing more than three-quarters of a ton. It is rung by a wheel 22 feet in circumference, and although badly chipped at the rim, the entire ring is injured in this respect—is a remarkably good bell.

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## THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 9th, a meeting of this society was held at headquarters to receive the report of the Rule Committee, and have a convivial meeting. Proceedings commenced shortly after 3 p.m. with touches of Grandsire Cinques and Caters on the parish church bells, after which the members adjourned to the society's meeting-house, The Old Church inn, and sat down to a good and substantial repast. The members then dispersed until 7 p.m., at which hour the business meeting was held, when a goodly number assembled, including members from Hyde, Manchester, Salford, Worsley, Pendlebury, etc.

Mr. B. Broadbent was voted to the chair, and in a few pointed remarks he welcomed the visitors to Ashton, and then called upon the Secretary to explain the business of the evening.

The Secretary (Mr. Hopwood), gave a brief account of the position of the society, and the manner in which it had grown. He stated that they had upwards of sixty members upon the books, and that there was every prospect of a successful career for it. He also gave the reason for the delay in getting the rules printed so as to be in the hands of the members, but he trusted they would not have much longer to wait.

Letters of apology were read from members who lived a distance from the town, explaining the reason of their absence from the meeting.

The rules were then submitted by the secretary, and after some slight alterations they were unanimously adopted. A further resolution was passed that all members be supplied with a copy.

Two new members from Pendlebury and Clifton were elected members of the Society.

The rest of the evening was passed in a jovial and convivial manner, a course of Grandsire Royal being rung on the handbells by a mixed band. Too much praise cannot be given to Mrs. and the Misses Braddock for the manner in which the dinner was served, everyone leaving the table highly satisfied.

The usual votes of thanks terminated a highly successful meeting. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at headquarters, on the last Saturday in April.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

At St. Martin's church, on Saturday, March 2nd, at a special service, was inducted by the Bishop of Lichfield, to the above parish, as vicar, the Rev. W. T. de Vine, the service being choral. Several clergy of the neighbouring parishes took part in the service. The Bishop spoke highly of the new vicar, also of the great worth of the late vicar, the Rev. A. A. Cory, who was compelled through ill-health to remove to a parish of less work. Before and after the special service, the local band, assisted by Mr. E. Cashmore, of West Bromwich, and Messrs. Gould and Tilley, of Aldbury, rung touches in the Grandsire method. A peal of Grandsire Triples was started for (Holt's Original), but came to grief after ringing about 3000 changes, by the following band, being members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. S. Bowcut, 1; A. H. Hill (conductor), 2; J. Walker, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; W. Smith, 5; R. Hall, 6; J. Hall, 7; F. Bywater, 8. On Sunday, March 3rd, before morning and evening service, touches of Grandsire Triples, with 742 Grandsire Triples before evening service, this touch being the latter part of Holt's Original. S. Bowcut, 1; A. H. Hill (conductor), 2; W. James, 3; B. Starkey, 4; W. H. Godden, 5; W. Verry, 6; E. Goodreds, 7; F. Bywater, 8. After evening service, a long touch of Grandsire Triples. T. Bowcut, 1; E. Goodreds (conductor), 2; W. H. Godden, 3; B. Starkey, 4; W. James, 5; W. Verry, 6; A. H. Hill, 7; F. Bywater, 8. W. Smith hails from Darlaston; the brothers Hall and Walker from West Bromwich; Messrs. Godden, Verry, and Starkey from Handsworth.

## SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

At the monthly meeting of this Association held on Saturday, March 2nd, at Twickenham, members from Ealing, Isleworth, Heston, Hillingdon, etc., were present, from twenty-five to thirty in all. Some useful practice was obtained, touches in the following methods being rung: Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Oxford Bob Triples, and Grandsire Minor, ringing being kept up from 5.30 until about 9 p.m.

## THE LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 26th, the members of the St. Woolo's branch, Newport, rang several touches of Grandsire, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Lord Aberdare, and to Mrs. Lewis, the Bishop's wife, consisting of 168 and 504. 168, — Russell, 1; R. Fry, 2; H. Millard, 3; R. Le Vesconte, 4; F. Atwell, 5; A. Longville, 6; J. Trowbridge (conductor), 7; T. Longville, 8. On Sunday, March 3rd, for evening service, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal, but after ringing about 900 changes, it unfortunately came to grief. The ringers were as before, with the exception of the 6th, Fry giving way to W. H. Smyth. On Tuesday, March 5th, for practice, several courses of Stedman Triples and 168 Grandsire Triples. The most pleasing part of the night's practice was the marked improvement shown by four probationers, each being able to accomplish their first course of Triples on the treble. This is very encouraging to the local band, who by the way are steadily losing its members, having lost four good ringers in the last twelve months, Messrs. Long, Smyth (C. H. Rogers, who left for London, with the best wishes of the Guild), and last, but not least, Mr. A. Longville, who is leaving Newport for Birmingham.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 12th, seven members of the above association, by the kind permission of the churchwardens, paid a visit to the parish church, Swanswick, to try the grand little peal of six, which has been only recently rehung. First an inspection was made in the tower, and subsequently the bells were rung in peal, assisted by the parish ringers. Afterwards a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins., and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells, and was rung as a birthday compliment to J. Fussell. The members who took part in the ringing were Messrs. J. Smith-Flower, H. Watton, C. Goodenough, S. Rowlin, J. Fussell, W. Lanham, and C. W. Bell (conductor).

## THE LATE LEONARD PROCTOR ESQ., OF BENINGTON, HERTS.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 12th inst., immediately after the funeral of the above-mentioned gentleman, which was largely attended, 1008 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells deeply muffled, the tenor open at the back-stroke. J. Kitchener (Benington), 1; J. Warner (Benington), 2; M. Ellsmore (Hertford), 3; W. Lawrence (Little Munden), 4; S. Page (Benington, conductor), 5; L. Chapman (Benington), 6; I. Cavill (Brickenden, late of Stanstead, Essex), 7; C. Spicer (Benington), 8. In the church the 90th psalm was sung by a surpliced choir, the service concluding with the hymn "Now the labourer's task is o'er." Mr. Proctor had entered upon his 80th year.

## THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—On Sunday, February 3rd, at St. Mary's church, for morning service, 360 College Single. N. Martin, 1; W. Pettet, 2; G. Heath, 3; C. Green, 4; W. A. Hall (conductor), 5; F. Clayton, 6. For evening service, 360 Oxford Bob. J. Bailey, 1; H. Clayton, 2; C. Green, 3; W. A. Hall, 4; F. Clayton, 5; G. Burton (conductor), 6. A 360 of Plain Bob Minor. S. Chapman, 1; H. Clayton, 2; G. Heath, 3; W. A. Hall, 4; G. Burton (conductor), 5; F. Clayton, 6. The above was rung to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the restoration of the church. On Monday, February 4th, for practice, 360 Yorkshire Court. J. Bailey, 1; H. Clayton (first in the method), 2; C. Green, 3; W. A. Hall (conductor), 4; F. Clayton (first in the method), 5; G. Burton, 6. On Monday, February 11th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Clayton, 1; G. Heath, 2; C. Green, 3; G. Burton, 4; F. Clayton (first in the method), 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6.

"THE BELL ANTHEM."—Mr. S. J. Hughes, of Church Road, Coalbrookdale, wishes for a copy of "The Bell Anthem," which, he says, is performed at ringers' festivals. Perhaps some of our readers can oblige him.

## Central Council Correspondence.

## ODD AND EVEN METHODS.

SIR,—I was much pleased with two points in Mr. Cartwright's letter in your current number. The first is the opinion of the late Mr. Snowdon, which must carry weight with the Exercise, and then the suggestion that a proof should be given of the fact stated. Though I never had the pleasure of the late Mr. Snowdon's acquaintance, I regard myself as his pupil, having received all my earlier instruction from his excellent works; and I am convinced that this is the course he would have taken. Therefore, though conscious of the feebleness of my efforts, compared to his lucid explanations, I shall here, with your permission, attempt to supply the needed proof.

In the first place then let us examine the nature of the old system. The rule is that every place should be made the same as in the even method relatively to the lead, or that the extra bell should always be above the place. Now we could get another system by making all the places in the same position relatively to the back, or in other words, always have the extra bell below the place. Here then are two systems, and, save for custom, one has as much right to consideration as the other. But that both are wrong, and equally wrong, is proved by the fact that both introduce foreign work when applied to the majority of methods, and also that if a Major method can be applied to Caters, there can be only one *right* way of doing it. And here I will lay down two axioms to help us, the truth of which nobody can dispute.

AX. 1. If a bell, in hunting up, makes a place, it only alters the work of the bells above it, causing them to dodge, whilst those below go on with their hunting undisturbed.

AX. 2. If a bell, in hunting down, makes a place, it only disturbs the work of the bells below it.

Now in applying an even-bell method to an odd number, it is necessary that the place-making should disturb the work of the bells in exactly the same way on the odd as on the even number. Hence the rule that all bells that hunt up to make a place must make the same place relatively to the back as they did on the even number, or that the extra bell should always be below them; and that all bells hunting down should make the same places relatively to the front as on the even number, and the extra bell must be above them. Having arrived at this rule, let us apply it to Double Norwich, and examine the results. Take the 3rd, she hunts up in Major, and makes fourth's place, having four bells above her. Since she is hunting up she must make the same place relatively to the back in Caters, and accordingly we find her making fifth's place, still having four bells behind her. She now starts hunting down, so the next place must be made the same in both methods relatively to the front, and accordingly we find her making 3rds place in both methods. But I need not follow this up any further, as everyone can easily verify it for himself. But before quitting the subject I will just apply both rules to the case of a bell lying a whole pull behind, and examine the results. And first with regard to the old system; the rule is that all places shall be made at the same relative distance from the front, and if this rule is to be used, it must be universal, since we cannot arbitrarily lay down the law that it shall hold for internal places and not for the leads and the whole pulls behind. Now every bell in Major, whatever the method be, must always make 8ths place, and hunt down again when she gets there. She may have to dodge before and after the place, but that does not affect the argument. Applying the rule then, whenever a bell makes 8ths in Major, she makes 8ths in Caters also, and hence the 9th must always lie behind in Norwich Caters, for even the treble by rule must make 8ths place. Oh! but says some one, "that is not so, you know we don't do that." Then my good sir, you are supporting a rule which even you cannot fully carry out, but are bound to lay on one side at your own sweet will for the sake of producing those very ugly mongrels that you cling to. Now look at Shipway's rule. Bells in hunting up make their places the same relative to the back, hence 9ths place in Caters always corresponds to 8ths in Major, and not only in this point, but in every other the rule will hold. Before I stop, just a word as to Mr. Cartwright's idea of putting many bells in the hunt for Royal and Maximus. Now why does a bell go into the hunt in Caters? Bells always

dodge in pairs. The treble can never dodge, hence in Major when a place is made there are three pairs of bells to dodge together. But in Caters there is one poor bell who cannot find a partner, so the treble, as master of ceremonies, takes compassion on her, and invites her to gallop up and down the room with him. But when we come to Royal, a partner is at once found for the disconsolate maiden; she must now join him in the mazes of the waltz, leaving the master of ceremonies free to run up and down and attend to every one unimpeded.

E. BANKES JAMES, C.C. for G. and B. D. A.  
St. Michael's Rectory, Gloucester.

## ST. THOMAS' BELLS, BRISTOL.

On Sunday evening, February 24th, the Assistant-Bishop of the diocese very kindly consented to preach on the occasion of the first ringing of the above bells after they had been rehung. It has not been possible to ring the bells for some years past, as the fittings, of an antiquated type, were worn out, the seventh bell had lost its clapper, and the tenor bell was broken. The tenor bell has been recast, the other seven bells have been turned, and one quarter-turned, and the fittings have been entirely renewed. A chiming apparatus has also been provided for use before service. The old oak frame, which was found to be in sound condition, has been retained. The peal is a very interesting one. The tenor, which had been previously recast in 1590 and 1666, weighs 28 cwt.; the only bells in Bristol which are heavier being the two heaviest at St. Mary Redcliff, and the two tenor bells at St. James and St. Nicholas. The sixth bell bears the inscription: "Sancta Anna," and the fifth is inscribed "Sancta Maria ora pro nobis." These two bells are of course of pre-Reformation date. The remaining bells were cast in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and the Sanctus bell was recast in 1764. The wardens' accounts record the pealing of the bells on many occasions, from the coronation of Queen Mary in 1553, and the first anniversary of the detection of the Gunpowder Plot in 1606, onwards; including the battles of Dunbar, Culloden, Cape St. Vincent, and a whole series of Peninsular victories, concluding with Waterloo; the sea-fight off Harwich in 1665, when Sir William Penn, who had been baptized in this church in 1621, commanded under the Duke of York; and the capture of Quebec in 1763. More peaceful occasions were the proclamation of the Lord Protector Oliver in 1657, of the Lord Protector Richard in 1658, and of the King in 1660; Mr. Colston's funeral in 1721; when Bishop Butler preached at the church in 1739; the thanksgiving for peace in 1814, and Princes Victoria's birthday in 1837. The cost of the work, including some necessary repairs to the tower, will be about £300, making a total sum spent on the fabric and fittings of the church since 1878 of about £5500. It is hoped that before very long the vestry will be able to undertake the repairs of the beautiful tower, when the restoration of the church will be complete. The restoration of the bells was effectively carried out by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, Bell Founders, Bristol.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—A monthly meeting of this branch was held at the parish church, Eccles, on Saturday, February 16th, when thirty members attended, representing the following towers: St. John's and St. Philip's, Manchester, Pendleton, Pendlebury, Worsley, Walkden, and Swinton. Mr. J. Barratt, chief ringer at Eccles, having the bells in readiness, and the tower open, the various bands soon got to work, ringing touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Treble Bob Major, the "go" of the bells being very pleasing to the visitors. At the business meeting subsequently held in the Mission Room, the vicar, the Hon. and Rev. A. T. Lyttleton, M.A., was unanimously voted to the chair, when he gave the ringers a very hearty welcome to his church. He said he was always very much pleased to meet church-workers at all times, and he hoped the ringers would stick together and work well for the cause they had in hand. It was then arranged for the next meeting to be held on March 23rd, either at Holy Trinity, Manchester, or St. James', Birch. Two new members were added to the list, and the meeting was brought to a close by the usual vote of thanks to the clergy and wardens.

## Notices.

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

**The Surrey Association.**—The Annual Report for 1894 will be placed in the hands of the printers at once. Representatives and unattached members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1894, and wish their names to remain in the list of members, are requested to forward the same without delay, together with the revised lists of membership, so that the Annual Report may appear as correct as possible. R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Waterfoot, to-day, Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting 6.30. J. B. TAYLOR, *Branch Sec.*  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Birstal, to-day, Saturday, March 16th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Black Bull Inn. GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. James' church, Rusholme, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells ready at 4 p.m., business meeting in the schoolroom at 6.45. WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Sussex County Association.**—Western.—A district meeting will be held at Arundel, on Saturday, March 30th. Tower open at 2.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Evensong and address at 6.30. Branch secretaries are requested to send number of those who intend to be present.

J. W. G. LODER-COTTER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Yapton Vicarage, Arundel.

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—By kind permission of the Rev. H. G. Bird, the next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, Middlesex, on Saturday, April 6th. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. Every member should endeavour to be present, special business having to be got through.

E. J. WALSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

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JARROLD & SONS, Publishers, Norwich, and 3 Paternoster Buildings, London E.C.

## NOTE TO THE PEAL AT NORWICH.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the opening of a new peal of handbells, cast by Shaw, Son and Co., and supplied by Mr. F. Knights, of Norwich, to the Aylsham company. This is the first peal on the bells since the re-hanging a few years ago. They were hung so badly that a peal could not be accomplished on them. It was not until two of the ringers altered them, that this peal was rung. It is 20 years since the last peal was rung on the bells, which was Bob Major.

P.S.—A note will follow of the opening of the handbells.

## 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 STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

5079.

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Round by bob at 5; single at 12; and bob at 19.

Has the 6th nine times in 4th's place; eleven times in 6th's place; and twenty-three times behind the 9th.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT

BOB ROYAL.

By WILLIAM WILLSON, Leicester.

5040.

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This peal contains the 6th thirteen times wrong and right, which is the extent possible each way in the number of courses, and is believed to be the first peal published with these qualities.

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

NOTE.—The advertisements of Ringers wanting situations will appear four consecutive insertions free. Those advertising must watch this column week by week, as the reception of all letters addressed care of Editor, will be notified therein. This privilege is only for bona fide ringers, whether subscribers to this paper or otherwise. To ensure publicity in the current number, advertisements ought to reach the office by Tuesday morning.

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**The Bell News & Ringers' Record.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1895.

At the JOHNSON Commemoration held at Birmingham the other day, Mr. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, who presided, commented at some length upon the proposal to disestablish and disendow the English Church in Wales. A reference to such a subject, by a churchman of Mr. HEYWOOD's calibre, was exceedingly well-timed, and appropriate to the occasion, and the company assembled without doubt appreciated it at its full value. We have more than once pointed out to ringers the great necessity which exists for presenting a bulwark of defence against such a gross act of spoliation as Disestablishment. No one doubts, we suppose, that the consequence of such a measure would greatly embarrass and hinder ringing progress. Recent events have taught us that through legislative enactment a diversion of funds which had hitherto been available for ringing purposes, has taken place, and much disappointment and trouble been caused thereby. We need but refer to the Liverpool instance, lately made public, though other cases could be mentioned. Even in the Metropolis, a well-known and historical ring of bells is now silent, so far as ringing for any public or national event is concerned—disestablished and disendowed, in fact. And this would become general under



the circumstances of Disestablishment, we are afraid. Even if the idea of compensation for the loss of office were to be secured by a disestablishment bill, no ringer could hope for the slightest consideration. Organists, pew-openers, sextons, organ-blowers, and even grave-diggers would be considered vastly before the scientific ringer in such a detail. It is clearly our duty as Churchmen; it is no less our interest as church bell ringers, to resist by every means in our power such a nefarious attempt to deprive the Church of that which legally and morally belongs to her. As the most skilful of Church officers, bellringers should oppose, in season and out of season, the spread of such a theme as Disestablishment. And not only so, but take every opportunity of combating the ridiculous and nonsensical theories which are unhappily prevalent with respect to the source of the Church's income. It is no uncommon thing to hear a demagogue loudly declaiming at street corners and other public places the most palpable untruths concerning the revenues of the Church. Yet if these people would only consult the most radical weekly newspaper published in London, they would be better informed. The editor of this particular journal is constantly telling his readers through the correspondence columns, that the Church is kept going by pew-rents, endowments, etc., and he honestly adds that no rates or taxes whatever go towards its support. Then what is the cause of this hostility to the Church?

If the Church of England in Wales is disestablished and disendowed, it has been shown that a ridiculously small sum of money will be available therefrom. When the Bill was introduced into the House of Commons, much disappointment and chagrin was felt by advocates of the Bill that such a poor return would be realised. Some were of opinion that it was hardly worth proceeding with on that account. But the Church's bitter opponents have determined to humiliate her, if they can. The Church in Wales must be rooted out; no matter what good is now being done by her clergy; she must cease to exist as an establishment, and her income be taken away. If a number of wealthy Churchmen were to offer the State the sum which would fall into its hands through disestablishment, on condition that the attacks upon the Church should cease, such an offer would by these bitter opponents be refused with scorn and derision. The Church must be degraded, nothing less. That is her opponents' bitter determination, with anything less they will not be content.

What side shall we take? "An undivided front in opposition"—opposition of a strenuous character. Let that be our determination. We shall have the opportunity, ere long, of throwing our influence into the scale; let us be on the right side.

A request will be found below to Secretaries of Guilds and Associations to send their needful returns to the Honorary Secretary of the Central Council without delay. This has appeared in the last two issues, yet

we are sorry to find that some of the above-mentioned officers appear to consider it in accordance with their duties and positions to delay responding. We have repeatedly implored, solicited, and begged and prayed these gentlemen to be prompt in complying with the Central Council's regulations in this particular matter. For their own credit's sake; for the credit of the Exercise at large, we trust this is the last appeal that ever will be made of this kind.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Secretaries of societies whose subscription is not yet paid, are earnestly requested to send the same to the Hon. Secretary of the Council without further delay.

Notices of motion, etc., in writing, signed by two members of the Council, should be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary by Saturday, March 16th.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

H. EARLE BULWER,  
Hon. Sec. to the Council.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE BOW SOCIETY.)

On Friday, March 8, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BOW, E.

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES DEMPSEY .. .. Treble.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 5.
WILLIAM DALLIMORE .. .. 2.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 6.
YORK GREEN .. .. 3.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 7.
SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. 4.	DANIEL SUTTON .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells, also the first by all the band. Rung on the 32nd birthday of the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON, AND THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, March 9, 1895, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 6.
HARRY BARTON* .. .. 2.	ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 3.	† HERVEY BEAMS .. .. 8.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER* .. .. 4.	FREDERICK J. PITTS .. .. 9.
WILLIAM F. MEADS* .. .. 5.	EDWARD W. FRASER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS and Conducted by FREDERICK J. PITTS.

\*First peal of Grandsire Caters with a bob bell. †First peal on ten bells. It was intended to ring Stedman, but on meeting one short the above was rung instead.

### The Provinces.

#### CROYDON, SURREY.

On Tuesday, February 26, 1895, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S TWELVE-PART.

ALFRED E. COLLINS .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH TALBOT .. .. 5.
HENRY BROOKER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STATES .. .. 6.
EDWARD BRAY* .. .. 3.	THOMAS VERRELL .. .. 7.
FRANK PATES* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HILL .. .. Tenor.
	JAMES RUMBLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BROOKER.

\*First peal in the method. This was rung to celebrate T. Verrell's birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.



## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 7, 1895, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by HARRY ARGYLE.

\*First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday peal for T. W. Chapman.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, March 7, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL, Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK CULLUM .. .. 2.	WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 7.
HARRY WARNETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CHALLENGER .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILKINS.

It was intended to have rung Treble Bob, but one of the band was unable to come at the last minute. W. Challenger, who kindly assisted at the tenor, was elected a member of the above Society previous to starting for the peal.

## ALDENHAM, HERTS.—HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 9, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD HULL .. .. Treble.	J. ERNEST RANDALL .. 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 2.	ROBERT WEATHERLEY .. 6.
WALTER BATTLE .. .. 3.	WM. HY. BUCKINGHAM .. 7.
RICHARD HAMMOND .. .. 4.	ARTHUR HULL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

The members of the Cathedral Society desire to thank the Vicar, the Rev. Kenneth Gibbs, for the use of the bells on this occasion.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1895, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5037 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM PALMER .. .. Treble.	*CHARLES SMART .. .. 6.
JAMES N. FROSSELL* .. 2.	FREDERICK MORRIS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 8.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 9.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.

## GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1895, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE-BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

FRANK BIGGS* .. .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. 3.	*SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD .. 7.
FRANK BOREHAM* .. .. 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by J. C. TRUSS, JUN.

\*First peal in the method and first attempt, also the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. This is a three-part composition, and contains the 6th six courses each way in 5-6, with all the 8-6-7s and 6-7-8s, and is now rung for the first time.

## PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1895, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. T. HOLLIS'S ONE-PART.

ALFRED E. MACEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 5.
JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
JOHN C. SYMONS .. .. 3.	REV. R. C. M. HARVEY .. 7.
CHARLES J. CHOET .. .. 4.	JAMES T. MATTHEWS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

This peal was rung for the birthday anniversary of A. E. Macey, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day. Messrs. Symons and Matthews belong to the local band; J. W. Whiting from Fareham; A. E. Macey, C. J. Choet, W. J. Sevier, W. H. George, and Rev. R. C. M. Harvey from Eastleigh.

## HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN TUCKER .. .. Treble.	LOUIS ROLFE .. .. 5.
FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 2.	ALFRED WATMORE .. .. 6.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 3.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 7.
HARRY TUCKER .. .. 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. HOPGOOD.

A. W. Pike hails from Caversham, the rest from Reading.

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

On Sunday, March 10, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK J. PITTS .. Treble.	*GEO. H. STONESTREET .. 5.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 2.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 6.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 3.	†THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
WALTER INGHAM .. .. 4.	*JOHN EMERY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

\*First peal of Stedman. †First peal in the method as conductor. G. H. Stonestreet, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Tonbridge; Pitts and Davis from London; I. Emery from St. Mary Cray; Ingham and Groombridge from Chislehurst; Neale from Woolwich; and J. Emery from Charlton. Pitts and J. Emery were elected members previous to starting.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 11, 1895, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

WALTER W. MILLER .. Treble.	WALTER WHITING .. .. 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN .. 6.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
FRED. E. W. MEADOWS .. 4.	ALFRED WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

This peal is taken from Shipway, page 219.

## NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 11, 1895, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL COSLANY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Treble.	WILLIAM BALES .. .. 5.
GEORGE MOY .. .. 2.	GEORGE SMITH .. .. 6.
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 3.	SAMUEL SMITH .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ROUGHT* .. .. 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 5-6. \*First peal. Messrs. Moy and Rought hail from Alysham.

## EALING, MIDDLESEX.

## THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 11, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 3. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. Treble.	EDWARD HARRIS .. .. 5.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FOSTER .. .. 6.
EVERED J. WALSON .. .. 3.	ALLAN H. TABER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK GODDARD .. .. 4.	TOM WATERMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

First peal in the method on the bells, also first peal rang in the new ringing chamber, and first peal on the bells for upwards of ten years. A note elsewhere.

## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, March 12, 1895, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

HENRY HIPKISS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 6.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 2.	AARON GRIFFITH .. .. 7.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 3.	JAMES HALL .. .. 8.
JOSEPH WALKER* .. .. 4.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 9.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 5.	JAMES HARES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON, of Birmingham, and

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

The peal has the 6th twenty-four courses wrong and right, without an 8-9 or 7-8 being called, and was rung in honour of Mr. Groves' birthday, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Groves and Griffiths hail from Wolverhampton, W. Smith from Darlaston, the rest belong to West Bromwich. \*First peal of Caters.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 9, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR,

In the following methods:

City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Kent, and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR WORTHINGTON* .. Treble.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 4.
WILLIAM PRICE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HENRY TURTON .. 5.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 3.	CHARLES SEVERN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

\*First 5040 on six bells. Messrs. A. Worthington and A. Craven hail from Staveley; W. Price from Eckington; the rest belong to the local company.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A report of a peal has reached us from Bexhill-on-Sea, without a date, or the name of the sender. Will our correspondent kindly amend?

## Date Touches.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, February 12th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. G. Prescott, 1; W. Fairclough, 2; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 3; J. Pilkinton, 4; J. Taylor, 5; W. Bentham, 6; J. Watts, 7; J. R. Park, 8.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Monday, February 18th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. and 13 mins. E. Waters, 1; G. Preston (composer and conductor), 2; T. Green, 3; G. Plummer, 4; G. Vey, 5; S. Best, 6; J. Bristowe, 7; T. Best, 8.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—At the church of the Holy Trinity, on February 12th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. and 11 mins. T. Baldwin, 1; R. Ashworth, 2; T. Mouncey, 3; D. Heys, 4; N. Townend, 5; H. Heyworth, 6; J. R. Werring (longest touch in any method), 7; T. Redman, 8.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, February 10th, at the church of St. Michael, for Divise Service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. T. Collard, 1; H. J. Tidy, 2; H. E. Simpson, 3; G. Kite, 4; T. W. Jarrett, 5; J. G. Elliott, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; F. Shedd, 8.

LIVERSEDGE (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, January 27th, the following company rang a date touch, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins., with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect for Judith, the widow of the late Obadiah Lang, who died on Tuesday, January 15th, at the age of 83 years and was interred on Saturday, January 19th. 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. Tenor 15 cwt. Composed by A. Sykes, Huddersfield.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF (South Wales).—On Monday, January 29th, at the cathedral, for practice, 336 Bob Major. J. Pitcher, 1; J. W. Smythe, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; J. Vinnicombe, 5; J. Watkins, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; C. Smith, 8. First touch in the method on the bells. On Monday, February 4th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Pitcher, 1; W. Coombes (conductor), 2; W. B. Biss, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; H. Snell, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; J. Thomas, 8. On the same day, 420 Grandsire Triples. J. Pitcher, 1; C. Lloyd (conductor), 2; W. B. Biss, 3; J. Harris, 4; W. Coombes, 5; H. Snell, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. On Sunday, February 10th, for morning service, Shipway's quarter-peal of Bob Triples. J. Pitcher, 1; J. W. Smythe, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; J. Thomas, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all, and first in the method on the bells. On Monday, February 11th, 672 Bob Triples. J. Pitcher, 1; J. W. Smythe, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; G. Watkins, 7; H. Snell, 8. And the same day, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Pitcher, 1; J. W. Smythe, 2; W. B. Biss (first touch as conductor), 3; C. Lloyd, 4; J. Harris, 5; H. Snell, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; G. Watkins, 8.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Thursday, January 10th, for practice, at the church of St. James, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Garland, 1; J. Maddock, 2; F. Millard, 3; H. Poole, 4; W. Thorne, 5; G. Yendall (conductor), 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Poole, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. On Sunday, February 10th, for Divine Service, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. E. Maddock, 1; J. Maddock (conductor), 2; F. Millard, 3; A. Doble, 4; H. Poole, 5; E. Burgess, 6. This is the first 6-score by E. Maddock and E. Burgess. And for evening service, 360 Grandsire Minor. E. Maddock (first attempt at Minor), 1; F. Millard, 2; H. Poole, 3; H. Pearce, 4; G. Yendall (conductor), 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 29th, for practice at the church of St. George, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Hayward, 1; J. Garland, 2; H. Poole, 3; S. Wyatt, 4; F. Millard, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. This is W. Hayward's first 720, and the first 720 with a bob bell by J. Garland. And on Tuesday, February 12th, 360 Grandsire Minor. H. Mogridge, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; H. Poole, 3; W. Hayward, 4; J. Garland, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. This is the first touch of Minor by Mogridge, and the first with a bob bell by H. Hayward.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, February 8th, at 50, Connaught Road, 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. Hoppood, 1-2; T. Hibbert (conductor), 3-4; C. Giles, 5-6. And on Thursday, February 14th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor and two courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Hoppood, 1-2; C. Giles, 3-4; T. Hibbert (conductor), 5-6. On Sunday, February 23rd, at St. Giles's parish church, for evening service, the last 742 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Higgs (longest length), 1; A. Ernest Reeves, 2; G. Boddington, 3; A.

H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

MAPLEDURHAM (Oxon).—On Saturday, February 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 26 mins. H. Squires, 1; F. Hopgood, 2; E. Hopgood, 3; T. Hunt, 4; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 5; G. Bailey, 6. All are local men except the conductor. Great praise is due to the Mapledurham ringers for the way in which they have learnt change-ringing, having only had six lessons from Mr. A. E. Reeves.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Saturday, February 9th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 4970 changes in 3 hrs. and 5 mins. it came to grief, the tenor-man having the cramp. H. Morley, 1; M. Woodcock, 2; H. Smith, 3; J. Monk, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; N. Spindlow, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; T. Baston, 8. Messrs. Glanville, Large, and Smith hail from Burford; Spindlow from Ducklington; the rest are local men.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, January 20th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs ten singles). J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 24th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 London Surprise (twenty-one bobs), in 24 mins., composed by W. J. Piper, of Widford, Essex. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Delight. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 27th, for afternoon service, 720 Double Oxford Bob (twenty-six singles), composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 31st, for practice, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And 720 Duke of York. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 3rd, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 7th, for practice, 720 Chichester Surprise, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Morning Exercise (4th the observation). T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Watts (conductor), 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 4; G. Gray, 5; T. J. Watts, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WEST MALLING (Kent).—On Tuesday, February 19th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor in 24½ mins. S. G. Leonard (first 720), 1; J. Capon, 2; W. Harden, 3; D. Hall, 4; E. Bonner, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, February 17th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 44 mins. E. J. Bottle, 1; G. H. Kite, 2; H. J. Tidy, jun., 3; H. E. Simpson (conductor), 4; T. W. Jarrett, 5; J. E. Elliott, 6; F. Shedd, 7; G. A. Ransom, 8.

DEAL (Kent).—On Sunday, February 17th, at St. Leonard's church, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs two singles), in 24 mins. A. Denne, 1; H. Denne, 2; S. Mockett, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; W. Ongley, 5; W. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. First 720 in the method by all the band.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ALDENHAM (Herts.).—On Friday, February 15th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. H. Wright, 1; A. Hull, 2; E. Hull, 3; F. Edwards, 4; W. Buckingham (conductor), 5; W. Hewitt, 6; T. Waller, 7; E. Huntley, 8.

BALDOCK (Herts.).—On Thursday, February 14th, 1008 Bob Major. J. Morley, 1; J. Phillips, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; W. Bidnell, 4; R. Jackson, 5; T. Webb (conductor), 6; Richard Jackson, 7; G. T. Spicer, 8.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

BARNET.—On Monday, January 21st, at the parish church, for

practice, 360 Plain Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. A. Belton, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; J. W. Ginns, 3; A. Dolton, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; F. Blondell, 6; R. Roffey, 7; A. Chidwick, 8. Also 360 Grandsire Triples. R. Roffey, 1; A. Belton (first attempt with a bob bell), 2; C. H. Martin, 3; J. W. Ginns, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; F. Blondell, 6; A. Dolton, 7; E. Dolton, 8. Also 336 in the same method. R. Roffey, 1; A. R. Samuels, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; J. W. Ginns, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; A. Dolton, 6; F. Blondell (conductor), 7; A. Belton, 8.

HADLEY.—On Saturday, February 23rd, at the parish church, three 720s of Plain Bob Minor, each called differently, and 720 Grandsire Minor. R. Roffey, 1; A. Dolton, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; J. W. Ginns, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; F. Blondell, 6. This was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, time not permitting of another start. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. Harrison for having everything in readiness.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Durham).—On February 1st, 720 Bob Minor. R. Fenwick, 1; C. Hall (first 720), 2; A. McFarlane, 3; J. Carter (first 720), 4; A. Mellanby, 5; J. H. Blakiston, 6. On February 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. R. Fenwick, 1; W. Rudd (first 720), 2; J. H. Blakiston, 3; J. Howcroft (conductor), 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. H. Jones (conductor), 6. For evening service, another 720 in the same method. W. J. Titchner (first 720), 1; W. Garbutt (first 720), 2; R. Alcock, 3; R. Fenwick, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. Passman (conductor), 6. On February 8th, 420 Stedman Triples. R. Fenwick, 1; R. Borrows, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; R. Alcock, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; W. Garbutt, 8.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Monday, February 11th, for practice at the parish church, 360 Grandsire Minor, with 7-8 covering. R. Miller, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; T. Hudson, jun., 3; T. H. Naisby, 4; H. G. Dawson, 5; J. Naisby (conductor), 6; R. W. Lovie, 7; R. W. Langton, 8. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. C. Hudson (conductor), 1; W. Smallwood, 2; T. H. Naisby, 3; G. Lowden, 4; T. Hudson, sen., 5; R. Miller, 6; J. Field, 7; J. Naisby, 8. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 6th, and tenor belong to Holy Trinity church, Sunderland, and this is T. Naisby's first touch in the method.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MORVILLE (Shropshire).—Recently, a band of ringers from St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, visited this place, and rang at the church of St. Gregory a 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 minutes. H. W. Overton, 1; J. E. Overton, 2; J. Howard, 3; H. Hammond, 4; W. Maund, 5; J. Overton (conductor), 6. The above was rung as a birthday compliment to J. Howard, as he was 21 years of age on the 10th inst. And also to the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. And several 6-scores, with T. Overton, 1; H. Jones, 6; the rest as before, conducted by J. Howard.

MATHON (Worcestershire).—On Friday, February 15th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 26 mins. G. Jordan, 1; J. Wall, 2; C. Layton, 3; H. Pritchett, 4; C. Watkins, 5; A. Layton (conductor), 6. A 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins. G. Jordan, 1; F. Smith (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; C. Watkins, 3; H. Pritchett, 4; J. Wall, 5; A. Layton (conductor), 6. A 360 of Grandsire Minor in 13 mins. G. Jordan, 1; A. Layton, 2; C. Layton (conductor), 3; H. Pritchett, 4; J. Wall, 5; C. Watkins, 6.

COLWALL (Herefordshire).—Recently a 720 of Grandsire Minor. H. Allen, 1; E. J. Beatty, 2; Rev. G. M. Culance, 3; C. Grening, 4; J. Feild, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

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

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—At the church of the Holy Trinity, on February 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Duxbury (Padiham), 1; J. R. Werring, 2; F. Towns, 3; D. Heys (conductor), 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman, 6. On February 5th, 864 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Duxbury, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; D. Heys, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). T. Duxbury, 1; D. Heys, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; H. Heyworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PENDLETON (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, February 10th, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late sexton, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. J. Smith, 1; S. Greenhalgh, 2; W. F. Hartshorne, 3; J. Winterbottom, 4; J. Rogers, 5; T. Smith, 6; H. Chapman (longest touch as conductor), 7; T. H. Boardman, 8. W. F. Hartshorne hails from Brierley Hill, Worcester.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT COMBERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, February 10th,

720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. J. Smith (conductor), 1; E. Summers, 2; H. Salisbury, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; E. Taylor, 5; C. Overt, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

LITTLE COMBERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, February 10th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. J. Smith (conductor), 1; J. H. Smith, 2; H. Salisbury, 3; E. Summers, 4; C. Taylor, 5; C. Overt, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. H. Salisbury belongs to Little Hampton; Summers, Taylor, and Overt to Elmley Castle, J. and J. W. Smith to Netherton. The above are the first 720s rang by members of the Association on these bells.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, February 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 30 minutes. H. Hill, 1; W. Talbot, 2; J. W. Smith, 3; J. Smith, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round (conductor), 6. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. D. G. Lewis, ex-churchwarden, and formerly one of the local ringers.

#### THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—At the parish church, on Sunday, February 17th, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles). H. Tarlton, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Rung in honor of the treble ringer's 17th birthday. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Monday, February 18th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Canterbury Pleasure Caters, 1269 changes, in 51 mins. A. Craven, 1; A. Knights (conductor), 2; G. Toplis, 3; W. E. Tydeman, 4; A. Worthington, 5; G. Davies, 6; W. J. Thyng, 7; A. E. Thompson (Derby), 8; J. Goodwin, 9; G. Mee, 10. Tenor 24½ cwt. This is supposed to be the first quarter-peal ever rung in the method.

BORDEN (Kent).—Recently, for practice, two 720s Kent Treble Bob Minor, the first, fifteen bobs, composed by W. Hobbs and conducted by C. Willshire; the second, nine bobs, conducted by C. Millway. W. Tassell, 1; S. Hutson, 2; C. Millway, 3; C. Dutnall, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; C. Willshire, 6.

GRAVESEND (Kent).—At the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Tuesday, February 12th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. G. Butler, 1; H. G. Bonner, 2; R. Munn, 3; S. J. Avis, 4; A. Hardy (Borden), 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Thursday evening, January 17th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 25 mins. J. Meadows, 1; R. Bevan, 2; T. Titchener, 3; J. Nixon, 4; N. Alderman, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 14th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. G. Harvey, 1; J. Nixon, 2; T. Titchener, 3; R. Bevan, 4; N. Alderman, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, February 4th, for the Confirmation Service at St. Mary's, Battersea, several touches of Grandsire Triples were conducted by J. Barry. And after service, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 45 mins. F. G. Perrin (conductor), 1; C. T. Hopkins, 2; S. Baker, 3; W. F. Meads, 4; A. J. Neale, 5; A. Dean, 6; J. Barry, 7; E. Frazer, 8. The band are indebted to Mr. H. S. Thomas for making arrangements to ring on this occasion.

#### Correspondence.

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

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

#### THE BELLS OF ST. HELEN'S, WORCESTER.

SIR,—I wish to thank you for the article in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 9th, and also to take this opportunity of asking if any of your readers have any suggestions to make as to any effectual and inexpensive method of relieving the "jar" and "clash" of the bells, either (1) by covering the belfry windows with shutters of wood and felt; or (2) by leather caps for the clappers, such as would possibly modify, without muffling, the sound? There can be no doubt that our bells at St. Helen's are rather too powerful for the height at which they are hung—they are fully thirty feet too low—and that in the case of one house in particular (not the residence of my anonymous friend!) situated at the corner of an enclosed paved courtyard immediately under the tower, the sound of the bells is quite exceptional, and such as would be trying, I can easily imagine, even to a lover of bells. Therefore I should be very glad if any of your numerous readers who

are experienced in all sorts and conditions of bells and towers would kindly inform me whether any such method as I have mentioned has ever been successfully attempted, or suggest any other simple and practical way of meeting a difficulty. As I have intimated I do know of one case in which the ringing of a three hours' peal must undoubtedly be a cause of real and serious annoyance, and it is the case of one who would never put his hand, I feel sure, to an anonymous letter.

St. Helen's Rectory, Worcester, March 12.

C. CHAYTOR.

#### Obituary.

##### OWEN SHARRARD.

We have to record the death of this old bell-ringer, aged 64, who died at his residence in the parish of All Saints, Lydd, on February 21st. For the past thirty years he had taken an active part in the ringing in this parish, and was much respected. At the funeral which took place on February 28th, at the cemetery, his fellow-ringers, as a mark of respect, rang a muffled peal, and in the evening the bells were rung again half-muffled.

#### HENDON BOB.—A NEW METHOD.

By C. H. MARTIN.

SIR,—In presenting this method to the Exercise, I should like to say that my object was to produce a Plain Method, with the bells dodging in 5-6 and 7-8 the whole of the time the treble was below those places. I should also like to say that any composition of Plain Bob (without calls before), will run true on this, as the lead-ends and course-ends are identical. Calling the tenors before in Hendon Bob Major lengthens the course three leads, and produces the wrong and middle over again.

##### A LEAD ON SIX.

123456

214365

241356

423165

243615

426351

462531

645213

465123

641532

614523

165432

164523

Bob lead.

165432

156423

Single.

165432

165423

##### A LEAD ON EIGHT.

12345678

21436587

24135678

42316587

24361578

42635187

24365817

42638571

46283751

64827315

46287135

64821753

46812735

64187253

61482735

16847253

16482735

Bobs and Singles same as in the Minor.

#### A PEAL OF HENDON BOB MAJOR.

5024.

23456 W B W H

56234 - - - -

35264 - - - -

63254 - - - -

25634 - - - -

32654 - - - -

53624 - - - -

62534 - - - -

36524 - - - -

52364 - - - -

65324 - - - -

26354 - - - -

Continued:—

W H

53264 - S

65234 - -

36254 - -

25364 - -

62354 - -

56324 - -

32564 - -

63524 - -

52634 - -

35624 - -

23654 - -

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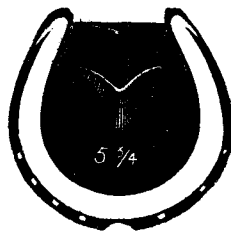
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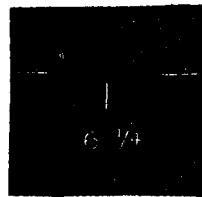
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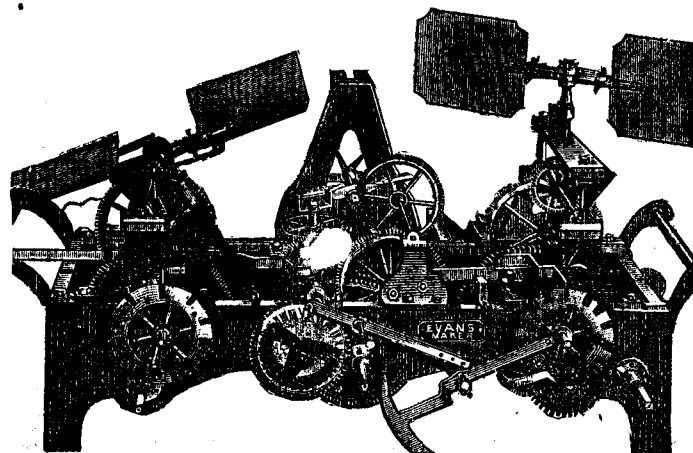
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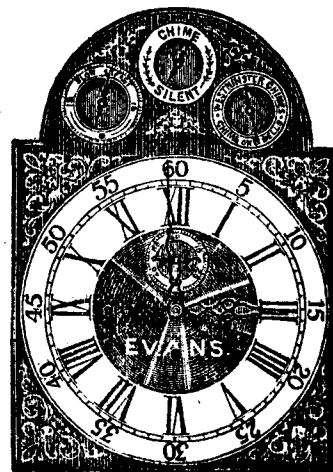
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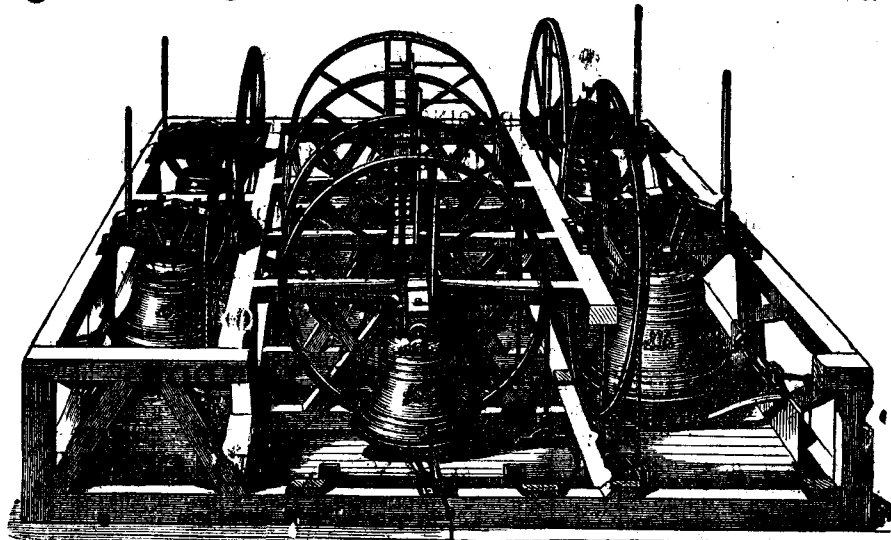
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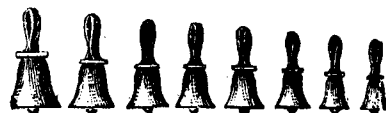
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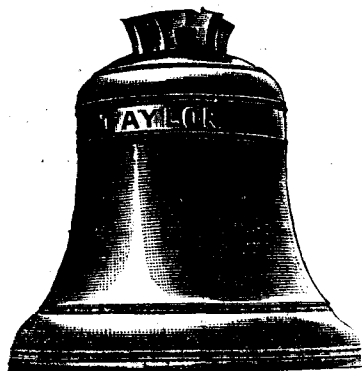
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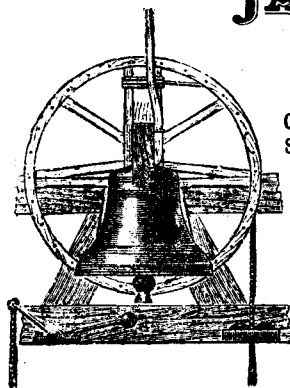
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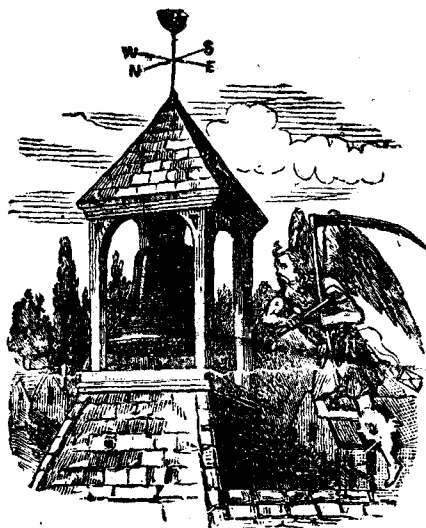
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### RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

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Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to the Churchwardens (Messrs. Bradfield and Sharp) the sexton (Mr. Chapman), and the local ringers for the warm welcome they had given to them at Doddington.

Letters were read from the Bishop of Leicester and the Rev. Hugh Bryan, of Stoke Golding, acknowledging the receipt of copies of the annual report, and complimenting the society on its work and progress.

Mr. James George was admitted as an "out of county" member. Several additional ringing members were proposed for Rushden, Kettering, and Wilby. Mr. Bradfield and Mr. Sharp, Churchwardens of Doddington, promised to join as hon. members, also Mr. Green. About fifty ringers were present during the afternoon and evening from Wilby, Wellingborough, Doddington, Raunds, Rushden, Kettering, Mears Ashby, Irthlingborough, Wollaston, Finedon, Irchester, Earls Barton, and Northampton. The news brought by the Northampton men to the effect that the fine peal of eight at St. Giles's, in the county town, were now being rehung, and were, by the kindness of a parishioner, to be increased to ten, by the addition of two trebles, gave much satisfaction. In the evening, the Doddington ringers played some tunes in capital style on their handbells, and touches were rung by members of the different companies on another set of handbells brought over by the Wellingborough company. The Rev. E. C. Channer, of Ravensthorpe, attended the meeting, also Brother Phillips, of Wellingborough. After more than fifty years' wear and tear, Doddington bells sorely need rehanging in modern style, and a tenor added.

There has not been such a gathering of ringers in Doddington since the bells were opened in the year 1841, when (as was customary at that time) there was a ringing match, and the Irchester men carried off first prize.

The church of St. Luke, Great Doddington, is in the Norman, Early English, and later styles. The low tower is said to have been formerly surmounted by a spire, one of the top stones of which is now in the churchyard. On the south side of the tower are two stones inscribed as follows: "This steeple was pointed 1688 Jesse Corby Joseph Pettit Churchwains." And: "This steeple was taken down and leaded at top by Moses Mores and William Pettitt, Churchwardens July 21st, 1737." In the chancel are "Misericords" dating from the 14th century. On the reading desk are several chained books, viz.: "The Book of Homilies of 1562;" A Bible of 1613; and a black letter Erasmus. The church was restored in the year 1871. Recently the roof of the tower has been put into thorough repair at the joint expense of the parishioners and the Marquis of Northampton.

### TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

Recently a meeting of an unusual interesting character took place in the belfry of St. Mary's church. After a few touches of Grandsire Triples, the Rev. Prebendary Askwith, vicar and rural dean, and president of the Guild, entered the tower, and in the presence of the Rev. J. V. Buckland and a good assembly of members, unveiled two peal-boards, one recording a peal of Grandsire Caters, the first peal on the bells, and rung by ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths on September 1st last year; the other was for a peal of Grandsire Triples which was rung by eight members of St. Mary's Guild on December 31st of last year.

The vicar spoke of the pleasure it gave him to come amongst them for the purpose of unveiling these boards, and especially the one recording the peal rung entirely by the Guild belonging

entirely to St. Mary's, several of the members having taken part in a peal for the first time. He also mentioned how well the Guild had succeeded in the practice of change-ringing since its formation a few years since, considering the many obstacles they had to contend with, and wished them success in the work in which they were engaged, and expressed a hope that they would be strong supporters of the Diocesan Association, of which they were all members.

After a vote of thanks had been accorded to the vicar, the meeting terminated.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A Committee Meeting of this Association was held at the Church Club, Chester, on February 16th, there being present the Venerable Archdeacon Barber, Master (in the chair), the Revs. Canon Holme, H. Leigh, Mallory, and Messrs. Bolton, Leyland, Forster, Minshull, Holding, Walmsley, Bithell, Langford, Wright, Spence, Dillon, and the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, the Rev. Richard Greenall.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. The Hon. Treasurer's statement of accounts, shewing a balance in hand on December 31st, of £58 18s. 9d., was read and passed.

It was moved by Mr. Holding, seconded by Mr. Dillon, and carried—"That a book for the purpose of entering peals rung by members of the Guild shall be purchased, and that this book be laid on the table during committee meetings."

The coming Annual Festival of the Guild was discussed. Mr. Bolton informed the Committee that preparations were in hand. This meeting is to be held at West Kirby on Monday, August 5th. The name of a preacher, approved by all, was mentioned, and the Secretary was requested to ask him to preach the sermon on August 5th. A new list of members was ordered to be drawn up and printed. A sub-committee was appointed to see what revision of the rules of the Guild may be necessary, and to report on the same to the annual meeting. The names of the Committee are as follows: Rev. H. Mallory, Messrs. Bolton, Walmsley, Bethell, Dillon, Forster, Harding, and the Secretary.

After the discussion of other matters, the meeting came to an end. All who were able to stay enjoyed a cup of tea together, and afterwards separated to their different homes.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Bebington on Saturday, March 9th, about eighteen members being present representing the following towers: Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Rock Ferry, and Woodchurch. The Rev. A. Neild, curate of Bebington, occupied the chair in the absence of the Rev. Canon Feilden, who was unable to be present on account of illness. The principal business of the meeting was to finally adopt the rules for a Tontine Society which this branch has decided to start on July 1st. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the rector for entertaining the members to tea; and also to the Rev. A. Neild for presiding. Several touches were rung during the afternoon and evening by mixed bands.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at Waterfoot on Saturday, March 16th, and was attended by members from Christ Church, Bacup, Newchurch, Ramsbottom, Rawtenstall, and Waterfoot. Various touches were rung by mixed bands. At the meeting Mr. H. H. Nutter took the chair, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been passed, it was proposed that the next meeting be held at Rawtenstall. Votes of thanks were passed to the vicar for the use of the bells and belfry; to the ringers for having all in readiness, and to the chairman for presiding. The bells were again kept going until nine o'clock.

WORCESTER.—On Thursday, February 7th, for morning service at the Cathedral, in honour of the judges' visit, a touch of 1152 Grandsire Caters. W. Bright, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Powell, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Pudge, 5; L. Longney (conductor), 6; W. Bradford, 7; R. Horton, 8; W. Page, 9; T. Malim, 10.

### DEDICATION OF A NEW CHURCH CLOCK AT HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday evening, March 4th, the dedication of a new clock in the tower of the parish church, took place at Halesowen. The grand old church was packed, and a very appropriate sermon was delivered by the Rev. Canon, the Hon. F. G. Pelham, Rector of Buckhurst Hill. Mr. Pelham was for several years the Rector of Halesowen, and was very popular with the parishioners, and his presence on Monday no doubt attracted a good many people to the church. A few particulars of the clock will, no doubt, be very interesting to our readers. The fund for providing a new public clock was initiated in the year 1887, with the view of providing some permanent memorial of the jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. Owing to the lack of funds the contemplated work could not then be completed, and remained in abeyance until about twelve months ago, when a meeting of the Jubilee Committee was held, and owing to the encouragement received from the Rector (the Rev. J. C. Hill), it was decided to make an energetic effort to produce the necessary funds. Several gentlemen undertook to collect subscriptions, and after numerous meetings to report progress had been made, it was found in the autumn of last year that sufficient promises had been obtained to justify the committee in obtaining estimates of the work. These were duly considered, and ultimately the tender of Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of the Midland Steam Clock Works, Queen Street and Market Place, Derby, was accepted, and on the 21st of November last the order was placed with them. According to their specification and contract, which has been revised and approved by Lord Grimthorpe (who is the recognised authority on church clocks), the clock is guaranteed to be of the very best quality, construction, and workmanship, to maintain perfectly accurate time, with less variation than ten seconds a month, to be fitted with all the latest improvements, with apparatus acting by gravity to continue the action of the clock during winding, and a small internal dial by which the external hands are simultaneously set to time. The main frame is of solid iron casting, the arbors and working parts of best cast steel, the bushes and bearings of best gun-metal, and some steel wire ropes are used to carry the weights over large ground pulleys and wrought iron barrels. The escapement is Lord Grimthorpe's double three-legged gravity one, with lifting pins cut out of the solid steel, and a fan fly of sufficient size to steady the action. The pendulum is a cylindrical one, with domed top, of 3 cwt., compensated by zinc and iron tubes, so as to maintain the same effective length in all states of the temperature. Two illuminated dials, with cast iron frames and white opal glazing have been fixed in the north and south fronts of the tower, with an automatic apparatus attached to the clock for turning the gas up and down, adjustable for the varying lengths of the year. The hands are of copper, properly hammered and stiffened, and counterpoised within the tower by adjustable balance weights. The bell hammer is mounted in an iron frame-work bolted to the bell-frame, with an apparatus to throw the striking out of gear during ringing. The clock is fitted with Cambridge quarter-chimes. Messrs. Smith and Sons are also responsible for the carpenter's, mason's, and gas fitters' work. The whole of the work, so far as can be at present ascertained, has been satisfactorily performed, and great satisfaction is expressed that a long-felt want has at length been supplied.

The Rev. J. C. Hill has acted as chairman of the committee, Mr. S. Goodman as honorary secretary, and prominent amongst other willing workers in procuring subscriptions have been Mr. W. Green (who collected £26 3s. 6d.), Mr. F. D. Nutt (who in 1887 and recently obtained £15 4s.), Messrs. John Hodgetts, Joseph Russell, E. Williams, H. Thompson, E. Hackett, S. Knight, G. F. Grove, C. Smith, E. H. Grove, H. A. Moore, A. Lawton, H. Small, T. Hodgetts, jun., J. Smart, C. R. Moseley, and the Revs. A. F. Danglish and F. G. Scorell. The cost of illumination will, of course, be too heavy to be borne by the church funds, and this also will have to be defrayed by voluntary subscriptions unless the parish councils can be prevailed upon to undertake the duty out of the rates, and this appears to be the course pursued in corporate towns with general approval.

A large crowd of people assembled outside the church for hours after the clock had been lighted.

### NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.

**PRESENTATION.**—An interesting gathering took place in the Girls' Schoolroom, on a recent Monday, of the subscribers to a testimonial to Mr. Matthew Brooks, on completion of his jubilee as a parish ringer. A very handsome timepiece had been selected by Major Granville, who acted as treasurer, and has taken great interest in the object. The Rector, as chairman, expressed in a few words the high respect in which the foreman of the ringers was held by all, and presented the clock in the name of those present, together with a small purse, which was over from the purchase, a some of upwards of £7 having been given, limited to small amounts. Among the company were noticed the Rector and family, Miss Duncombe, Major Granville and family, Mr. McCorquodale, Mr. Sutton and family, Mr. T. Ashby, Mrs. Bunker and family, Rev. R. Pope, Mr. Brookes' daughters, and Mr. Swabey. The time-piece bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Matthew Brooks, at the end of fifty years faithful service as bell-ringer of St. Mary's church, Northchurch, 1895." In acknowledging the testimonial, Mr. Brooks, whose brief speech most favourably impressed the subscribers, said: "I am extremely sensible of your great kindness in presenting me with this handsome token that I have done something in my life to deserve your good opinion, and you may depend upon me to do my best to retain that good opinion to the end of my days. For fifty years it has been a pleasure to me to play a part, however humble, in the service of Almighty God, and so long as health and strength are permitted to me, I shall continue to assist in calling the people to the House of Prayer. I thank you, ladies and gentlemen, from the bottom of my heart."

### SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO MR. GODDEN.

We regret to announce that on Sunday evening last a serious accident occurred to the above gentleman, the respected secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Whilst ringing the eleventh for service at St. Martin's, he slipped from the block, and the rope becoming entangled with his legs, he was drawn up to a considerable height and fell heavily to the floor, sustaining a fracture of the right shoulder blade, and severe shock to the system. After receiving medical attendance, Mr. Godden was able to proceed home. We are sure that all ringers will sympathise with Mr. Godden in his misfortune.

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## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

ITEMS TAKEN FROM OLD CHURCHWARDENS' BOOKS IN  
POSSESSION OF THE HIGHAM FERRERS CORPORATION.

"An accompt of money layd out for the use of the towne of Higham Ferrers by Jo. Cutler and Thomas Lynacar Churchwardens there, Anno. Dom., 1633."

	£	s.	d.
Item paid for a horse for Cheese ... ..	0	0	8
Item spent at the Agreement with Mr. Watts ...	0	1	0
Item for breaking and loading the bells ... ..	0	3	0
Item spent at Leicester upon Mr. Vivian and myselfe and horses for Dyett and horse meat and given to the workmen and servants ... ..	1	16	6
Item paid Mr. Vivian for carriage of great bell ...	3	6	8
Item paid to Mace for the carriage of the other bell	1	16	8
Items paid for unloading the bells and getting them in the Church ... ..	0	2	6
Item spent at the Agreement with Cheese ... ..	0	0	8
Item given to him by Mr. Maior's appointment for his first journey, over ... ..	0	5	0
Item given to him for Earnest for bell hanging ...	0	5	0
Item paid more to Mace wch was allowed for his journey to Leicester ... ..	0	6	8
Item paid Mr. Watts for casting the bells ... ..	21	15	6
Item given to six men for helping Cheese about his frame ... ..	0	2	0
Item paid Mr. Freeman for goeing with Cheese to ye wood to sett out Tymber and for his horse...	0	1	6
Item paid to Poyner of Leicester for tuneing the bells	0	10	0
Item paid Mr. Watts his men's charges when they came to chipp the bells, coming, going, staying, and their horses ... ..	1	7	8
Item paid Mr. Negus for 4 days helping about bells and gathering up the spokes ... ..	0	3	0
Item paid the Tynker for 2 days helping about the bells ... ..	0	1	8
Item paid Will. Savage for 2 days helping up with the frame ... ..	0	1	4
Item paid Morris for the like for one day ... ..	0	1	0
Item paid for digging and fetching of clay to cast the brasses ... ..	0	1	0
Item paid Henry Lynacar for 2 days helping up with the frame ... ..	0	1	6
Item for Ashe for Soles for bell wheels ... ..	0	8	0
Item paid to Cheese for hanging the bells ... ..	25	0	0
Item paid Mr. Freeman for hanging up the bells in the Church and other work. ... ..	0	10	0
In 1634 among other Receipts "Item received of Mr. Watts for bell mettle." ... ..	13	9	3

Mr. J. B. Martin, jun., one of the Higham Ferrers ringers, kindly furnished me with the above extracts relating to the re-hanging, etc. of Higham bells, after the fall and rebuilding of the tower and spire in the year 1631. E. J. DENNES.  
Wellingborough.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION,  
YORKSHIRE.

The last monthly meeting of the above took place at Birstal, the business being transacted at The Black Bull inn. Members assembled from Dewsbury, Batley, Batley Carr, Brighouse, Earlsheaton, Ossett, Liversedge and other places. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the cup was handed over from the present holders to the Brighouse company for exhibition. Several items of importance in connection with the coming contest received attention, and produced some lengthy discussion. After the meeting the tower bells were rung, and the best thanks of the members are due to the Vicar for this privilege.

\*\* Awaiting for insertion we have a most numerous array of touches. All however will appear in their turn, and as quickly as possible.

## News from Abroad.

DEAR SIR,—The time is opportune for a retrospect of our work in the interest of change-ringing during the past year, and I shall endeavour to give you some idea as to the progress made, although such progress in confined to a very narrow channel. We have in New South Wales eight towers with bells: viz., two with rings of eight, one with seven, and the rest with six bells, yet we do not get much in the way of change-ringing out of them. St. Philip's, with a beautiful ring of eight, have been debarred from ringing for some time past in consequence of improvement (?) to the tower. At our own tower of St. Mark, a ring of six, we had a stoppage of six months, owing to additions to the church, and it was deemed inadvisable to ring while they were going on. St. Mary's (R.C.) are making an effort to go ahead, but they seem to be lacking in the right direction, viz., sound organization; however the hope is, that they will push on and succeed.

It seems an unfortunate circumstance that almost all the beautiful bells in the colony seem to have got into the hands of men who are incompetent (from a ringers' point of view). They undoubtedly have the enthusiasm, but it is thrown away, as the clergy seldom take any interest in the science.

I will now give you a brief report of our own immediate work during the past few months. On August 23rd, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 28 min. H. Davis, 1; A. Noble, 2; A. Pope, 3; J. Waterman, 4; B. Joyner, 5; T. Joyner (conductor), 6. On August 25th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. M. Shepherd, 1; T. Joyner (conductor), 2; H. Davies, 3; A. Pope, 4; C. W. Porter (C.Y.), 5; B. Joyner, 6. On November 6th, two 120s of Stedman Doubles, conducted by C. Porter. On November 8th, 360 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by J. Waterman. On Christmas morning at 6 a.m., a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. A. Pope, 1; J. Waterman, 2; H. Davies, 3; B. Joyner, 4; C. Porter (C.Y.), 5; T. Joyner (conductor), 6. Also for the 10.30 a.m. service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. A. Pope, 1; T. Joyner, 2; H. Davies, 3; J. Waterman (conductor), 4; C. Porter, 5; B. Joyner, 6. On Boxing Day at 6 a.m., a 720 of Yarranta Minor in 24 mins. A. Pope, 1; A. Noble, 2; H. Davies, 3; J. Waterman, 4; B. Joyner, 5; C. Porter (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

This method was composed by Mr. C. W. Porter, a College Youth, and I enclose some leads with callings for a 720 and touches.

A. B. JOYNER,  
Hon. Sec. of St. Mark's Society of Change-Ringers,  
Darling Point, Sydney.

## PLAIN LEAD.

Start at back-stroke.

1 2 3 4 5 6  
1 3 2 5 4 6  
3 1 2 4 5 6  
3 2 1 5 4 6  
2 3 5 1 6 4  
2 5 3 6 1 4  
5 2 6 3 4 1  
5 6 2 4 3 1  
6 5 4 2 1 3  
6 4 5 1 2 3  
4 6 1 5 3 2  
4 1 6 3 5 2  
1 4 6 5 3 2  
1 6 4 3 5 2  
6 1 4 5 3 2  
6 4 1 3 5 2  
4 6 3 1 2 5  
720.

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

## Bob lead.

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

## Single lead.

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

Repeat this calling five times, except that in the third and sixth part a single must be called instead of the last bob.



## 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 SITTINGBOURNE.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Milway's letter of the 9th, which I should have answered before had I received my "BELL NEWS" in time, I still maintain my rights with reference to the peal in question. You will see by Mr. Elliott's letter of the 2nd that though he made the remark in the churchyard, he was convinced upon learning from the ringers that it was true and complete. Mr. Milway asks a question why I waited until the following evening to ask Mr. Ransom's opinion as to whether I should report it or not. This is positively false. On the night of the peal I asked Mr. Ransom whether he would report or I, and he informed me it was the custom for the conductor to do so. Perhaps Mr. Milway overheard me talking and jumped at his conclusions.

H. E. SIMPSON.

16, East Street, Sittingbourne.

## HENDON BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—Some few years ago I commented upon a system published in "BELL NEWS," called Stansted Double Bob Minor. I then pointed out that Superlative and Double Norwich were capable of many variations, including the above Hendon Bob, which is Double Norwich for fifteen out of sixteen changes in the lead (also if made into a double method by making 7th when the treble is behind, it is Double Oxford), therefore I am inclined to think that Mr. Martin's claim to producing a new method is somewhat off-side. There are many methods already published that are like peals, you can obtain many variations of them. I think that any one who has studied the standard works on ringing and method building, will agree with me. To illustrate the theory, take the methods published by Mr. James, and rule all the places made by every bell through the lead, you will find them variations of each other, and from a musical point of view a failure (see Shipway, page 32, Place Major). I think there are one or two musical methods yet to be obtained, why not try again? When time permits, I should like to say a few words upon odd and even methods.

R. CARTWRIGHT.

Wombourne.

SIR,—Allow me to point out that the method published last week under the above heading is identical with Double Oxford Bob, with the exception, that the seventh's place made when the treble is behind in the latter, is in the former shifted to the lead. I do not think this slight alteration entitles the variation to be called a new method. It seems that the bobs have a slightly different effect, and the fact that the bobs before lengthen the course three leads each, is certainly a novelty; but although it may admit of greater variety in composition it has the objection of postponing the course-end and the musical changes adjacent to it. With regard to Mr. Cartwright's version of Double Norwich Royal and Maximus, he seems under a slight misapprehension. It is the places and their relative position to the treble that decides a method, the dodging being a necessary adjunct. Also that putting two or four bells into the hunt has the effect of totally breaking up the big bells, except near the course-ends, and thus destroying the chief merit of this method on 8 and 10, viz.: that of being almost the only one with a fixed treble that preserves the regular beat of the heavy bells.

J. A. TROLLOP.

SIR,—May I call Mr. Martin's attention to Hubbard, page 27. He there says, after explaining Double Norwich Court: "Those practitioners who are experienced in the preceding method will find but little difficulty in performing this, the extra dodging being occasioned by the additional places, second's and seventh's, when the treble is before and behind." He is there speaking of Double Oxford Bob. Mr. Martin omits the 7th place, making it Single Oxford Bob.

F. PITSTOW.

Saffron Walden.

SIR,—In the peal of Hendon Bob Major published last week, the bob at home should be omitted.

C. MARTIN.

## EDENBRIDGE (KENT), CHURCH BELL FUND.

SIR,—We, the Edenbridge band of change-ringers, and members of the Kent County Association, beg the assistance of our fellow churchmen and ringers towards our bell fund. We have mastered Plain

Bob, Grandsire, and are at present practising Treble Bob on our six bells, and are anxious to advance in the Art of ringing, but we regret that we are unable to obtain enough support from the parishioners, as there is at the same time an organ fund in existence. We therefore appeal for your kind support. Small donations will be gladly appreciated and acknowledged by

JOHN STEDDY, Hon. Sec., Alma House, Edenbridge, Kent

W. TAYLOR, Treasurer, High Street, Edenbridge.

W. LATIER, District Secretary, 67, Goods Station Road, Tunbridge Wells.

## DOUBTFUL NOTATION.

SIR,—The duties of conducting a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Peter Mancroft last week having fallen upon me, I looked up a five-part composition by Mr. John Rogers, which appeared in your issue for March 12th, 1887, page 415. Contrary to the usual rule, the course-ends of all five parts are pricked out in your columns, and from them I took the necessary changes. On the day fixed for the attempt, having a few minutes to spare before going to the tower, I decided to prick the course-ends out myself. This resulted in the discovery that something was radically wrong in the last part, the course-ends in "THE BELL NEWS" not tallying with those actually produced by the calling. This, I am sure all will admit, was very tantalising, and in the few minutes then left, I had to scramble the main points of a fresh composition together. Mr. Rogers in his footnote says that "this composition in five parts has an equal number of leads and courses in each part." This undoubtedly is very interesting, but Mr. Rogers does not give the home-coming course or courses. The change 24653 is brought up by repeating the given calling four times, and not 42563 as quoted. The peal was rung at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on November 27th, 1886, in 3 hrs. 40 mins. Considering the weight of metal, one is almost inclined to believe that this time would allow of calling home after the welcome 42563 had failed to appear when expected. The course-ends of the last part, as given in "THE BELL NEWS," could be produced by calling two 8th in three, instead of one after the 8-9, but as I am not a composer, I do not know how this would affect its truth. Any way, the composition would then lose its title of a five-part, which the author appeared to be rather proud of. I should be glad to hear Mr. Rogers' explanation. C. E. BORRETT.

Chester Street, Norwich.

FALSE PEAL.—Mr. B. Foskett, Master of the Royal Cumberland Cumberland Youths, writes to say that the composition of the peal rung at St. Sepulchre's, London, last October, is false.

## Obituary.

## WILLIAM WOODCOCK.

The death of the above-named ringer, aged fifty-nine, took place suddenly on Monday, March 11th. He was a mason by trade, and was engaged executing some repairs to the parish church, Darfield. He was observed to fall from a ladder, when standing a few feet from the ground, and when lifted up was found to be dead. Having lived in the above-named village all his life-time, and a regular service ringer for nearly forty years, he was well-known and very highly respected amongst his fellow-ringers. His mortal remains were laid to rest on March 14th, the service being conducted by the Rev. B. T. Barnes, vicar, whose clear intonation of this beautiful portion of the Prayer Book made a solemn impression on a large congregation assembled. Three suitable hymns was sung by the choir, and the organist played the Dead March while the procession left the sacred edifice. The bells were chimed before the service according to custom, and afterwards fully muffled, when touches were rung by the local and several ringers from Barnsley.

WEST TARRING (Sussex).—On Thursday, February 7th, for practice at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Butcher (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Norris (first 720 in the method), 2; H. Evans, 3; J. Hill, 4; E. Lindup, 5; C. Hill (conductor), 6. Messrs. Hills (2) hail from Angmering; Evans from Goring; the rest from West Tarring.

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## Notices.

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**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. James' church, Rusholme, to-day, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells ready at 4 p.m., business meeting in the schoolroom at 6.45.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The tower of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, will be open for ringing on Tuesday, March 26th, at 8 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at Head-quarters. W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**Sussex County Association.**—Western.—A district meeting will be held at Arundel, on Saturday, March 30th. Tower open at 2.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Evensong and address at 6.30. Branch secretaries are requested to send number of those who intend to be present.

J. W. G. LODER-COTTER, Hon. Sec.

Yapton Vicarage, Arundel.

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—By kind permission of the Rev. H. G. Bird, the next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, Middlesex, on Saturday, April 6th. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. Every member should endeavour to be present, special business having to be got through.

E. J. WALSON, Hon. Sec.

11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The yearly meeting of this Society will be held at Leeds (twelve bells), on Saturday, March 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, The Crown and Fleece, near the Corn Exchange. Business meeting at 5 p.m. prompt. Balance Sheet, election of officers, etc. All members are urgently requested to attend.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Hale, on Saturday, April 6th. The bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in schoolroom at 6 o'clock.

ALFRED G. NICHOLSON, Hon. Sec.

30, Upper Stanhope Street, Liverpool.

**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Kelvedon, on Easter Monday. The towers of Coggeshall (8 bells), Feering (6 bells), and Inworth (5 bells), will be open to ringers. Also the fine lately augmented peal of six at Kelvedon will be at liberty. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present should announce the same and the station from which they proceed, not later than the previous Thursday, to me,

HENRY T. W. EYRE.

Great Totham Vicarage, Witham, Essex.

**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Easter Monday. By kind permission of the Rev. F. T. Kelly, the tower (10 bells), will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Time and place of meeting for tea will be announced later.

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.

13, Sunnyside Road, Streatham, S.W.

## 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 BOB MAJOR.

By H. N. DAVIS, Camberwell.

5376.

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

Five times repeated, calling a single for the bob at the H in the first course of the third and sixth parts.

By omitting the three bobs braced in any one part, it is reduced to 5152, and by calling the following instead of any one part the number is reduced to

5040.

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

First rung as a 5040, the singles being called in the first and third parts, and the short part as the third, at the church of St. John the Divine, Waterloo road, December 29th, 1894, conducted by Frederick J. Pitts.

## TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By WILLIAM WILLSON, Leicester.

5080.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
*4	5	2	3	6	1	1	1
2	3	4	5	6	1	1	1
*2	4	5	3	6	1	2	1
5	4	3	2	6	2	1	1
5	3	2	4	6	1	2	1
2	3	4	5	6	9	7	8
*2	4	5	3	6	1	2	1
5	4	3	2	6	2	1	1
5	3	2	4	6	1	2	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

This peal, which has the sixth at home throughout, is believed to be the first produced containing "Tittum Cater" course-ends. At the courses marked with an asterisk (1st, 3rd, 7th), the tenor is called "before with a double, before." The heavy bells enter the tittum Cater position in the third course, and the ordinary position in the seventh course.

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

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**The Bell News & Ringers' Record.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1895.

To invent a new method, compose a peal of it, and then publish the results, must in the present day be considered a bold and hazardous transaction. So perhaps our friend MR. MARTIN, of Hendon, will think, when he peruses the correspondence in the present number. "Hendon" will, we fear, be an unknown name among Methods. The merciless criticism bestowed upon it is of the usual order; the hawkeyes of the ringing world have descried its want of originality, and its doom, like many others before it, is sealed; a warning to all those who are afflicted with the new method craze.

If those who are anxious to distinguish themselves by the production of something fresh in methods were to first of all consider the hapless fate of so many already launched, they would hesitate, we think, before they meddled with such questions. How many "new methods" have been introduced since the first appearance of "THE BELL NEWS?" That cannot be answered without difficulty. And how many of these are in full practice by the Exercise at the present time? We answer—none! Even the most popular and scientific of them have not taken hold of the ringing mind to the extent which their construction entitled them.

We think in these times "new methods" are, to a great extent, a mistake. They have become far too common, and their publication is apt to give rise to expressions meant to be facetious. We have enough methods for all practical purposes, certainly; though recent investigation almost persuades us that there is but one real method among the whole of them.

**The Metropolis.****THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.**

On Thursday, March 14, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' 20-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. Treble.	†VICTOR WILLIAM WEST .. 5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER* .. 2.	*HERVEY BEAMS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK J. PITTS .. .. 3.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	HARRY BARTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS.

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

**The Provinces.****BEXHILL ON-SEA, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 9, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

ALFRED MIDMORE* .. .. Treble.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 5.
THOMAS HUNNISETT .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 6.
JAMES H. HUNNISETT .. 3.	WILLIAM J. FISHER .. .. 7.
JOSEPH SHARP .. .. 4.	THOMAS H. DEADMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED J. TURNER.

Messrs. Midmore, J. Hunnissett, Sharp, Fisher, and Deadman hail from Eastbourne; Turner and Goldsmith from Lewes; T. Hunnissett belongs to the local band. \*First peal.

**WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.****SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

On Wednesday, March 13, 1895, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

WILLIAM G. HALL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. 2.	AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. 6.
HERBERT KNIGHT† .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
HENRY DAWKES .. .. 4.	*FARRINGTON JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 14, 1895, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

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

Tenor 41 cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 6.
GEORGE P. BURTON .. .. 2.	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 3.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 8.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	GEORGE SMITH .. .. 9.
FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 5.	WILLIAM BALES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and

Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

This is the conductor's 25th peal, being rung on the tenth anniversary of the wedding of G. Howchin.

**CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, March 15, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 5.
JOHN RICE .. .. 2.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 6.
ALFRED CRIPPS .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WARD .. .. 4.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. Tenor.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD and Conducted by F. WICKENS.

This peal was rung to commemorate the 60th birthday of the conductor, who hails from Charlwood, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

**SWINTON, LANCASHIRE****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 16, 1895, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

E. OWEN .. .. Treble.	J. BROADBANK .. .. 5.
J. GRATRIX .. .. 2.	J. URMSTON .. .. 6.
R. PEARCE .. .. 3.	E. CASH .. .. 7.
D. CLARK .. .. 4.	J. T. JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. CASH.

The above was rung with the bells muffled as a token of deep sympathy for the Rev. Canon Heywood, who had been vicar of the above church for 31 years. Mr. Percival Heywood, who is the President of the Midland Counties' Association, was present at the funeral, which took place in the above church-yard the same day.

**BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 16, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

H. HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN JOYCE* .. .. Treble.	*HARRY PAYNE .. .. 5.
JAMES MAWSON .. .. 2.	*JOHN WOTTON .. .. 6.
THOMAS KENDALL .. .. 3.	JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 7.
SAM PALFRAMAN .. .. 4.	†W. JOYCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

†First peal. \*First peal of Bob Triples. Messrs J. and W. Joyce and Palframan belong to the local company, Kendall hails from Shipley, Mawson, Payne, Wotton, and Cotterell hail from Bradford.

**BACUP, LANCASHIRE.****LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.**

On Saturday, March 16, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

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

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRED. HOWORTH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM ASHWORTH .. 5.
JOHN A. BROWN .. .. 2.	JOSEPH SUTCLIFFE .. 6.
ARTHUR WHITWORTH .. 3.	THOMAS LORD .. .. 7.
JOHN SHEPHARD .. .. 4.	WILFRED LAW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH SUTCLIFFE.

This was rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**UFFORD, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 16, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	ARTHUR BARRELL .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WARD .. .. 2.	CHARLES WARD .. .. 6.
JOHN HAWARD .. .. 3.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 7.
HARRY LEGGET* .. .. 4.	HENRY W. BALDRY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS DAY and Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal. Messrs. Wightman and Baldry hail from Brandeston.

**ARMLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**

On Monday, March 18, 1895, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. WINDSOR, FARFOLD TERRACE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN THACKRAY .. .. 1-2.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 5-6.
JOSEPH THACKRAY .. .. 3-4.	JOHN WHITAKER .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

Referees, George Barraclough and Alfred Windsor. This peal was rung with the conductor blindfolded throughout, and is the first peal ever rung and called solely by ear. It was well struck all through, as the referees, who each had a copy of the bob leads, can testify.

### EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 18, 1895, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK ADCOCK .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM LEGGATT .. .. 5.
FRANK GEORGE BURLEIGH 2.	JAMES WELLS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR CRISPE .. .. 3.	SAMUEL F. BURLEIGH .. 7.
JOHN WILLIAM MARJORAM 4.	FRED. MURTON ALDISS .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK GEORGE BURLEIGH.

First peal by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, and tenor. And first in the method by the ringer of the 5th, and the first peal by a local band for twenty-four years.

### WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

On Monday, March 18, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE .. Treble.	JAMES BARRATT .. .. 5.
JOSEPH IRELAND .. .. 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 7.
JOSEPH DERBYSHIRE .. .. 4.	WALTER JACKSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

The above peal was rung as a last tribute of respect to the late Canon Heywood, vicar of St. Peter's church, Swinton, who had been a life member of the L.A.C.R. for many years and had preached the sermons at the annual meetings on more than one occasion. Mr. Barratt represented Eccles parish church, the rest belong to the Worsley company.

### Performances on Five and Six Bells.

#### KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 16, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### SEVEN 720s OF SURPRISE MINOR,

In the following methods:

London, Wells, York, Durham, Bristol, Lichfield,  
and Worcester.

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

Conducted by THOMAS BETTISON.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, and published in your last last week's paper should have read Stephen Wightman, senior, 6, and for calling, *Shipway*, page 217, not 219 as mentioned.

### Date Touches.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, February 7th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of 1895 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 14 mins. A. F. M. Stewart (longest touch), 1; E. T. Green, 2; J. G. Bennett, 3; G. H. Plummer, 4; T. J. Best, 5; G. Preston (composer and conductor), 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; W. Saffery, 8.

#### NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Yorks).—On Monday, February 4th, a date touch, 1895 changes, in the following methods: 95 Woodbine, 360 Oxford, and 720 each of Merchants' Return and Kent, in 1 hr. 5 mins. R. Smith, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; J. E. Marshall, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of S. Smith, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On Friday evening, February 8th, at the

church of St. Mary, a date touch, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 20 mins., in the following methods: Old Doubles, St. Simon's, Oxford, Cambridge, Antelope, St. Dunstan's, The Dream, and Grandsire. H. Pye, 1; J. Elliott, 2; J. Frost, 3; H. Evers, 4; D. Elliott (conductor), 5. Tenor 21 cwt.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, February 6th, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Bob Major, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins. J. Heffer, jun., 1; Rev. J. H. Pilkington (composer and conductor), 2; A. E. Read, 3; W. Flory, 4; F. Clayton, 5; W. G. Crickmer, 6; S. Garnham, 7; J. Self, 8.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

NEWCHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, February 24th, at St. Nicholas' church, for Divine Service, a muffled date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; L. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor (conductor), 5; H. Walls, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; O. Eastwood, 8. Composed by Morris J. Morris, Bangor, North Wales.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Tuesday, March 12th, for practice, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Stringer, 1; W. Hillman, 2; L. Payne, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; H. Chandler, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8. On Sunday, March 17th, for Divine Service, 560 Double Norwich. H. Stringer, 1; A. Groves, 2; L. Payne, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8.

LINFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, February 23rd, on the occasion of the district meeting, 448 London Surprise Major. J. Searle, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; J. Rice, 3; E. C. Merritt, 4; F. Dench, 5; K. Hart, 6; J. Parker, 7; G. Williams, 8. Tenor 21½ cwt.

SHIPLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, February 10th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Single. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; W. Denman, 3; R. Summersell, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; E. C. Boniface (conductor), 6. A 360 of Oxford Single. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; E. C. Boniface, 3; R. Summersell, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; R. Summersell, 2; W. Denman, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; E. C. Boniface (conductor), 6. A 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. R. Summersell, 1; W. Denman, 2; S. Woolgar, jun., 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; E. C. Boniface (conductor), 6. And 720 of College Single. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; R. Summersell, 2; H. Tourle, 3; W. Denman, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; E. C. Boniface (conductor), 6.

BLACKLANDS, HASTINGS (Sussex).—On Tuesday, February 5th, at Christ Church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. F. Mathis, 1; J. Mathis, 2; C. J. Hyland, 3; W. Thomas, 4; H. Elliott, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6. The above wish to thank the vicar for the privilege of ringing in the tower. Afterwards some friendly ringing took place between the Battle band and other friends, amongst other touches being 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27½ mins. W. Eastland, 1; S. Finn, 2; G. Finn, 3; S. Saker, 4; J. Curtis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6. S. and G. Finn hail from Brabourne, Kent. And 360 Bob Minor. F. Lock (Hastings), 1; S. Saker, 2; S. Finn, 3; W. Franks, 4; F. Finn (Merstham, Kent, conductor), 5; G. Finn, 6.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 10th, for morning service at St. Peter's church, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. J. George, 1; R. S. Cherriman, 2; G. Smart, 3; G. King, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; K. Hart (conductor), 7; G. Williams, 8. In the evening 448 London Surprise Major. J. George, 1; G. Smart, 2; J. N. Frossell, 3; A. A. Fuller, 4; G. Baker, 5; K. Hart, 6; G. A. King, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. On handbells, at the house of Mr. Williams, 378 Grandsire Triples. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; K. Hart, 3-4; G. Williams, 5-6; J. George (conductor), 7-8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 10th, for morning service, 720 Yorkshire Court. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. And on Wednesday, February 20th, for practice, 120 Tulip. T. Robertshaw, 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; W. Ingham, 5; J. Robertshaw, 6. Also 240 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; J. Robertshaw, 6. On Sunday morning, February 24th, for Divine Service, 240 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; W. Ingham, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4;

J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. For afternoon service 720 Heptonstall Surprise. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; W. Ingham, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6.

**HULL (Yorks).**—On Sunday, February 3rd, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Marshall, 1; W. T. Verity, 2; G. Miller, 3; T. Stockdale, 4; R. Chaffer, 5; H. Horner, 6; J. Dixey, 7; C. Jackson (conductor), 8. Tenor 25 cwt. H. Horner hails from Skipton.

**LIGHTCLIFFE (Yorkshire).**—On Thursday evening, February 21st, at the above Congregational church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Reeds, 1; J. Rushworth, 2; J. Lawson (conductor), 3; F. Whiteley, 4; W. Sherwood, 5; E. Williamson, 6.

#### THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BOSTON (Lincolnshire).**—On Sunday evening, March 3rd, before Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. J. Goodwin, 1; F. Devoto, 2; E. Mason, 3; F. Davey, 4; J. M. Rylatt (conductor), 5; W. Woodthorpe, 6; T. Boyer, 7; L. Goodwin, 8. And on Sunday evening, March 10th, after Divine Service, with the bells half-muffled, 1008 Grandsire Triples, standing as above. Rung as a mark of respect to the late Canon Venables, Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral, who died recently, his wife only surviving him a few hours. Tenor 30 cwt.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**WIDFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday evening, February 3rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. W. Houghton (longest length away from tenor), 1; W. Newman, 2; H. Richell, 3; J. Beams (conductor), 4; A. Tarbun, 5; G. Green, 6; W. J. Piper (composer), 7; C. Porter, 8. This quarter-peal contains the queens, titmuss, and Whittingtons.

**BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).**—On Wednesday, February 20th, at St. Michael's church, for practice, 1357 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. T. Newman, 1; G. Prior, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; J. Knight, 4; G. Charge, 5; W. W. Tucker, 6; H. Prior, 7; J. Sampford, 8. Longest touch of Grandsire by the ringers of 4, 5 and 6.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES.**—On Monday, February 25th, at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. R. Alcock, 1; F. Lees, 2; R. Mack, 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; J. Greenwell, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Newton, 1; W. Stephenson, 2; R. H. Fenwick, 3; J. Brown, 4; T. W. Waller, 5; T. Stephenson (conductor), 6.

**MIDDLESBROUGH.**—On Monday, February 25th, at the church of St. Hilda, 420 Stedman Triples. J. Baxter, 1; F. Lees, 2; J. W. Passman, 3; T. Hudson, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; W. Porter, 6; J. K. Blakiston (conductor), 7; F. J. Harrison, 8. And 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Moncaster, 1; J. W. Passman, 2; T. Hudson, 3; W. Porter, 4; A. Mellanby, 5; F. J. Harrison, 6; G. W. Park, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**REIGATE (Surrey).**—On Monday, February 4th, for practice, 210 Grandsire Triples. F. Linter, 1; G. Croucher, 2; E. Moses (conductor), 3; G. Hoad, 4; W. Argent, 5; F. T. Hoad, jun., 6; H. Reeves, 7; J. Stedman, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. F. Linter, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; E. Moses, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun. (first 504 of Stedman), 4; G. Croucher, 5; H. Reeves, 6; W. Argent, 7; J. Stedman, 8. On Sunday, February 10th, for evening service, 503 Grandsire Triples. E. Moses, 1; P. Knight, 2; G. Hoad, 3; T. Brown, 4; H. Reeves (conductor), 5; G. Croucher, 6; F. T. Hoad, jun., 7; J. Stedman, 8. And 224 Bob Major. J. Howard, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; E. Moses, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; G. Croucher, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Reeves (conductor), 8. Also 252 Grandsire Triples. P. Knight, 1; H. Reeves, 2; E. Moses, 3; T. Brown, 4; F. T. Hoad, jun., 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; J. Stedman, 8. And after service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Croucher, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; E. Moses, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; E. Kenward, 5; H. Reeves, 6; W. Argent, 7; J. Robinson, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Robinson, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; E. Dewey, 3; P. Knight, 4; G. Croucher, 5; F. T. Hoad, jun., 6; E. Moses (conductor), 7; H. Reeves, 8. J. Robinson hails from Buckland. On Tuesday, February 19th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but unfortunately came to grief afterwards ringing upwards of 4000 changes in 2 hrs. 40 mins. P. Knight, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; J. Ansell, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; E. Moses, 5; G. Huggett, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Reeves, 8. Messrs. Huggett and Ansell hail from Betchworth.

**BETCHWORTH (Surrey).**—On Tuesday, February 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Huggett, 1; F. Sanders, 2; W. H. Street, 3; H. Reeves, 4; J. Ansell, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6.

**BUCKLAND (Surrey).**—On Saturday, February 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Botting, 1; R. Arnold, 2; J. Ansell, 3; G. Huggett (conductor), 4; F. Sanders, 5; H. Reeves, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. J. Robinson, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; F. Sanders, 3; G. Hoad, 4; F. T. Hoad, jun., 5; H. Reeves (conductor), 6. Messrs. Hoad (3), and Reeves hail from Reigate; Sanders and Robinson belong to Buckland; the others hail from Betchworth.

#### THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WALWORTH.

**WALWORTH (Surrey).**—On Sunday, February 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Hasted, 1; F. Perrin, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; V. W. West (first quarter-peal), 4; A. R. Davis, 5; H. Beams (first quarter-peal), 6; J. E. Davis (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor), 7; W. Langdon, 8.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**PENARTH (South Wales).**—On Sunday, February 3rd, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. Smith (conductor), 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. On Tuesday, February 5th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (twenty bobs and ten singles), composed by N. Spindlow. C. Smith, 1; W. Biss, 2; F. Bartlett, 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; T. Northey, 6. A 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. Smith (conductor), 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas, 3; W. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. On Sunday, February 10th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). C. Smith, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; W. Biss, 3; D. Thomas (conductor), 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. On Sunday, February 17th, 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles). C. Smith, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; T. Northey, 3; W. Biss, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. And for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). D. Thomas (conductor), 1; W. Biss, 2; F. Bartlett, 3; C. Smith, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. This makes D. Thomas's 150th 720. On Tuesday, February 19th, at St. Augustine's church, a 720 of Kent. G. Watkins (first in the method), 1; D. Thomas, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob. J. Cox, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; C. Smith (conductor), 3; D. Thomas, 4; J. Vinnicombe, 5; G. Watkins, 6. First 720 of Minor by J. Cox, who hails from Bridgend. On Sunday morning, February 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). G. Watkins, 1; C. Smith, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. First in the method by G. Watkins. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. Smith (conductor), 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas, 3; W. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. This makes J. Vinnicombe's 150th 720. On Tuesday, February 26th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles). D. Thomas, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; W. Biss, 4; G. Watkins, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 2nd, with the bells muffled, an attempt was made for a 5040 of Minor, but owing to the sudden illness of one of the band, the conductor called "stand," after ringing a 720 of Grandsire, two 720s of Kent, and 480 of Oxford Treble Bob in 1 hr. 25 mins. as a last token of respect to Mrs. Lewis, wife of the Lord Bishop of Llandaff, President of the Association, who was interred on Friday, March 1st; also as a mark of respect to Lord Aberdare, who was interred at Mountain Ash, Glamorganshire, on the same date. G. Watkins, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas, 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**WOKINGHAM (Berks).**—On Saturday, February 16th, at St. Paul's church, a half-peal of Bob Major, 2544 changes, in 1 hr. 31 mins. L. Rolfe, 1; J. Richardson, 2; A. W. Pike, 3; C. Giles, 4; R. T. Hibbert, 5; C. Chapman, 6; A. Watmore, 7; F. Hopgood (conductor), 8. This was an attempt for a peal, but owing to one of the strands of the tenor-rope parting had to be brought round at the half-peal end.

**LEAFIELD (Oxon).**—On Tuesday, March 5th, 720 Grandair Minor. M. Woodcock, 1; H. Smith, jun., 2; T. Bond, 3; W. Shirley, 4; J. Monk, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6. Another 720 in the same method. H. Morley, 1; T. Bond, 2; H. Smith, 3; W. Large, 4; M. Woodcock (conductor), 5; J. Monk, 6. This is the first 720 for twenty years on the bells. Messrs. Large, Smith, Bond, and Shirley hail from Burford; Monk, Woodcock, and Morley from Witney.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**EAST MALLING (Kent).**—On Saturday, February 23rd, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), was rung by six of the Willesborough



band, on the occasion of the Maidstone district meeting at Town Malling. R. Cook, 1; S. Price, 2; W. Hills, 3; C. Young, 4; E. Dixon (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday evening, March 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. \*W. Worsfold, 1; P. Brooker, 2; S. Perkins, 3; J. Muggridge, 4; H. Porter, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6; G. Smithers, 7; H. Wood, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Wednesday, February 6th, at St. Stephen's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters, but after two hours' good ringing the conductor set his bell, having thought he misplaced a single, but afterwards found it to be correct. W. J. Hinton (conductor), 1; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 2; G. H. Colston, 3; J. York, 4; C. Goodenough, 5; A. Bawn, 6; C. Tomkins, 7; C. Bell, 8; F. Price, 9; W. Colston, 10.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARRINGTON (Somerset).—On Wednesday 6th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. J. Maddock (conductor), 1; H. Pearce, 2; A. Doble, 3; F. Millard, 4; H. Poole, 5; G. Yendall, 6. Rang on the opening of the completed ring of six bells, by members of the above Association from St. James', Taunton. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles, and touches of Bob Minor. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. in E flat.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, March 2nd, an attempt to ring Reeves' variation of Holt's ten-part came to grief after ringing about 1600 changes in 1 hr. 5 mins. A. H. Wheeler, 1; F. S. W. Butler (conductor), 2; Rev. R. Bond, 3; R. C. Lilley, 4; G. Wilson, 5; G. Chester, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; H. W. Kirton, 8. Afterwards 336 of Bob Major. A. H. Wheeler, 1; R. C. Lilley, 2; Rev. R. Bond, 3; G. Chester (conductor), 4; G. Wilson, 5; H. W. Kirton, 6; F. S. W. Butler, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. Longest length in the method by all except the 4th and tenor, Messrs. Clifton, Chester, and Lilley hail from Lincoln; the rest belong to the local company.

#### YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, March 2nd, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a date touch of 1895 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Daffin (composer), 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Ploughman, 3; S. Smedley, 4; T. Whitworth, 5; A. Craven (conductor), 6; A. Worthington, 7; J. Harris, 8.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Monday, March 4th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. Calvert, 1; R. Parkinson (first 720), 2; R. Sharples (first 720), 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; J. Horrocks, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Parkinson and Sharples hail from Oswaldtwistle.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, February 2nd, being the 21st birthday of the eldest son of J. Carpenter Garnier, Esq., J.P., of Rookesbury Park, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. G. E. Chappell, 1; G. Grafham (Fareham), 2; A. E. Tomlins (Gosport), 3; J. W. Whiting (Fareham, conductor), 4; J. Elcombe (Romsey), 5; W. Singleton, 6. A 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. G. Carpenter (first in the method), 1; J. Elcombe, 2; A. E. Tomlins (first in the method), 3; G. Grafham, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. G. Carpenter, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; J. Elcombe (conductor), 3; A. E. Tomlins, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; G. Grafham, 6. Messrs. Chappell, Whiting, Singleton, and Carpenter belong to the local band.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Saturday, February 9th, at St. Michael's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 4,450 changes in 2 hrs. 40 mins., a mishap occurred, and the conductor called "stand." A. E. Macey, 1; T. Curtis, 2; C. J. Choet, 3; C. Hansford, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; F. Wilson, 6; W. H. George, 7; W. Payne, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. J. George hails from Rugby.

WINCHESTER.—On Thursday, January 17th, at the Cathedral on the back eight, 504 Grandsire Triples. \*W. Payne, 1; C. J. Choet, 2; R. White, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; C. J. North, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; C. Russell, 8. \*Longest length away from the tenor.

BAGSHOT (Surrey).—On Wednesday, January 30th, 720 Grandsire Minor, and 300 Kent Treble Bob Minor. On Sunday, February 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. On Wednesday, February 6th, 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor. On Sunday, morning, February 17th, 720 New London Pleasure. On Thursday, February 28th, 720 Duke of York, the first 720 by all the band and on the bells. On Sunday morning, March 3rd, 720 Plain Bob Minor. The Lord Bishop of Ripon preached the sermon and celebrated the Holy Communion, which was choral, his lordship being the guest of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught at Bagshot Park. Among the congregation was the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and their family, the Duchess of Albany and many other distinguished personages. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, the ringers in all the above being J. Corbett, T. Gould, E. Collins, F. Francis, H. Stapleton, E. Spooner, the conducting being done by E. Spooner and E. Collins. Tenor 21 cwt.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEDBURY.—On Saturday, January 19th, 504 Grandsire Triples. \*E. S. Kings, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; R. G. Knowles, 4; C. Layton (conductor), 5; H. Knowles, 6; C. Watts, 7; A. Bloxham, 8. Also a 504 by A. Bloxham, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; A. Layton, 3; T. Williams, 4; C. Layton, 5; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 6; D. Greening, 7; \*F. Johnson, 8. \*First 500.

BROOKFIELD, GORTON (Lancashire).—On Friday evening, February 1st, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by Edward Cook, of Cardiff. \*A. Topping, 1; †J. Topping, 2; †C. Blakeley, 3; H. Worthington, 4; S. Collins, 5; J. Jones, 6; J. Fearnhead, 7; \*W. Fearnhead, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. \*First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal with a bob bell. †First quarter-peal as conductor.

BILSTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, March 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. A. Brown, 1; T. Lowe, 2; J. Gough, 3; J. Harper, 4; S. Atkins, 5; E. Unitt, 6; W. Smith, 7; W. Eyre, 8. Composed and conducted by S. Atkins. Messrs. Brown, Harper and Eyre belong to Bilston; Atkins to Willenhall; the rest to Darlaston. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Richard Harper, leader of the Bilston band, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, February 14th, for practice at the church of St. Peter, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, 1; E. Carter (London), 2; J. G. Bennett, 3; E. T. Green (conductor), 4; G. H. Plummer, 5; C. W. Goodenough, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; G. Colbourne, 8. And 350 in the same method. A. F. M. Stewart, 1; E. Carter, 2; J. G. Bennett, 3; E. T. Green (conductor), 4; G. H. Plummer, 5; C. W. Goodenough, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; G. Colbourne, 8. On Sunday, February 17th, for service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Colbourne, 1; E. Carter, 2; J. G. Bennett, 3; E. T. Green (conductor), 4; G. H. Plummer, 5; S. Merritt, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; C. W. Goodenough, 8. And 336 in the same method. A. Grist, 1; G. Colbourne, 2; E. Carter, 3; G. H. Plummer, 4; E. T. Green (conductor), 5; C. W. Goodenough, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; T. Belben, 8.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Monday, February 4th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in six parts, in 46 mins. A. Savage, 1; D. Farthing, 2; G. Topliss, 3; G. Davies, 4; W. J. Thyng, 5; G. Mee, 6; A. Knights, 7; J. Goodwin, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt. Composed and conducted by G. Davies.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Saturday evening, March 9th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by E. Cook, of Cardiff. J. Horne, 1; J. Chance, 2; J. Perrins, 3; A. Jackson, 4; W. Hemming, 5; E. Gilbert (conductor), 6; J. Broad, 7; W. Horne, 8.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, February 17th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. H. Swain, 1; R. E. Chichester, 2; C. Hindes, 3; C. Charge, 4; W. E. Garrard, 5; W. T. Elson, 6; E. H. Adams (conductor), 7; H. Adams, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 3rd, for evening service at St. Peter's church 720 each of Violet, New London Pleasure, and Oxford Treble Bob. G. E. Mellor, 1; A. Townend, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Messrs. Mellor and Townend hail from Darton; the rest belong to the local company.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, February 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. F. Palmer, 1; F. Sumner, 2; W. H. Sumner, 3; T. Pritchett, 4; J. S. Pritchett, 5; W. S. Pritchett (conductor), 6; J. Betterton, 7; G. Cooper, 8.

LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 10th, at St.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, February 19th, at the parish church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. N. Healey, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; A. Seamour, 3; R. Jarvis, 4; C. Crust, 5; R. Mackman, 6; J. R. Mackman, 7; G. Hoskins, 8.

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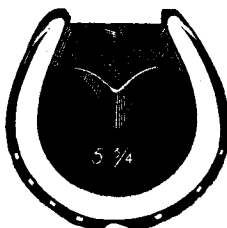
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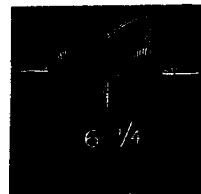
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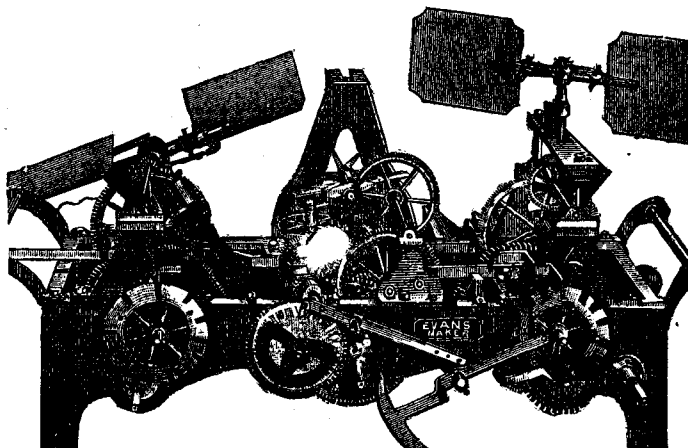
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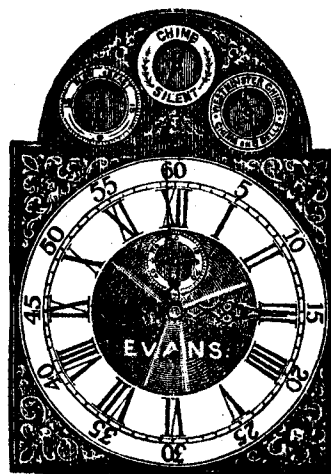
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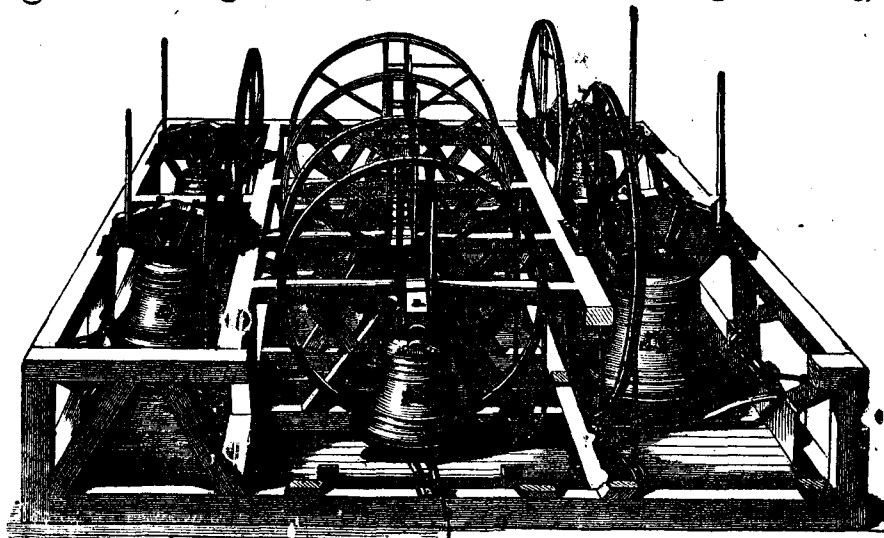
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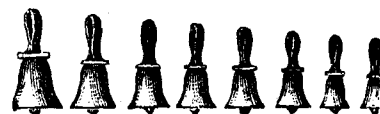
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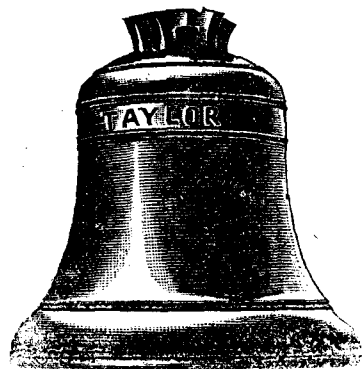
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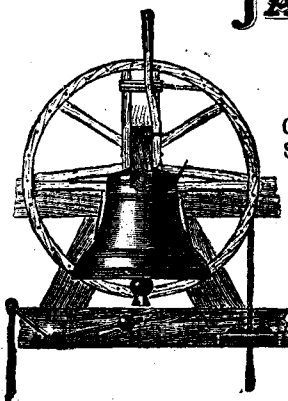
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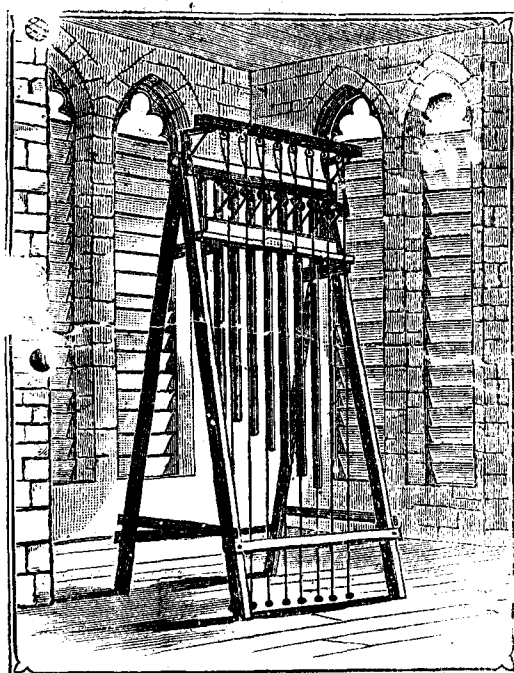
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## DEDICATION OF TOWER AND SPIRE OF CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.

[From the *Christ Church Parish Magazine*.]

On Tuesday, February 5th, the Lord Bishop of Chichester came to dedicate to the honour of Almighty God the additions which we have been mercifully permitted to make to our church. The ceremony took place at 11.30 a.m., when the Bishop entered at the south-west door, and preceded by the churchwardens, singers, and others of the lay-workers in the church, and about fifty clergy, passed up to the chancel, and took his place on the north side of the sanctuary. His pastoral staff was carried by the Rural Dean, and the Bishop was assisted in the service by the Archdeacon of Lewes and the rector. In preaching the Bishop took his text from St. John ii. 17: "And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of Thine house hath eaten me up." His Lordship said the first public act of their Lord in Jerusalem was to drive the traffickers out of the court of the Temple, and to clean His Father's house from profanation. There, at the beginning of his earthly ministry to Israel, he was defending himself in the Temple, and at the end of it, when he left the Temple never more to return, he manifested the same vehemence in word and deed. The disciples, when they heard and saw, at once recognised, and applied the words of the Psalmist: "The zeal of Thine house hath eaten me up," for the whole of the 69th Psalm was prophetic of the Messiah. He was indignant that His Father's house should be profaned, and jealousy of His Father's honour moved the gentle Jesus to unusual severity, but his zeal was always tempered with love. When his mother and Joseph, after anxious searching found him in the Temple, he said, "Wist ye not that I should be about my Father's business?" And on great occasions he went up to the Holy City, and he then always resorted to the Temple, and there he wrought miracles. He taught the people, and rebuked the hypocrisy of their rulers. Might it not be said of him more than of any child of man: "I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honour dwelleth." Now in all things their blessed Lord was their example, and Christians believed, according to His most true promise, that where his people were gathered together in His name, he was in the midst of them. Therefore, it was necessary that the house consecrated to God's worship should be in form and outward frame such as would proclaim to all the thoughtless and unbelieving world its purpose. It must be distinct from all ordinary and secular uses, and should only be used for religion, therefore they deemed it no waste of silver and gold to spend it in the perfecting and in the beautifying of His sanctuary. They believed that the Most High God would accept their offering humbly and devoutly made to His honour, and to make such offerings according to their ability and means they should count amongst their most sacred duties. That had been the feeling of Christians in all ages. The history of the Church told them that when it emerged from fire and persecution, and as the sons of the faithful were multiplied, and had the liberty of meeting together in holy service in the light of day, buildings arose, Christian temples, witnessing by their magnificence and by their furniture to the faith of the congregation. Not only was that a matter of history, but even to-day the monuments remained—as for instance in the cathedral of St. Sophia at Constantinople, now alas! given over to the worship of the false prophet, but still it preserved the whole of the original fabric, shorn of its Christian emblems, but not destroyed, and perhaps awaiting better days. To take instances nearer home, he supposed most of them had looked with admiration at the cathedrals of their own country; with admiration, not unmixed with reverence, and all the vastness and solidity of those monuments impressed the mind as had no other work of man. The cathedrals in England and Wales—and Wales was but a part of England, an integral part, an undivided part of the English Church—all those mother churches dated in many cases from very ancient times. Their own cathedral of Chichester dated the foundation of important parts of its fabric from the eleventh century, from their early Norman kings. And many others dated still earlier. One only, St. Paul's, London, could be classed among modern

buildings. It was raised in the seventeenth century to replace the old cathedral of St. Paul's, which was laid in ashes by the calamitous Fire of London. Now, when they remembered what the population of England was in those days, how small, the resources of the country were in point of wealth; when they remembered there were little or none of the mechanical improvements of the present state of civilisation, it was wonderful how they could have erected houses so vast, so solid, and so magnificent. Kings might, no doubt, have contributed to that work, great nobles and ecclesiastics might have been liberal in gifts, and were, but that would not have sufficed without the aid in each case of the whole diocese combining in a spirit of love, in what was felt by all to be a holy, religious work to the honour of God. When God commanded the Tabernacle to be built, the children of Israel were told to bring each an offering. God loved a cheerful giver, and only such as gave with a willing heart were acceptable to God. God looked not to the gift, but to the mind of the giver. The two mites of the poor widow in their Saviour's time outweighed the offerings of the wealthy who cast much into the Treasury of God. And that also applied in reference to the object that had called them together that day, for the offerings of the poor widow were devoted to the care and the maintenance of the Temple of God. He thought they ought to render their humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God that he had allowed that church to receive its full accomplishment, the crown of its completion. Would that have been possible, had he not breathed into their hearts the earnest desire to furnish what they and those before them, their pious predecessors, had begun, in a spirit of perseverance, and resolved to go forward in the face of difficulties, in a spirit of self-denial, that they might be able to do that work? It was only by the union of hearts, and the being true to one great purpose, that such a work as that could be effected. He pointed out that the temple at Jerusalem was forty-six years in building, and even then it was not finished—the building went on till within seven or eight years of its total destruction. Their cathedrals, as they saw them, were not built in a day, and with one or two exceptions, the original fabrics had been enriched by successive generations. That had been the case with Christ Church. There had been a gradual progress, and step by step the church had advanced. Some of them might remember its humble beginning as a little chapel, for it scarcely deserved a higher name, so happily placed in the midst of the future parish which it served at that time, and was sufficient for the wants of the people. The school had risen by its side, a most necessary accessory, for without a school a parish was helpless. The great duty committed to the Church of Christ was to teach and baptize children in the principles and the doctrine of Christ, and the training of the young, that they might know their privileges, and love Christ, their Redeemer and Saviour, could not be fulfilled without the Church School. Well, it pleased the Lord greatly to bless the work of his servants, and as the place began to grow, their rector, and those associated with him, with noble courage, determined that a church, worthy of the name, should arise, and worthy also of the constantly increasing congregation. Such was the great venture they made for the honour of God. What were the sources that supplied the means by which that house of God in which they were gathered that day was erected? Not the gifts of the rich and noble of the land, but the willing, co-constant contributions, patiently poured in little by little for many years, by the people who longed for the day when the doors should be opened, and they should be free to enter into the church which they had all helped to build. For in very truth it was free; it was destined that it should be free, and that should be no distinctions and no separation of classes. No distinct rights were to be tolerated there, but all were to serve one Lord by entreating Him for mercy, pardon, and help, before his throne of grace. Well might they rejoice and be glad that the Lord had allowed them to have a share in that work for the benefit of His people. When twenty years ago and more, he was called upon by virtue of his office to separate that church from profane and common uses, and to consecrate it to the service of God, he was struck with the dignity of the building, simple, solid, and plain almost to severity, but it was well suited for the holy purpose for which it was erected. Nothing was mean or bare about it, and it, and its workmanship was of the best. But the half-built tower—of

rather, the foundation of the future tower—reminded him of how much more there was to do, and it reminded them that something still was wanting. He could imagine with what interest they watched the erecting of that spire, and as stone by stone it mounted upwards by slow degrees, perhaps they had said one to another, "God has been gracious to me in allowing me to have a small share in this beautiful spire." Only by that union of many hearts, and he doubted not of many prayers, could that have been accomplished, for at one time it might have seemed entirely above their strength and means. Did any of them regret the money they had given to the Lord? No, he was sure their feelings were far from that, for on their willingness depended the success, the grace, and acceptableness in the eyes of God. Rather would they be encouraged to give more and more. If the necessities of their parish, if the education of the young men in the principles taught there—for the future hope and strength of the nation and Church equally lay in that—if there was a danger of that being neglected, if they should be called upon to make a still further sacrifice of means to make their schools worthy of Christ, he trusted they would not be found wanting, and he felt sure that duty to God and the Church would be cheerfully rendered. That call was now made, and he trusted it would be heard and would be obeyed. They should show forth their thankfulness to Almighty God for His great blessings by that further sacrifice, and pray to Him that those schools might be made conducive to the promotion of His glory, and the benefit of His people and His Church.

After the sermon, the offerings for the school building fund were collected and presented before Almighty God on the altar by the Bishop. They amounted to £83. Then followed certain prayers, after which his Lordship, holding his staff, pronounced the dedication in the following form: "We, Richard, by Divine Permission Bishop of Chichester, nothing doubting that Almighty God favourably alloweth this charitable work of ours of completing the fabric of this House, already consecrated to His service, do, in behalf of His Church and people, dedicate this tower and spire, with the bells and clock placed therein, to the honour and glory of the Holy and Eternal Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen."

The Bishop then severed a ribbon attached to the pendulum of the clock, and thus set it in motion. After a pause, in which it struck the four quarters and twelve, the *Te Deum* was sung. Finally, dismissed with the Episcopal Blessing, the clergy and congregation departed to the sound of the bells, which were chimed for a few minutes. It had been intended that they should be rung for half an hour, and that, later on in the afternoon, a peal should be attempted, but, unfortunately, a difficulty occurred owing to the great length of rope between the belfry and the ringing chamber, and so the plan had to be deferred, until some further arrangements could be made in the tower.

At 8 p.m. solemn evensong was sung, followed by a sermon by the Rev. J. S. Bartlett, Vicar of St. John's, Sevenoaks, and formerly assistant-curate of old Christ Church. The day was closed by a solemn procession.

On Wednesday, February 6th, there was a procession and High Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at eleven, at which the Rev. E. Bray, Vicar of St. Paul's, Chichester, and formerly assistant-curate of Christ Church preached from I. Chron. xxix. 14.—"Of Thine own have we given Thee."

The Bishop originally fixed February 6th for the Dedication, being the Rector's birthday. The Meeting of Convocation obliged his Lordship to alter the date, but the former arrangement afforded occasion for the following lines, which appeared in the "Observer":

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LEONARDS.  
DEDICATION OF TOWER, SPIRE AND BELLS UPON THE  
RECTOR'S BIRTHDAY.

On this bright festal day of joy and hope  
Well may we parody two lines of Pope:—  
"Who taught the heaven-directed spire to rise?  
'Charles Lyndhurst Vaughan,' each Hastings man replies!"  
Campanas turremque tuam nos, Rector, amici  
Natali ardemus concelebrare die.  
Campanas audi! sublimem suspice turrem!  
Rectori emerito gratia! lausque Deo!  
Quod petis ipse, petit turris crux aurea, cœlum—  
Te Deus accipiat, Rector, opusque tuum!

J.D.M.

## Translation.

## TO THE RECTOR.

The bells and tower, born of thy faith and zeal,  
With this, thy natal day, we fain would blend,  
Gaze on that tower, and list that sweetest peal,  
While thanks to men and praise to God ascend.  
Yon golden cross points well to Heaven above,  
The sure reward for this thy work of love.

J.M.R.

## THE CLOCK AND BELLS.

The new clock and peal of eight ringing bells, which have just been erected in our tower, have been made by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Clockmakers, and Bell Founders, of Croydon, who also made the clocks and bells at the Town Halls of Eastbourne and Hove.

A description of the clock and bells will, no doubt, be appreciated by a great many, and we therefore give a brief outline of the most noticeable features.

The clock is what is known as a full Cambridge quarter clock, so called because the quarter chimes which form the model for ours and those at Westminster and other places, sound out from the tower of Great St. Mary's church at Cambridge. It has all the latest improvements; no expense, or invention which modern science can suggest, has been spared to make it a perfect timekeeper. The clock has been made powerful enough to bring out the full tone of the bells, and some idea of its strength may be gathered from the fact that the frame which contains the works is 5-ft. 2-in. in length, 1-ft. 9-in. in width, and nearly 3-ft. in height, and the great wheels measure 16-in. in diameter. The frame is cast in one piece, so that there is no danger of its not being perfectly rigid. The pendulum is what is technically called a compensated one, and is made so that the great variations of climate, to which we are subject, will not effect it. It is constructed of zinc and iron tubes, so arranged that the expansion of the zinc counteracts the contraction of the iron, and vice versa. At the foot of the pendulum is a heavy cast-iron cylindrical "bob" which weighs just upon 2 cwts., and this swings once (two ticks), every  $1\frac{1}{2}$  seconds. In order to give additional rigidity, two beams have been let into the walls, and the clock stands on these and not, as is usual, on the floor. The motive power necessary to drive the clock is derived from cast-iron weights, which weigh altogether 16 cwts. The connecting rod, which works the hands, passes up through the tower to the dials, which are 36-ft. above. There are four "dials" or faces, each measuring 7-ft. 6-in. in diameter, painted and gilt in the usual manner. They stand out about a foot from the walls, so as to interfere less with the architectural treatment of the tower, than if they were placed flat on it.

In order to get a large and powerful peal of bells on one level in the tower, which is octagonal in shape and only 18-ft. across, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have resorted to the device of a composite frame of steel and oak. The bells have been fitted with wheels, stocks, ropes, etc., and all the requisite paraphernalia for ringing, and they have also been so arranged in the frame, that the weight is evenly distributed, thereby avoiding a strain on any particular side of the tower.

The eight bells are chimed for choral services daily. For low celebrations the 7th and 8th are tolled, followed by the first for about two minutes; this is the usage at the famous parish church of Frome Selwood. For plain matins, etc., the first is used. During Lent the chiming of the peal for evensong will be omitted on ordinary week days, and will be confined to Saturdays, Sundays, and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The 8th is used as the consecration bell at sung celebrations. It is sounded three times at the words "Do this, etc.," and again three times at "Do this oft, etc." Thus invalids and others in their homes are enabled to know when the Holy Sacrifice is offered, and to join in spirit therewith.

The bells were rung for the first time on February 23rd by ringers from Battle and Blacklands. The Battle ringers rang two touches, one of 350, and the other of 504 Grandsire Triples.

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A DIAGRAM OF A SYSTEM OF PEALS OF UNION TRIPLES. In imitation of Shipway's peal, with the bobbing of three hundred peals of the system, and directions for getting from the diagram the bobbing of fifteen hundred more peals of the system.—By W. H. THOMPSON, Member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

CAMBRIDGE: Macmillan and Bowes.

# MISERICORDS IN THE PARISH CHURCH OF WELLINGBOROUGH.

The stalls in this church may be accounted for by the fact that the living was in the hands of Crowland Abbey, Lincolnshire, from a very early period, having been presented to it by Ædred, King of the Mercians, in A.D. 948. The date of the stalls and misericords may be fixed within a few years by the shield carved on the elbow of the stall nearest the altar on the south side. This shield bears a *fleur de lys* between two *flaunches*, each charged with a *fleur de lys*—the arms of WHITE. In the list of presentations to the living occurs the name of one JOHN WHITE, who was presented by the Bishop of Lincoln in the year 1361 and held the benefice till 1392. A further matter of interest attaches to this period, for in the 7th year of Richard II. (1383) four arbiters were appointed to settle the disputes between the Abbey and its tenants, and one of the conditions of the settlement was that the monks should at their own expense repair the chancel of the church. It would seem therefore that these stalls were erected between 1383 and 1392 the last year of John White's office as vicar.

They stand three on each side of the chancel. None are "returned."

North Side, commencing West.

Elbow, Foliage.

1.—A fox running to the dexter with a fat goose in his mouth. A branch of a tree on the dexter side. *a* and *B*. A ball of foliage.

Elbow, A grotesque face in a cowl with flat nose and large mouth.

2.—A mermaid; her tail to the sinister, her arms are uplifted. In her dexter hand she holds a comb; in the sinister a circular mirror. The sea is represented behind on the dexter side. *a* and *B*. A dolphin curved round in a circle.

Elbow, A head in a hood.

South Side, commencing West.

Elbow, A quadruped clinging up the elbow looking back.

1.—A man and woman standing on either side of a table, the man on the dexter. He is dressed in a jerkin loosely laced in front, hose and boots: he scratches his head with his left hand, his right hand is broken off. The woman holds a jug in her right hand and a cup in her left. Behind them foliage is carved. *a* and *B*. A rose.

Elbow, A face in a highly-ornamented hood; the edge beaded.

2.—An eagle perched on a branch; the wings extended. *a* and *B*. A small eagle.

Elbow, Four heads, one above the other.

3.—Two lions advancing from either side to the centre, their heads being close together. Behind each lion is a smaller one. *a* and *B*. A small lion passant regardant.

Elbow, A demi-angel bearing a shield, charged. A *fleur de lys* between two *flaunches*, each charged with a *fleur de lys*.

3, Pump Court, Temple. THOS. A. MARTIN.

From "Northamptonshire Notes and Queries," September, 1894.

## FRAGMENT.

The Tower is a Foundation sure,  
It tells of all that shall endure.

The Spire would lead our thoughts above,  
To that bright Home where all is Love.

The Bells ring out to bring men in,  
To shelter from the snares of sin.

The Clock tells how the moments run;  
May we be warned and seek the Son,

Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

RHYL (North Wales).—On Thursday, February 14th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter-peal, a 504 of Grandsire Triples was brought round. W. Evans, 1; G. Bell, 2; F. J. Gamlin, 3; P. W. Davies (Bangor, conductor), 4; J. O. Vaughan, 5; C. A. Egerton, 6; F. Wallis, 7; J. Wheeler, 8. Tenor 17 cwt.

WANTED.—An efficient Change-Ringer to undertake the office of Sexton. He would have to keep the churchyard in order, and do work about the Vicarage house and garden. A trustworthy man, communicant, and married.—Applications to be sent to the Editor.

# THE MAIDEN PEAL.

'Tis eve once more, bright Phœbe smiles again,  
Smiles are on yon church, keeping its silent reign,  
Sentry'd by trees its noble tower arise,  
Guarding the bells which in its bosom lies;  
Full many a decade have they nestled there,  
Summon'd the dead, chimed for the bridal pair.  
But ne'er in peal this octave has been rang,  
Told not of "Shipway" nor of "Stedman" sang;  
The skill of "Holt" or "Hubbard's" master band,  
Alike unknown, upon this octave grand.

This silvery eve a different tale shall tell,  
The echoing change shall fill your wooded dell.

A well-trained band ascends the belfry stairs,  
A well-trained band with skilful hands and ears  
Stand to their ropes, await the pristine call,  
Hark! now 'tis given, from rounds to peal they fall.

That startling change, which strikes the listening year,  
For full three hours shall hold it captive there,  
Five thousand such must ring in changeful tone,  
Ere yet the call be given to course for home.

Mark how the tuneful tenor gives her lead,  
Then dodging on she strikes with measured speed.

Each bell alike struck with united skill,  
Compass the leads, performs the ringers' will.

The part-ends true, in progress flows the peal,  
Shews the conductor steady in his zeal,

Now and anon each bell's position scan,  
Changed yet true, all faithful to his plan.

Within the tower each ringer raptured stands;  
Undimmed his eye, untired still his hands,

Full well he knows the part he has to play,  
One faltering pause may lure the peal away.

Change following change, in quick precision flies,  
Now dying here, re-echoes in the skies.

The passing critic stays to list awhile;  
Charmed by the bells, nor e'er is seen to smile,

For ne'er before within his memory dwells,  
Such flow of music from those maiden bells.

The eve glides on, three hours have come and gone,  
Dark shades now fall where erst the morn had shone;

The last part comes, the last part-end is near,  
In coursing order, Hark! they now appear,

The final call which tells the feat is done.  
A conquering band—"The maiden peal is won."

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

E. W. G. L.

# A PEAL OF CANTERBURY TRIPLES.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, Norwich.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

4 6 5 2 3 S - -

5 4 6 2 3 - -

6 5 4 2 3 - -

4 3 6 2 5 - -

6 4 3 2 5 - -

3 6 4 2 5 - -

4 5 3 2 6 - -

3 4 5 2 6\* - -

5 3 4 2 6 - -

2 4 3 5 6 - -

Five times repeated, omitting last bob at home in 2nd, 4th, and 6th parts. A variation of this peal may be had thus: call an extra bob at the middle of the eighth course marked \*, omit the last course and twice repeat, omitting the single in last two parts, this gives:—

5 3 4 2 6 M H

2 4 3 5 6 - -

3 2 4 5 6 - -

4 3 2 5 6 - -

Repeat the whole. This latter has two singles only. Both have the twenty-four 6-7s at backstroke.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Central Council of Church Bell-Ringers will be held on Easter Tuesday, April 16th, 1895, at The Wharnccliffe hotel, Sheffield, at one o'clock punctually. Dinner will be provided at 2s. 6d. each immediately after the meeting. Members intending to dine are requested to provide themselves with tickets, to be obtained of the Hon. Secretary, before the meeting.

The Standing Committee will meet at the same place at 11.30 a.m. Members of this Committee are earnestly requested to attend. Arrangements for ringing after dinner at certain towers will be made.

## AGENDA.

- 1.—Election of Hon. Members.
- 2.—To receive Report of Church Congress Committee.
- 3.—To receive any further Report on the progress of the Bibliography.
- 4.—To receive further Report of Committee on Rail Fares.
- 5.—To receive and consider Report of Technical Terms Committee.
- 6.—To consider the following motions :—
  - 1.—That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of veteran ringers in poor circumstances, and, if deemed advisable, to report upon the best means of carrying such a scheme into effect—(postponed from last meeting.)
  - 2.—That owing to the very unsatisfactory manner in which members are now permitted to be elected by the majority of Associations, it is desirable that the election of members for the future be only carried out at some recognised annual, general, district, or committee meeting duly called by such Association.
  - 3.—That the following be added to the definition of a peal on six bells :—"Nevertheless, when a multiplicity of methods, of which no two are the same is rung, peals of Doubles and portions of true 720s, embracing bobs and also singles when the extent requires them, shall be admissible, provided that the 720 changes be first rung in their entirety.
  - 4.—That some mode of admitting proxy voting, under certain circumstances, is desirable; and that a sub-committee be formed to report on this question to the next meeting of Council.
  - 3.—That the present Schedule of points used in ascertaining the respective values of peals rung by the Association, be considered, altered if found necessary, and in future issued by the authority of the Council.

N.B.—The following Societies have not yet (March 25th), paid the subscription of 2s. 6d. per representative for the current year: Sussex County; Hereford Diocesan Guild; United Counties; St. James's; North Lincolnshire.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## AN IDEA FOR A RINGERS' BENEVOLENT FUND.

SIR,—The meeting of the Central Council is in the near future. There is one subject which did not—I venture to submit, with all due respect to the Council as a body—receive that consideration last year it deserves. I refer to a Ringers' Benevolent Fund. Let me not be misunderstood. I do not refer to a Ringers' Benefit Society. In these days of friendly societies, and that which must come probably at no distant date, a combination of the whole into one gigantic body with an old age pension on a sound basis, to attempt to form a ringers' benefit society is out of the question, besides which the working would prove impracticable. What however are, I ask, the obstacles against the formation of a Benevolent Fund, to which members of the Exercise,

when in distress, could appeal for assistance. I do not assume for one moment that the following rough outline of a scheme will be considered approaching perfection. I give it, however, in order to reopen the question, with the hope that it may be well ventilated; and, if possible, some good result come to. The work of the Central Council appears to be chiefly confined to committees. A Ringers' Benevolent Fund must, if established, be worked by a committee. It should be open to all ringers who choose to contribute a uniform annual subscription, say 1s. or whatever sum was fixed. There should be but one class of members, all having equal rights, but the fund should be open to receive donations. The Central Council, as a authorised ringing authority, should form the general committee, from which should be elected the executive. A member in distress should secure the signature of one of his local company, recognised conductor if possible, also either the Vicar's or Rector's, as the case may be, or one of the churchwardens. The application should be sent to the general secretary of the fund. This official should communicate with one member of the general committee (belonging to the same Association as the applicant if possible, and one member of the executive, and upon their approval the grant should be paid. The grant to be paid to depend partly upon the state of the fund and partly upon the nature of the distress, or there could be a fixed grant payable at once, and a second after due inquiries. All grants should be entirely free, but any member desiring to return any portion or the whole should be permitted to do so. Relatives, upon the death of a member, should be paid any sum a member had contributed in contributions upon application within three months after death. An annual report should be submitted by the executive, but names of recipients not published. There are of course a few details that it would be necessary to arrange, but I submit the foregoing is sufficient upon which to build the foundation of a scheme that would prove of advantage to members of the Exercise when in distress.

B. KEEBLE,

Secretary Romford Branch United Patriots.

HENDON BOB.

SIR,—With your permission I will endeavour to answer the letter published in your last issue on the above subject. Mr. Cartwright says he pointed out years ago how the above variation was obtainable from Double Norwich. I have read Mr. Cartwright's letters on Stanstead Bob, published in 1889, but fail to see how or where he pointed to this variation. With regard to Messrs. Trollop and Pitstow's letters I may say that I knew before I published it that it was a mixture of Double Norwich and Oxford Bob, and although it lacks originality it certainly produces as good music as any other plain Major method I know of, unless it is with the one exception of Double Norwich. Therefore I think for this only it deserves a name quite as much as some of the methods that are more original and contain a great deal less music. What induced me to originate it was this: Oftentimes when ringing in a peal of Double Norwich I have noticed what splendid music a bob at 5 produced; therefore I thought with Double Norwich work in front as far as possible, and double dodging the whole of the treble lead behind, a method giving excellent music would be obtained, and to my idea I don't think the variation should be lost sight of altogether.

C. H. MARTIN.

Hendon.

P.S.—In the note last week it should read the bob at home in the second course should be omitted.

## Obituary.

## HENRY MEADOWS.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of the above-named ringer, which occurred at his residence, 69, Picton Road, Wavertree, Liverpool, on Wednesday, March 13th, aged 71 years. The funeral took place on Saturday, March 16th, in the village churchyard, Childwall, and he was followed to the grave by a large number of relatives, friends, and ringers. Muffled peals were rung before and after the funeral. A 720 of Grandsire Minor and the usual whole pull and stand was rung by six of his fellow-ringers from St. Peter's, Liverpool. J. Brown, 1; E. Booth, 2; C. Williams, 3; W. Booth, 4; J. Booth, 5; R. Williams (conductor), 6. Deceased had been a ringer at St. Peter's, Liverpool, for 35 years. On Monday, at the Cathedral, muffled peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, also the usual whole pull and stand by R. Williams, C. Williams, W. R. Williams, J. Brown, T. Hammond, J. Booth, W. Booth, W. Woodhead, J. Egerton, H. Brooks and R. Diggle.

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## Notices.

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**Sussex County Association.—Western.**—A district meeting will be held at Arundel, to-day, Saturday, March 30th. Tower open at 2.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Evensong and address at 6.30. Branch secretaries are requested to send number of those who intend to be present.

J. W. G. LODER-COTHER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Yapton Vicarage, Arundel.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The yearly meeting of this Society will be held at Leeds (twelve bells), to-day, Saturday, March 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, The Crown and Fleece, near the Corn Exchange. Business meeting at 5 p.m. prompt. Balance Sheet, election of officers, etc. All members are urgently requested to attend.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—By kind permission of the Rev. H. G. Bird, the next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, Middlesex, on Saturday, April 6th. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. Every member should endeavour to be present, special business having to be got through.

E. J. WALSOM, *Hon. Sec.*  
11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Hale, on Saturday, April 6th. The bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in schoolroom at 6 o'clock.

ALFRED G. NICHOLSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
30, Upper Stanhope Street, Liverpool.

**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Kelvedon, on Easter Monday. The towers of Coggeshall (8 bells), Feering (6 bells), and Inworth (5 bells), will be open to ringers. Also the fine lately augmented peal of six at Kelvedon will be at liberty. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present should announce the same and the station from which they proceed, not later than the previous Thursday, to me,

HENRY T. W. EYRE.  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham, Essex.

**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Easter Monday. By kind permission of the Rev. F. F. Kelly, the tower will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea (free to annual subscribers), at the Surrey Masonic Hall at 5.30 p.m. Representatives please forward the number of members who intend to be present at tea to the undersigned, not later than the Wednesday previous, Good Friday intervening, this is important. R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec.*

13, Sunnyside Road, Streatham, S.W.

**Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.**—The monthly meeting will be held in the schoolroom (adjoining the church), Heswall, on Saturday next, April 6th. Tea at 6 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3 p.m. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, April 1st, to

F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
Braeside, West Kirby.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The usual monthly meeting of the above will be held at Kids Grove, on Saturday next, April 6th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Mason, 8, Cooper street, Kids Grove, not later than Wednesday, April 3rd. REV. J. W. ALSTON, *Hon. Secs.*

W. TWIGG,

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 15th, when the following towers will be open for ringing from 10 a.m.; All Saints (10 bells), St. Alkmund's, St. Andrew's, St. Luke's, and St. Werburgh's (8 bells). Committee meeting at 3.30 p.m. Tea, followed by general meeting at 4 p.m., both in the Temperance Hall, close to St. Werburgh's. Members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, and send their names to Mr. C. Draper, Grange Terrace, Grange street, Derby, not later than Thursday, April 11th, will be charged 6d. each for tea, others 1s. each as usual. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The annual meeting of this Association will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, April 15th, at 2 o'clock prompt. Full particulars next week.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Herts. Association.**—Annual meeting at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Further particulars next week.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday. Belfry open at 9 a.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each), in schoolroom at 5.15, business meeting at 6.0. Members earnestly invited to attend the service.

North Wingfield. T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*

**Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgend on Monday, April 15th, at 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4 p.m. Knife and fork tea will be provided by the kindness of the Bridgend ringers. All members intending to be present must signify the same before Monday, April 8th, to me, Llandaff. W. A. DOWNING, *Hon. Sec.*

## 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 QUARTER-PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES.

By J. BEAMS, *East Grinstead, Sussex.*

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2 3 4 5 6 7

4 6 5 3 2 7 3

3 7 6 2 4 5 1

5 7 6 2 3 4 5

3 2 4 6 5 7 2

2 4 5 7 3 6 4

5 3 7 4 2 6 3

Four times repeated.

**A CORRECTION.**—The footnote to Mr. H. N. Davis' composition of Bob Major, published last week, should be:—First rung as a 5040, the singles being called in the first and fourth parts, not first and third.

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

NOTE.—The advertisements of Ringers wanting situations will appear four consecutive insertions free. Those advertising must watch this column week by week, as the reception of all letters addressed care of Editor, will be notified therein. This privilege is only for bona fide ringers, whether subscribers to this paper or otherwise. To ensure publicity in the current number, advertisements ought to reach the office by Tuesday morning.

**SITUATION** wanted as Carpenter and Joiner. Wages moderate. Near London preferred. Change-ringing member of Winchester Diocesan Guild. G. Reading, Little Field Road, Alton, Hants.

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**CHANGE-RINGER** seeks situation as assistant in Flour Mill or Corn Store. Single. Age 25. Apply, H. S., care of Editor.

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**A YOUNG** man seeks situation as assistant in the Corn and Seed Business. Good reference. Practical change-ringer. Apply, R. W. J. Gollop, 11, St. Martin's Church Street, Salisbury.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1895.

A copy of the Agenda for the next meeting of the Central Council will be found in another column. The list of subjects for discussion, if not so numerous as before, are as interesting, and it may well be imagined that the Council's deliberations this year at the northern hardware capital will prove of advantage to the Exercise. It certainly ought to benefit greatly through the establishment of the Council, and would do so much more than it has if ringers were found to interest themselves, not only in the Council's actual work and operations, but in matters of import beyond the walls of the belfry in which they hold their periodical meetings. The apathy of ringers is felt by the Council. The responsible officials, if they will excuse the definition, find that their work is not appreciated by the Exercise at large as it should be. One special and important feature of the governing body of the Council is to circulate literature, both for the instruction and satisfaction of ringers. Such publications are not produced without a deal of labour, and the cost of their production is no light matter. Yet the frequent appearance of a small advertisement at the foot of our news columns denotes that the issue of the Central Council "Report on Calls and Collection of Peals" last year, is not yet exhausted, though with reason it could have been assumed that such a publication would have run into a second or third edition before this. We think, with all deference, that a strict sense of duty, and loyalty to the Council ought to pervade the whole ringing body so that no instance of want of appreciation of its work should be existent. With respect to this particular report it will be

no breach of confidence to say that an Appendix to it is in course of preparation, containing an immense number of compositions by our most talented authors. We doubt if such a number of compositions as this Appendix will contain was ever before published, and it is hoped the gratuitous efforts of gentlemen to instruct and interest their brethren in the art of composition will be appreciated, and that this, and in fact all other publications emanating from the Central Council, may be met with a satisfactory and courteous reception.

The proposal to establish a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of veteran ringers in poor circumstances is practically a remanet from the last meeting of the Council. In connection with this subject, Mr. B. KEEBLE, of Romford, has a letter in this issue. Such an institution, if it can be established, may attract the attention of many ringers who have not yet been able to see the value of the Council's operations, and for this reason alone, the question is worthy of thought. Many an old veteran of the Exercise is of opinion that a benevolent fund of some kind is the *raison d'être* of the Council, and therefore if something can be set afoot in this direction, it may possibly yield good results.

The troubles which hang about the word "peal," so far as Minor methods are concerned, is to be attacked by another resolution. But it is exceedingly doubtful whether any decision upon this question will ever be satisfactory to all. Of other questions, voting by proxy and Mr. ATTREE'S "schedule of points" are to be dealt with; and altogether the business before the Council at the next meeting seems to promise interesting results.

#### PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL AND THE GALE.

The Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough has sent the following appeal to the newspapers:

SIR,—The west front of Peterborough Cathedral is so well known for its beauty and unique character, that its condition can hardly fail to be a matter of widespread interest throughout the country. Many of your readers will no doubt regret to learn that it suffered very severely during the storm of Sunday last. Four of the pinnacles have been injured or destroyed, and it is feared that many other parts of the facade have been seriously shaken. The full extent of the damage cannot be ascertained until our architect, Mr. J. L. Pearson, R.A., has made his examination, but from a preliminary inspection which has been made by Mr. Thompson, our builder, it is manifest that a considerable expenditure is immediately necessary to secure the safety of the west front. The gables of the north and south transepts and part of the Eastern Chapel have been for some time pronounced by Mr. Pearson to be in an unsafe condition, and I have been endeavouring to raise the sum necessary for their repair. The large amount which has during the last twelve years been spent on the work of restoration makes the raising of this additional amount a matter of some difficulty, but this last calamity which has befallen us will, I trust, be considered by many to justify my making an appeal for help beyond the limits of the diocese—the preservation of the west front being a matter of far more than local interest.—Your faithful servant,

WM. CLAVELL INGRAM, Dean of Peterborough.

Precincts, Peterborough, March 27.

NORWICH.—On Monday, March 4th, at the church of St. Andrew, on the back eight, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. A. W. Brighton (conductor), 1; G. P. Burton, 2; J. A. Trollop, 3; W. Freeman, 4; G. Howchia, 5; C. E. Borrett, 6; F. G. Howchin, 7; E. Freeman, 8. Tenor 18 cwt.

#### The Metropolis.

##### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, March 20, 1895, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, ISLINGTON,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. Treble.	HENRY STUBBS .. .. 5.
GEORGE SMITH† .. .. 2.	NEWLAND ALDERMAN .. .. 6.
RICHARD BEVAN† .. .. 3.	JAMES HANNINGTON .. .. 7.
THOMAS TITCHENER .. .. 4.	*HENRY ELLIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HANNINGTON.

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

#### The Provinces.

##### HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.

##### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

On Tuesday, March 19, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 5.

Tenor 10 cwt.

H. STEFF .. .. Treble.	R. WALLWORK .. .. 5.
J. H. BANKS .. .. 2.	J. BANKS .. .. 6.
T. P. BRANDWOOD .. .. 3.	T. WALLWORK .. .. 7.
G. LAW .. .. 4.	J. ENTWISTLE .. .. Tenor.

(No Conductor mentioned.)

##### BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

On Wednesday, March 20, 1895, in Two Hours Fifty-eight and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

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

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT J. HUGHES .. .. Treble.	FRED WALLIS .. .. 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. .. 2.	MORRIS J. MORRIS .. .. 6.
PHILIP W. DAVIES .. .. 3.	JOSEPH GAYTON .. .. 7.
SAMUEL TAYLOR .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CRANE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

First peal by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 7th, and 8th bells. This is the first peal rung in the diocese of Bangor.

##### DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 21, 1895, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs.

STEPHEN MARTIN* .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
WILLIAM RUFFLES .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN MARVEN, of Copdock, Suffolk, and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal on eight bells and first attempt. W. Ruffles belongs to Debenham; S. W. Martin hails from Monewden, the rest from Creetingham. This peal has not been rung for over seventy years, and is taken from *Shipway*, part iii. page 36.

##### TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 23, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SAMUEL BOWCUTT .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE JAMES .. .. 5.
ADAM HICKMAN HILL .. .. 2.	EDWARD GOODREDS .. .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 3.	JAMES HALL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BYWATER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ADAM HICKMAN HILL.

\*First peal. The ringers of the 3rd and 7th hail from West Bromwich; the rest belong to the local band. This is James Hall's 50th peal.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1895, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE CATERS,  
5004 CHANGES. Tenor 24 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.

ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE DAVIES .. .. 6.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 2.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 7.
GEORGE TOPLIS .. .. 3.	JOHN W. THOMPSON .. 8.
WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN .. 4.	JOHN GOODWIN .. .. 9.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 5.	GEORGE MEE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This peal contains the 6th the extent behind the 9th and the 5th thirteen times in that position, and is the first peal of Caters ever rung in the method. It was rung to commemorate the birthday of W. E. Tydeman, the band wishing him many happy returns of the day. Messrs. Craven and Worthington belong to Staveley; A. E. and J. W. Thompson to Derby.

## WORTLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1895, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.  
Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

WILLIAM DRONFIELD* .. Treble.	*EDWARD DRONFIELD .. 5.
THOMAS MCKEGG* .. .. 2.	*JOHN DRONFIELD .. .. 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS* .. .. 3.	JAMES SHAW .. .. 7.
ARTHUR SAXBY* .. .. 4.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

\*First peal. Messrs. Shaw and Brearley hail from Bolsterstone, the rest belong to the local company. This composition has the 6th twenty-two times each way in 5-6.

## BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

On Saturday, March 23, 1895, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. Treble.	NOAH TOWNEND .. .. 5.
RICHARD ASHWORTH .. 2.	DAVID HEYS .. .. 6.
HENRY HAYES† .. .. 3.	*JOHN ROWE WERRING .. 7.
HARTLEY HEYWORTH .. 4.	TOM REDMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. H. Hayes hails from Church, the rest belong to the local company.

## FAREHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

ALFRED E. MACEY .. .. Treble.	CHARLES H. CHOOET .. 5.
GEORGE PASSINGHAM .. 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 6.
GEORGE GRAHAM .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. 7.
JOHN HARPER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAYNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

## LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM HEXTER .. .. Treble.	FRANK BRADLEY .. .. 5.
WALTER R. HEXTER .. 2.	HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 6.
ALBERT H. WARD* .. .. 3.	JOSEPH BAILEY .. .. 7.
JAMES HUTCHBY* .. .. 4.	JAMES E. HEXTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

\*First peal in the method, and first peal as conductor. Messrs. Ward and Bradley hail from Derby; Wilde from Duffield; Hutchby from Beeston; the rest belong to the local company. Great credit is due to A. H. Ward for conducting this peal, as he had no idea of calling a peal when he got to the tower, as it was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Bob Major.

## ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

On Monday, March 25, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 6. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE .. Treble.	*JOHN BAGULEY .. .. 5.
JOSEPH IRELAND .. .. 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 7.
JAMES BARRATT .. .. 4.	THOMAS RUSHTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

\*First peal of Stedman. T. Rushton hails from Pendlebury; J. Barratt belongs to Eccles; the rest to Worsley.

## SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 26, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

H. RAISTRICK .. .. Treble.	F. LONDON .. .. 5.
G. TITTERINGTON .. .. 2.	J. BROADLEY .. .. 6.
S. H. LONDON .. .. 3.	W. E. LONDON .. .. 7.
T. B. KENDALL .. .. 4.	G. A. O. NETTLETON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP and Conducted by F. LONDON.

Messrs. Broadley, Raistrick, and Titterington belong to Bradford; S. H. London to Salford; and the rest belong to the local company. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. Nichols (late choir master), and the late Mr. J. Wood.

## Date Touches.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BECCLES (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, February 26th, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 26 mins. T. Holmes, 1; H. Ling, 2; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 3; W. Webb, 4; H. Hopson, 5; A. Spalding, 6; W. Spalding, 7; R. Freestone, 8. Composed by E. Houlden, of Heckington.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

SHIREOAKS (Notts).—On Thursday, February 28th, at St. Luke's church, a date touch, 1895 changes, in the following methods: 455 Oxford, 720 Violet, and 720 Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; D. Russon, 2; J. Fitzjohn, 3; B. Hall, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. W. Gozney, engineer to the Shireoaks collieries for twenty-two years, and also a member of the church choir for a number of years.

CHICHESTER (Sussex).—On Tuesday, February 12th, at the Cathedral, a date touch of 1895 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 13 mins. D. H. Falconer, 1; G. T. Farley, 2; G. Attfield, 3; F. B. Tompkins, 4; D. Falconer, 5; J. H. Blake, 6; R. Walter (conductor), 7; C. L. Cheeseman, 8. Composed by F. S. W. Butler, of Gainsborough, and was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of January 26th.

DRIFHLINGTON (Yorks).—Recently for evening service at the parish church, a date touch, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 13 mins., in the following methods: 335 Kent, 360 Violet, 363 Duke of York, 360 New London, 240 Plain Bob, and 240 Oxford. J. Thornton, 1; H. S. Clapham, 2; G. H. Wilson, 3; D. Newton, 4; L. Snowdon, 5; K. Thornton, 6.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WENHASTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, February 10th, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Bacon (Peasenhall), 1; J. Larter (conductor), 2; C. Scrutton (Sibton), 3; F. Rodwell (Peasenhall), 4; W. Nichols (Peasenhall), 5; J. Punched (Bramfield), 6. Also 360 Plain Bob and 360 Oxford Treble Bob. C. List, 1; A. Miles, 2; G. Easthaugh, 3; J. Youngs, 4; J. Larter (conductor), 5; J. Punched, 6.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, February 17th, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. S. Kerrison, 1; F. Lambert (conductor), 2; R. Howard, 3; J. Howard, 4; C. Kerrison, 5; J. Punched, 6. Hand-

**bell Ringing.**—A 360 of Bob Minor. Mrs. F. Lambert, 1; A. Miles, 2; J. Larter (conductor), 3-4; F. Lambert, 5-6. And 360 Grandsire Doubles. A. Took, 1; A. Lee, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3-4; Mrs. F. Lambert, 5-6. Also four courses of Grandsire Minor. Mrs. F. Lambert, 1-2; J. Larter, 3-4; F. Lambert, 5-6. On Sunday, February 24th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. C. Scrutton, 1; F. Lambert, 2; W. Nichols, 3; E. Easter, 4; J. Howard, 5; J. Larter (conductor), 6.

**BUNGAY (Norfolk).**—On Monday, February 25th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made for Vicars' peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing 45 mins. Time not permitting to start again, a quarter-peal was rung in 50 mins. E. Lincoln, 1; D. Betts, 2; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 3; E. F. Poppy, 4; H. Ling, 5; A. Spalding, 6; W. Felgate, 7; G. Alexander, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. Composed by A. J. Perkins, of Romford. Messrs. Betts and Poppy hail from St. Cross; Ling and Spalding from Beccles; Brighton from Norwich; the rest are local men.

**LEISTON (Suffolk).**—On Saturday, February 16th, at the parish church, 784 Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. J. Lincoln, 3; H. Button, 4; C. Whiting, 5; T. Bell, 6; J. M. Button, 7; S. Wolfe (conductor), 8. On Saturday, February 23rd, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Cooper, 1; W. Taylor, 2; F. Cooper, 3; W. J. Button, 4; J. M. Button, 5; \*T. Bell, 6; A. J. Lincoln, 7; †S. Wolfe (conductor), 8. \*Longest length of Treble Bob. †Longest length of Treble Bob as conductor.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**ASHFORD (Kent).**—On Tuesday, February 12th, for practice at the parish church, 238 Grandsire Triples. T. Swaffer, 1; T. Tabrett, 3; H. N. Horton, 3; E. Dyson, 4; C. Viggers, 5; G. Head, 6; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 7; W. Ansell, 8. On Sunday, February 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 26 mins., with 6-8 behind. F. Phillpott, 1; E. Dyson, 2; H. N. Horton, 3; G. Head, 4; T. Tabrett, 5; J. Steddy, 6; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 7; A. Collins, 8. On Tuesday, February 26th, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. F. Chapman, 1; G. Head, 2; H. N. Horton, 3; E. Dyson, 4; C. Viggers, 5; T. Tabrett, 6; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 7; W. Ansell, 8. And a 6-score of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, with the 6th and 8th covering. F. Chapman, 1; E. Dyson, 2; H. N. Horton, 3; G. Head, 4; T. Tabrett, 5; W. Ansell, 6; A. J. Dyson, 7; A. Collins, 8.

**AYLESFORD (Kent).**—On Sunday, March 3rd, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Grice, 1; J. Humphrey, 2; W. Wilson, 3; J. Wood, 4; T. May, 5; A. Tucker, 6; W. French (conductor), 7; W. Harris, 8.

**TOWN MALLING (Kent).**—Recently at the district meeting, among other touches 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Grice, 1; W. J. Collison, 2; T. May, 3; W. Harden, 4; J. Wood, 5; E. Perrin, 6; W. French (conductor), 7; A. Tucker, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Capon, 1; W. French (conductor), 2; —, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Harding, 5; J. Wood, 6; A. Tucker, 7; B. Hall, 8.

**HERNHILL (Kent).**—On Thursday, February 21st, at the church of St. Michael, 504 Plain Bob Triples. A. Smith, 1; A. Castle (first 504), 2; R. Staines, 3; R. Castle, 4; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 5; W. Foreman, 6; H. Foreman, 7; T. Philpott, 8. Also 252 Bob Triples, with H. Foreman, 4; R. Castle (conductor), 7; the rest as before. Messrs. Smith, Castle (2), and W. Foreman hail from Boughton Blean, the rest belong to the local band.

**BOUGHTON BLEAN (Kent).**—On Sunday, February 24th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, after afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering. A. Smith, 1; H. Foreman, 2; J. Chambers, 3; R. Staines, 4; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 5; W. Foreman, 6; A. Castle (first 720), 8.

**RODMERSHAM (Kent).**—On Sunday evening, March 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). E. Perless, 1; \*G. Coast, 2; S. Beach, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; J. G. Grensted, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. \*First 720 with a bob bell.

**SWANSCOMBE (Kent).**—On Sunday, January 20th, 720 Superlative Surprise. W. Clifford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Harper, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 18th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; W. Martin, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 24th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Roots, 1; H. Milhams, 2; L. Digweed, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 3rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; J. Brown, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

**PENGE (Surrey).**—On Sunday, March 3rd, for service, 260 Bob Minor. G. Conn, 1; E. Edwards, 2; H. Edwards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; W. J. Battson (conductor), 5; G. Wickens, 6. A 720 of Bob

Minor (nine bobs and six singles), for the children's service. G. Conn, 1; G. Durling, 2; H. Edwards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; W. J. Battson, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6. G. Durling hails from Bromley; the rest belong to the local band.

**ELHAM (Kent).**—On Monday, February 18th, 120 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. A. Castle, 1; A. Beer, 3; E. Potter, 4; E. Bush (conductor), 5; J. Andrews, 6; S. Binfield, 7; E. Smith, 8. And a touch of Grandsire Minor, conducted by S. Binfield. Also 672 Bob Major. E. Smith, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Beer, 3; E. Potter (conductor), 4; C. Richards, 5; J. Andrews, 6; S. Binfield, 7; A. Castle, 8. And 252 Bob Triples. G. Shepherd, 1; the rest as before; conducted by E. Potter.

**LYMINGE (Kent).**—On Saturday, February 16th, 720 Bob Minor (twelve singles and twenty-one bobs). J. Prebble, 1; E. Cheeseman, 2; A. Tanton, 3; J. Andrews, 4; W. Fordred, 5; A. Castle (conductor), 6. And 120—A. Tanton (conductor). On Saturday, February 23rd, 360 Bob Minor. J. Prebble, 1; E. Cheeseman, 2; E. Bush, 3; G. Bush, 4; A. Castle, 5; J. Andrews (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). E. Laker, 1; E. Cheeseman, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Andrews, 4; W. Fordred, 5; A. Castle (conductor), 6.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service at St. Edward's church, Brooks' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; W. Pye, 2; F. A. Nunn, 3; W. Watson, 4; E. Pye, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; H. P. Vyse, 8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).**—On Wednesday, February 27th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; W. Ingham, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; J. Nowell, 6. On Sunday morning, March 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. For afternoon service 360 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; W. Ingham, 5; J. Robertshaw, 6. On Sunday evening, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (twenty-one bobs). T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; W. Ingham, 5; J. Robertshaw, 6. This 720 was rung in honour of the birth of a son to the Rev. H. Wild, curate of Heptonstall.

**BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).**—On Sunday evening, March 10th, for Divine Service at St. James' church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 44 mins. J. Joyce, 1; A. Benson, 2; A. Gill, 3; H. Good, 4; B. T. Copley (conductor), 5; W. Titterton, 6; S. Palfaman, 7; W. Joyce, 8.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

**LONDON.**—On Saturday, February 23rd, at St. James' church, Clerkenwell, a peal of London Surprise Major was attempted, but after ringing 3 hrs. 1 min., the conductor called "stand." B. Foskett, 1; H. Dains, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Hannington, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; A. Pittam, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8. This is the longest length in the method by all except H. Dains.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**ANSTON (Yorks).**—On Friday night, February 27th, at the church of James, for practice, 720 City Delight. J. Foulds, 1; R. Smith, 2; H. Stenton, 3; J. Marshall, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except conductor. On Sunday morning, February 24th, for service, 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob, standing as before. First in the method by all except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt. And 240 College Pleasure. On Monday night, February 25th, for practice, 240 each of New London Pleasure and Violet, and a 6-score of College Pleasure. On Ash Wednesday, for service, 720 Violet. R. Smith, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; J. Marshall, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**READING.**—On Sunday, February 24th, for Divine Service at St. Laurence's church, 576 Grandsire Caters. R. Sawyer, 1; C. Giles, 2; H. G. Foxell, 3; H. Tucker, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; T. Hibbert (conductor), 6; W. Goseline, 7; F. Watmore, 8; W. Newell, 9; —, Finn, 10. On Monday, February 25th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. G. Foxell, 1; \*H. Tucker, 2; \*C. Giles, 3; F. Watmore, 4; \*F. Hopgood, 5; \*T. Hibbert (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob on the bells; \*first 720 of Treble Bob Minor. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. G. Foxell, 1; C. Giles, 2; J. W. Tarrant, 3; H. Tucker, 4; A. E. Reeves, 5; F. Watmore, 6; F. Hopgood, 7;

T. Hibbert (conductor), 8. Also a 588 of Stedman Triples, composed by J. Carter. C. Giles, 1; H. G. Foxell, 2; J. W. Tarrant, 3; H. Tucker, 4; T. Hibbert, 5; F. Watmore, 6; F. Hopgood (conductor), 7; C. Cox, 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

EAST HAGBOURNE (Berks.)—On Sunday, December 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Windus, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Butler, 3; A. Boseley, 4; D. Napper, 5; E. E. Napper, 6; J. Sawyer (conductor), 7; J. Hitchman, 8. On Monday, December 24th, at midnight, 1246 Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. E. Windus, 1; T. East (conductor), 2; E. Butler, 3; H. Mills, 4; J. Saveg, 5; D. Napper, 6; J. Sawyer, 7; J. Hitchman, 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Saturday, February 23rd, at St. Hilda's church, 756 Stedman Triples. W. Holmes, 1; R. Alcock, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; J. W. Passman, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; E. Harrison, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; A. Mellanby, 8. Also on handbells a course each of Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, and Grandsire Major. On Sunday morning, February 24th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. W. Holmes, 1; R. Fenwick, 2; J. W. Jones, 3; R. Alcock, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. W. Passman, 6; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 7; A. Mellanby, 8. In the afternoon an attempt was made for a 5040 in the same method, but was lost through a change-course afterward ringing over an hour. Messrs. Holmes and Harrison hail from Newcastle-on-Tyne.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, March 9th, at the church of St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, a touch of 2485 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 1 hr. 30 mins. J. Scholes, 1; H. Springall (conductor), 2; E. Wallage, 3; S. Hayes, 4; Y. Green, 5; S. Joyce, 6; E. Hall, 7; C. Kennedy, 8.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Monday, December 24th, at St. Thomas' church, 504 Bob Triples. R. James, 1; A. Orford, 2; A. Chapman, 3; J. B. Pearson, 4; H. Brettell, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6; W. A. Pugh, 7; W. W. Dykes, 8. On Christmas morning, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. W. W. Dykes, 1; J. B. Pearson, 2; A. Chapman, 3; W. A. Pugh, 4; H. Brettell, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, January 6th, 360 Bob Minor. Also on Wednesday, January 9th, 720 Plain Bob. T. Wakeman, 1; H. Brettell, 2; A. Chapman, 3; J. B. Pearson, 4; J. Pagett (conductor), 5; G. H. Pagett, 6; R. James (cover), 7. On Sunday morning, February 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob with the tenor covering. W. Dyke, 1; H. Brettell, 2; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 3; H. Davis, 4; J. B. Pearson, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6; R. James (cover), 7. On Wednesday, February 20th, 504 Bob Triples. G. H. Pagett, 1; A. Chapman, 2; H. Brettell, 3; R. James, 4; H. Davis, 5; J. B. Pearson, 6; H. Harris (conductor), 7; W. W. Dykes, 8. And on Sunday morning, February 24th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 45 mins. G. H. Pagett, 1; A. Chapman, 2; H. Brettell, 3; R. James, 4; H. Davis, 5; J. B. Pearson, 6; H. Harris (composer and conductor), 7; W. W. Dyke, 8. Messrs. Pagett and Wakeman hail from Kidderminster; Hartshorne from Crewe; the rest are members of the local company.

ARDLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday, March 3rd, for evening service at St. Mary's church, 672 Bob Major. F. Fenn, 1; G. M. Rashbrook (conductor), 2; E. Abbot, 3; W. Fenn, 4; A. Youngs, 5; A. Fenn, 6; W. Burch, 7; F. Clements, 8.

BANGOR (North Wales).—On Tuesday, February 26th, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and several courses of Grandsire Minor. Also on handbells 420 Grandsire Triples. R. J. Hughes, 1; Rev. T. L. Jones, 2; W. Crane, 3; P. W. Davis (conductor), 4; M. J. Morris, 5-6; J. Gayton, 7-8.

BENNINGTON (Herts.).—On Tuesday, February 26th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. S. Page (conductor), 1; J. Kitchener, 2; J. Warner, 3; H. Warner, 4; John Kitchener, 5; L. Chapman, 6; C. Sharnbrook, 7; W. Lawrence, 8. And three courses of Double Norwich Court. W. Lawrence, 1; J. Kitchener, 2; J. Warner, 3; H. Warner, 4; John Kitchener, 5; L. Chapman, 6; C. Sharnbrook, 7; S. Page (conductor), 8.

BILLINGSHURST (Sussex).—On Friday, February 22nd, 720 Woodbine. P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; H. Meetens, 3; A. Feast, 4; M. Ireland, 5; W. Wadey (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and by five of the band. On Monday, February 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before. First 720 in the method by H. Meetens.

BLOFIELD (Norfolk).—On Saturday, March 9th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Stanley (first 720 on tower bells), 1; R. Ward, sen., 2; R. Smith, 3; W. Blyth, 4; R. Ward, jun., 5; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt. And the same evening, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs eighteen singles). P. C. Arks, 1; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 2; H. Trett, 3; G. Osborne, 4; R. Ward, jun., 5; F. Sterling, 6. Messrs. Stanley, Artis, Smith, Blyth, and Brighton hail from Norwich, the rest are local men.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, March 10th, at St. Stephen's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins. C. Millard (first quarter-peal in the method), 1; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 2; H. Pring, 3; A. Bawn, 4; G. H. Colston, 5; J. York, 6; F. Price, 7; W. Colston, 8.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Monday, February 11th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Workman, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shilcock, 3; W. Huxley, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 14th, in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. Day, three courses of Bob Minor. A Short, 1; T. Barber, 2; W. Shilcock, 3; W. Huxley, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Huxley, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shilcock, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 24th, for Divine Service in the evening, three courses of Bob Minor. C. Boughton, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shilcock, 3; W. Huxley, 4; T. Barber, 5; W. H. Barber (conductor), 6.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Monday, February 4th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor. G. M. Rashbrook, 1; G. Burch, 2; R. W. Stannard, 3; F. Bumpstead, 4; W. E. Green, 5; W. Burch, 6. On Monday, February 11th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Scott, 1; \*F. Rider, 2; R. W. Stannard, 3; F. Bumpstead, 4; G. M. Rashbrook, 5; H. Mills, 6. On Monday, February 18th, 360 Bob Minor. \*W. Harvey, 1; G. Burch, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; H. Mills, 5; W. Burch, 6. On Sunday, February 24th, at the residence of Mr. Bumpstead, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor, in 19 mins. T. Rose (first 720), 1; F. Bumpstead, 2; G. M. Rashbrook (conductor), 3-4; J. Kittle, 5-6. \*First touch for eight years.

CRETINGHAM (Suffolk).—Recently, 720 Bob Minor. W. Wightman, 1; G. Wightman (conductor), 2; S. Wightman, jun., 3-4; E. Wightman, 5-6. On Friday, February 8th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Wightman, 1; S. Wightman, jun., 2; G. Wightman, 3-4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5-6. On Saturday, February 23rd, 720 in the same method. J. Durrant, 1-2; G. Wightman, 3-4; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 5-6. On Saturday, March 9th, 504 Bob Triples, in 15 mins. A. S. Wightman, 1-2; S. Wightman, 3-4; G. Wightman, 5-6; E. Wightman (conductor), 7-8.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Wednesday, February 27th, at St. Saviour's church, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Ware, 1; E. Willoughby, 2; A. Midmore, 3; W. Lawrence (conductor), 4; J. Hunnisett, 5; J. Sharp, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; T. Deadman, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

FROOME (Somerset).—On Saturday, February 23rd, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Fricker, 1; W. Bishop, 2; C. Summers, 3; H. Scammell, 4; F. Rebbeck, 5; H. Nutley, 6; J. Rebbeck (conductor), 7; A. Langford and H. Gaisford, 8. Tenor 36 cwt. The above is the first quarter-peal ever rung on the bells by a local company, all of whom are members of the St. John's Society. The time occupied was 52 mins. On Saturday, February 16th, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal, but failed after 1078 changes had been rung. F. Bishop, 1; W. Bishop, 2; C. Summers, 3; H. Scammell, 4; E. Fricker, 5; H. Nutley, 6; J. Rebbeck (conductor), 7; A. Langford and F. Rendall, 8. On Tuesday, February 19th, 210 and 420 in the same method. F. McCaffery, 1; F. Bishop, 2; C. Summers, 3; H. Scammell, 4; E. Fricker, 5; H. Nutley, 6; F. Rebbeck (conductor), 7; A. Langford and H. King, 8. And 112. J. Rebbeck, 1; F. McCaffery, 2; F. Bishop, 4; the others as before.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, February 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Foreman, 1; I. G. Shade, 2; A. Pheasant, 3; H. Hoskin, 4; W. Berry, 5; E. E. Richards, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; T. Gwynne, 8. \*First quarter-peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of Mrs. F. W. Thornton, all the above wishing her many happy returns.

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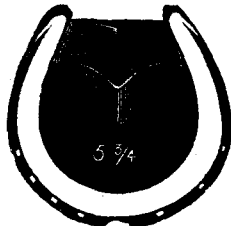
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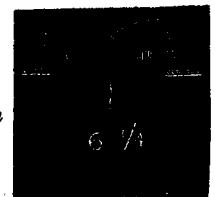
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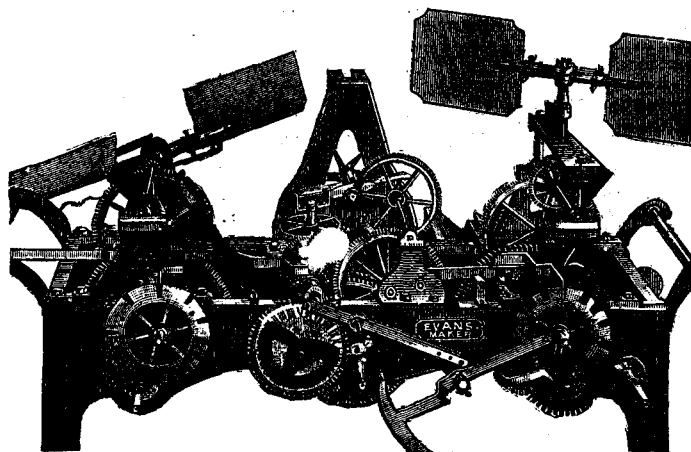
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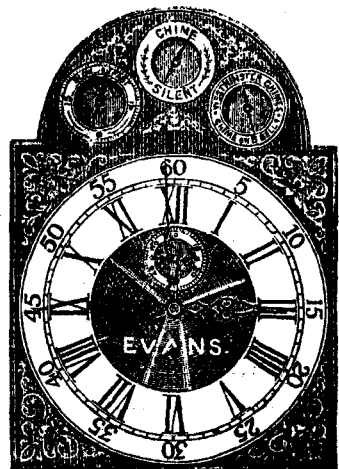
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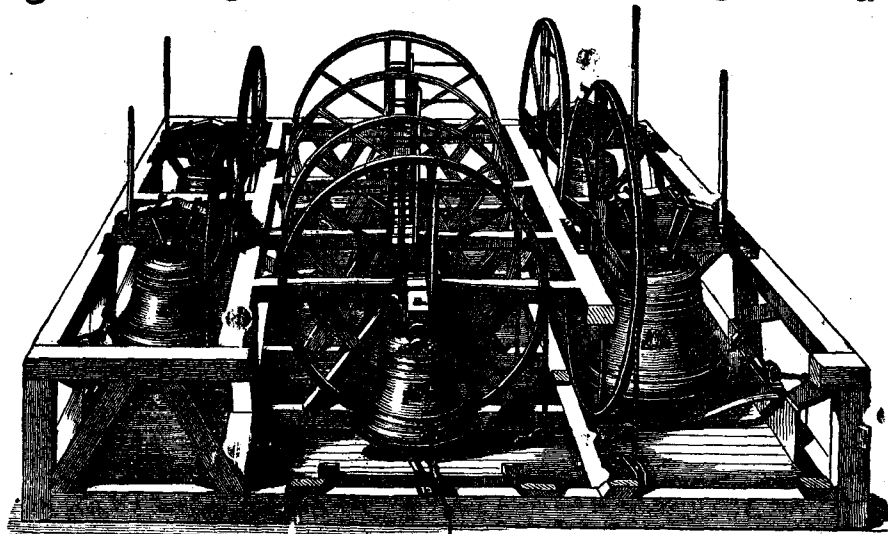
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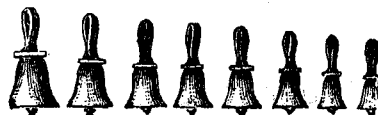
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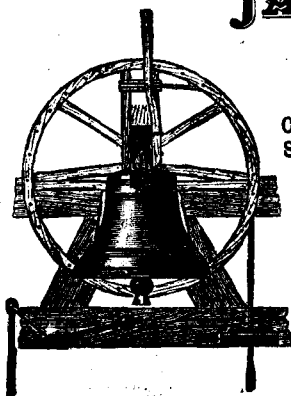
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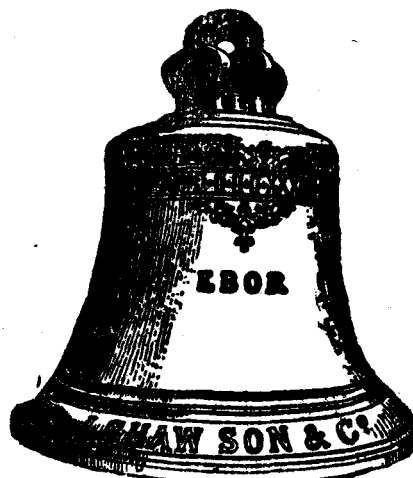
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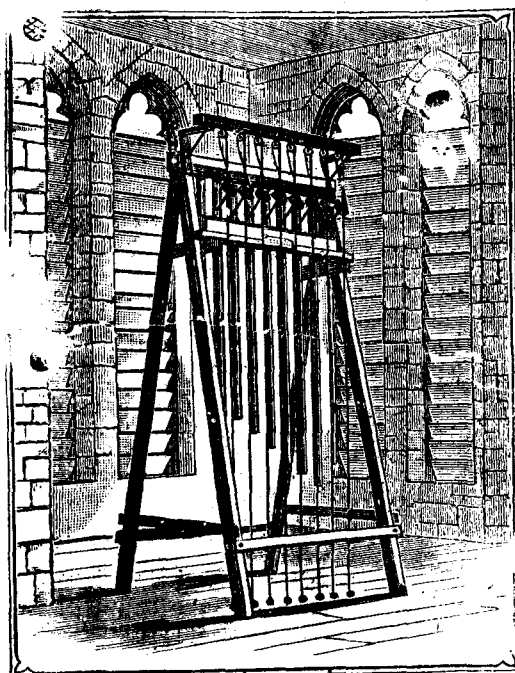
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Central Council of Church Bell-Ringers will be held on Easter Tuesday, April 16th, 1895, at The Wharnccliffe hotel, Sheffield, at one o'clock punctually. Dinner will be provided at 2s. 6d. each immediately after the meeting. Members intending to dine are requested to provide themselves with tickets, to be obtained of the Hon. Secretary, before the meeting.

The Standing Committee will meet at the same place at 11.30 a.m. Members of this Committee are earnestly requested to attend. Arrangements for ringing after dinner at certain towers will be made.

## AGENDA.

- 1.—Election of Hon. Members.
- 2.—To receive Report of Church Congress Committee.
- 3.—To receive any further Report on the progress of the Bibliography.
- 4.—To receive further Report of Committee on Rail Fares.
- 5.—To receive and consider Report of Technical Terms Committee.

- 6.—To consider the following motions:—

- 1.—That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of veteran ringers in poor circumstances, and, if deemed advisable, to report upon the best means of carrying such a scheme into effect—(postponed from last meeting.)

- 2.—That owing to the very unsatisfactory manner in which members are now permitted to be elected by the majority of Associations, it is desirable that the election of members for the future be only carried out at some recognised annual, general, district, or committee meeting duly called by such Association.

- 3.—That the following be added to the definition of a peal on six bells:—"Nevertheless, when a multiplicity of methods, of which no two are the same is rung, peals of Doubles and portions of true 720s, embracing bobs and also singles when the extent requires them, shall be admissible, provided that the 720 changes be first rung in their entirety.

- 4.—That some mode of admitting proxy voting, under certain circumstances, is desirable; and that a sub-committee be formed to report on this question to the next meeting of Council.

- 3.—That the present Schedule of points used in ascertaining the respective values of peals rung by the Association, be considered, altered if found necessary, and in future issued by the authority of the Council.

N.B.—The following Societies have not yet (April 3rd), paid the subscription of 2s. 6d. per representative for the current year: Hereford Diocesan Guild; United Counties; St. James's.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DISTRICT.—A district meeting was held at Arundel on Saturday, March 30th. The following towers were represented: Angmering, Arundel, Brighton, Chichester, Goring, Midhurst, Steyning, and West Tarring. Various touches in the afternoon and in the evening were indulged in, and some good striking took place. The Vicar of Arundel, the Rev. J. E. G. Farmer, presided at the tea and meeting, when three honorary and seventeen active members were elected. After tea a special service was held, at which the Rev. R. F. Tompkins preached an appropriate sermon.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.—We hear that twelve members of this society contemplate making an attempt to ring a 10,000 of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Easter Monday. We hope to make a definite announcement in our next issue.

## KETTERING (NORTHANTS).

All Ketteringites—whether they be conformists, Nonconformists, or incomeformists—are justly proud of their Parish Church and its famous peal of bells. In years gone by the church was noted for a very pretty set of chimes, and there are still many living who well remember hearing the bells ring out the familiar strains of

Joe Timms, Joe Timms, come lend me your limbs,  
I'll lend you mine to-morrow.

The old chimes have now been silent for many a long year, and the chiming apparatus was taken out when the church was restored, but I am pleased to learn that now the church has been entirely freed from debt an effort is to be made to provide it with a first class set of chimes. That others beside Church people are interested in this is shown by the fact that Mr. Chas. Pollard leads off the list of promised donations with £10, and no difficulty, I am sure, will be experienced in getting all that is required.

The old chimes were put in the Tower in the year 1733 by Thomas Eayre the noted clock maker and bell founder. The clock was made by the same person 1756. D.

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Monday, March 25th, the bells at this church were reopened after being rehung. At twelve o'clock there was a service of dedication of the new treble. About eighty ringers came from places round, from Bury St. Edmunds, Lavenham, Ely, Newmarket, Strettham, Littleport, Ixworth, Preston, Hesselth, Drinkstone, Bradfield St. George, Thurston, Pakenham, Great Barton, Rattlesden, and Buxhall. Three 720s were rung in the course of the day, the first on the bells being 720 of Plain Bob Minor by the St. James', Bury St. Edmunds company of ringers. R. Wilding, 1; A. Osborne, 2; G. Debenham (conductor), 3; W. Salisbury, 4; R. Moore, 5; H. Turner, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Symonds, sen., 1; A. Osborne, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; G. Debenham, 4; F. Day (conductor), 5; L. Symonds, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Wilding, 1; W. Salisbury, 2; G. Debenham (conductor), 3; H. Blake, 4; R. Moore, 5; H. Turner, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. The new treble comes from the foundry of Messrs. Warner and bears the inscription "Ave Maria."

## CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY, MANCHESTER.

A new public clock and bell got up by members of all shades of politics and denominations was set going at the above Club, on Saturday last, the 30th inst., by Mr. Bingham, the chairman of the Local Board. The work has been carried out by Messrs. W. Potts & Sons, clock manufacturers of Guildford-street, Newcastle-on-Lyne. A numerous company was present.

THE LIBERATION SOCIETY.—A conference of this body, said to be the triennial one, is to be held at the Memorial Hall, London, on May 1st, and circulars have been issued requesting an early appointment of delegates. There are to be great efforts—two sessions of the conference, the first at half-past six. Delegates may be appointed by committees of the society, district subscribers, meetings, and political and religious bodies in agreement with the society's objects, including denominational county unions and associations—and we may suppose by any one else—Atheist or Deist—who is a proved enemy of the Church. Ladies will be eligible as delegates. The annual sermon is to be preached by Dr. Parker at that building modestly called "The City Temple" at 12 o'clock; and the annual public meeting will be held in the same place in the evening at 7. The holding of the conference is pompously said to mark the arrival of an important period in the history of the society's movement, consequent upon the introduction of the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, and the promise of the Government to bring in one dealing with Scotland.

WANTED.—An efficient Change-Ringer to undertake the office of Sexton. He would have to keep the churchyard in order, and do work about the Vicarage house and garden. A trustworthy man, communicant, and married. Applications to be sent to the Editor.



# MATERIALS FOR A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BELLS.

Collected for the Central Council by EDWARD F. STRANGE, Member of the Bibliographical Society, etc.

PRELIMINARY NOTE.—By the courtesy of the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," I am enabled to lay my material in the first place, before the readers of this paper; and, in asking for their assistance in the completion of the work, to explain the method in which I propose to carry it on.

The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe on several occasions compiled lists of books bearing upon our subject. These, with the catalogue published by the National Art Library, form the nucleus of the present collection. They will be re-published separately in these columns, except so far as they coincide; and to them will be added such titles as I have myself been able to collect.

The object of this is to obtain information of the many rare books and editions which are in the possession of ringers in various parts of the country, but which often elude the search of any one compiler. I will ask the possessors of such to keep the lists published in "THE BELL NEWS" for reference; and if on their completion, any possibility arises of making additions thereto, to have the kindness to send me such particulars as they are able, giving an exact copy of the title-page, number of pages, and size in inches of the book. I will announce the exhaustion of my own material, and then, *not before*, shall expect and hope to receive the general help of ringers in making the list worthy of the Central Council.

Before publication in pamphlet form, the titles will be classified.

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## PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL.

The following letter has appeared in the papers:—

Sir,—In your issue of the 28th ult. appears a letter from the Dean of Peterborough giving an account of the damage done by the recent storm to the west front of that cathedral. Everyone who has any interest in art or history must be much moved by this accident, and wish for its speedy repair. I may add also that for some years past it has been known that this magnificent work of art, which is by common consent the noblest and most beautiful of our English west fronts, has shown signs of movement, probably due to some defect of the foundations caused by the draining of the fen-land, so that a thorough search into its present condition has been recognised to be necessary. I must say for my own part that an intimate acquaintance with the west front of Peterborough has made it so much a part of my life that I long to see it put out of all peril by judicious repair and essential strengthening of its structure, and I have no doubt that the Dean shares this feeling with me.

I heartily wish I could leave the matter here with a promise of what pecuniary aid I could afford; but there is another danger to which this great monument of English art is exposed, beside that of falling into ruin. There are two ways in which it may be dealt with by its responsible guardians; the first would be the successful, the second the unsuccessful way. If treated successfully, it will come out of this trial with its beauty intact, its external appearance unchanged from what we have known and admired in our lifetimes. Unsuccessfully treated, it will bear the appearance of a modern piece of work founded on an ancient design; and in that case it will have lost the greater part of its interest in the eyes of the historical student and the wide-minded artist; in short it will have been "restored", and its genuine existence will have come to an end.

That this is no chimerical danger is obvious from the fact admitted by almost all observers that all our great architectural monuments have suffered more or less from the "restoration" mania during the last fifty years, and that some (e.g. Worcester and Lichfield cathedrals, to go no further) have been almost destroyed by it.

I am well aware that the difficulties in the way of successful structural repair of Peterborough west front are, from the nature of the case, very great—that they are serious enough to tax heavily the skill and experience of the best masters of construction amongst us; but at the same time I am sure that they can be overcome by patience and the expenditure of a large sum of money. Only I think the occasion so important that the burden of undertaking the work should not be thrown on one man's shoulders, and that a consensus should be had of the best engineering and building skill before the critical part of the work is undertaken: though the preliminary work of supporting and shoring the threatened parts should be put in hand as soon as possible. And again, I must say that if the front be taken down and rebuilt, instead of being made safe in its place, as I cannot see any reason to doubt it may be, the work will not be done but undone, and a lasting shame will lie upon all who are responsible for the preservation of the fabric.

It would be a great relief, therefore, to all genuine lovers of the master art of architecture if we could receive an assurance from the Dean—first, that as little disturbance of the surface of the building shall take place as is possible, and that consequently no merely decorative features shall be reproduced in imitation of the old work; second, that every device which skill and knowledge can suggest shall be exhausted before rebuilding be even thought of, and that consequently a committee of consultation chosen from the best (not necessarily the best known) engineers and architects shall be called together to consult on the various devices for making the west front good.

I think, Sir, that the public have a right to ask the Dean for the fullest possible information of what is intended to be done, before they respond to his very reasonable and necessary appeal for funds. I cannot doubt that he will give that information readily and freely.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Kelmscott House, Hammersmith, April 1. WILLIAM MORRIS.

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

## "DOUBTFUL NOTATION."

SIR,—For the information of C. E. Borrett, J. Rogers informs him that he is not responsible for peal insertions in "THE BELL NEWS," and he ought to know that his attempt to school the Exercise in London in reference to the peal of mine rung on March 27th and 29th, 1886, is as useless as sending dumplings to Norfolk, after the peal had been kicked about for twelve years, and also rung frequently. If he calls an extra 8th in 3 in starting the last part, 42563 will appear as the tenth course-end, and that was the way it was rung on Chelsea bells on the 27th. The same peal was rung in a different manner on the 29th, by calling twice 9th in 3 and twice 8th in 3, to 11th course in each part, omitting one 9th in 3 at start in the last part, which produces the same result. If his enquiry was simply an advertisement of his ability in calling Mr. Knights' peal (and he will not find a better composer), it falls flat with me, as a fellow from his part told me he started for a well-worn peal of Grandsire Caters, and forgetting the same after some time, rung one of his own instead, but you would not induce him to disclose the figures for two or three years. Now that is worth recording, and he recorded his peal. I also think his remarks on the way they bring the bells round at "Knowridge," and fill up time, quite out of place in his enquiry, and it would not do in our village! He would be soon found out. We have too many of his countrymen eager for the chances of defaming others' efforts. If he had read "THE BELL NEWS" regularly as I do, he would have seen peals of Triples recorded as rung in 2 hrs. 16 mins.; the same people when ringing in London usually take 2 hrs. 45 mins. for the same job, or near London time. If the first time is correct, it would allow about 2½ hours for Caters on St. Peter's bells at Norwich, so we see time is no test. At the close of C. E. Borrett's remarks he seems to infer that if a five-part peal of Caters did not repeat throughout, it would not contain an equal number of courses and leads in each part, as stated in what he describes my proud foot-note. I do not see where that chimes in, but if he waits for a peal till he gets one like that, he must wait a long time, as 'tis not possible. At present it may be interesting for him to be informed that my peal is the only one in the method containing its qualities, and is none the worse for being the production of

JOHN ROGERS.

## CROWLAND ABBEY BELLS.

SIR,—It may interest some of your readers to learn the latest news concerning the historic bells of Crowland Abbey. Mr. Thompson, of Peterborough, has completed the new floor of the bell-chamber, and placed underneath the floor three beams of a ton weight each, with iron flitches. The two arches (in which large "rents" let in daylight), are being repaired. The five bells have been forwarded to Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough, for re-tuning. Unfortunately the treble bell which bears the inscription—"J. Norris made me 1674"—has three cracks in the crown-stock, and must be recast. This adds considerably to the expense, and therefore I should feel grateful for help in our great undertaking. The bells are to be finished on May 4th, 1895, so that our opening days may be the 5th and 6th. If any group of five ringers desire to ring on those days, and write previously to me, I would endeavour to arrange according to their wishes. We much desired a 6th bell, but we have no funds. Who will help us?

T. H. LE BŒUF, Rector of Crowland.

## Obituary.

## ROBERT PEARSON.

We regret to have to announce the death of the above ringer of All Saints' church, Kingston-on-Thames, on March 16th, after a few days' illness, at the age of thirty-four. He was interred at Long Ditton on March 20th, and the usual whole pull and stand was rung at All Saints' in the evening.

LINCOLN.—On Tuesday, March 19th, at the church of St. Peter-at-Arch, 588 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. Flintham, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; R. Dawson, 4; G. Lindoff, 5; A. Craven (conductor), 6; G. Chester, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. Longest touch in the method by G. Flintham. And 504 Stedman Triples. G. Lindoff (conductor), 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; R. Dawson, 4; A. Craven, 5; G. Chester, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; W. Wells, 8. A. Craven hails from Staveley; the rest are local men.

## MIDLAND RAILWAY.—EASTER HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

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On Good Friday, the trains on the Midland Railway will run as appointed for Sundays, with the following exceptions:—The Newspaper Express leaving St. Pancras at 5.15 a.m. will run to Bedford, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Sheffield and Manchester. The 8.55 a.m. Local Train, Sheffield to Leeds, &c., will await the arrival of the Newspaper Express at Sheffield. The Up Night Express leaving Edinburgh at 9.45 p.m. Glasgow at 9.45 p.m., and Carlisle at 12.38 a.m. for London will run on Good Friday night, April 12th, and Saturday morning, April 13th, the same as on ordinary week-days. The 3.32 a.m. Carlisle to Stranraer, and 8.50 p.m. Stranraer to Carlisle, in connection with steamers to and from Ireland, will run on Good Friday the same as on ordinary week-days. The Steamers between Barrow and Belfast will sail on Good Friday in both directions. That from Barrow will await the arrival of the 4.5 p.m. train from Leeds.

## EARLY ISSUE OF TICKETS.

To prevent inconvenience and crowding, the Booking Offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street Stations will be open for the issue of Tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, April 10th, 11th, and 13th, and tickets to all principal Stations on the Midland Railway will also be issued beforehand at any of their offices; at 445, West Strand; 267, Strand; 189, Victoria Street; 38, Cranbourne Street; 101, High Holborn; 5, Charing Cross (corner of Northumberland Avenue); 1, Shaftesbury Avenue, Piccadilly; 10a, New Bond Street; Gloucester Office, 495, Oxford Street; 272, Regent Circus, Oxford Street; 170, Queen's Road, Bayswater; 109, Tottenham Court Road; 9, Sloane Square; 33, Cannon Street; 13, Aldersgate Street; 10, Commercial Road; "Four Swans," 36, Camomile Street; 13, Parkside, Knightsbridge; 122, Mare Street, Hackney; "Red Cap," 6, Camden Road; "Empire" Office, 30, Silver Street, Notting Hill Gate; 50a and 52a, Leadenhall House; Myers' Office, 1a, Pentonville Road; 11, Onslow Place, South Kensington; Army and Navy Stores, 105, Victoria Street, Westminster; Civil Service Supply Association, 136, Queen Victoria Street; also at Cook's Offices:—Ludgate Circus; 99, Gracechurch Street; 33, Piccadilly; 82, Oxford Street; 13, Cockspur Street; Mr. W. Whiteley's (Westbourne Grove), W., and the L. B. and S. C. Co.'s Office, 28, Regent Street, Piccadilly; 8, Grand Hotel Buildings, Trafalgar Square.

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## CHEAP EXCURSION TRAINS.

On Thursday, April 11th, cheap Excursion Trains will be run from London to Leicester, Nottingham, Newark, Lincoln, Birmingham, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Liverpool, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Scarborough, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the Furness District, Carlisle, &c. &c., returning the following Tuesday; and from London (St. Pancras) to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Perth, Stirling, Aberdeen, &c., returning Monday, April 15th, or Friday, April 19th. Tickets will also be issued by the Scotch Excursion at a Single Ordinary Third Class fare for the Double journey, available for returning on any day within 16 days from date of issue. Cheap Week-end and Day Excursion Tickets will also be issued to Southend-on-Sea during the Easter holidays, for particulars of which see Special Bills. Tickets for joining the trains at St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the Trains at the offices of the Company.

Cheap Excursion Trains for six days will also be run on Thursday, April 11th, to London from Carlisle, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Lincoln, Newark, etc. etc.; and on Good Friday, April 12th, from Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Blackburn, Bolton, Oldham, Manchester, etc. for two or four days, and from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Leicester, etc., for one, four, or five days. Passengers will be booked by these Trains at cheap fares to Brighton, and other South Coast Stations, and to the Continent; those for the Continent having the privilege of returning by any ordinary train within 16 days. Cheap three-days' trips will also be run to London on Friday night, April 12th, from Colne, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, etc., and on Saturday, April 13th, from Manchester, etc. On Easter Monday, single day trips will be run from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Northampton, Bedford, Luton, St. Albans, etc., and a one or two days' trip from Birmingham and the South Stafford District.

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## Notices.

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**South and West Middlesex Association.**—By kind permission of the Rev. H. G. Bird, the next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, Middlesex, to-day, Saturday, April 6th. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. Every member should endeavour to be present, special business having to be got through.

E. J. WALSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Hale, to-day, Saturday, April 6th. The bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in schoolroom at 6 o'clock.

ALFRED G. NICHOLSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
30, Upper Stanhope Street, Liverpool.

**Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held in the schoolroom (adjoining the church), Heswall, to-day, Saturday, April 6th. Tea at 6 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3 p.m.

F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
Braeside, West Kirby.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The usual monthly meeting of the above will be held at Kidsgrove, to-day, Saturday, April 6th.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. TWIGG, }

**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Kelvedon, on Easter Monday. The towers of Coggeshall (8 bells), Feering (6 bells), and Inworth (5 bells), will be open to ringers. Also the fine lately augmented peal of six at Kelvedon will be at liberty. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present should announce the same and the station from which they proceed, not later than the previous Thursday, to me,

HENRY T. W. EYRE.  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham, Essex.

**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Easter Monday. By kind permission of the Rev. F. F. Kelly, the tower will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea (free to annual subscribers), at the Surrey Masonic Hall at 5.30 p.m. Representatives please forward the number of members who intend to be present at tea to the undersigned, not later than the Wednesday previous, Good Friday intervening, this is important. R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec.*

13, Sunnyside Road, Streatham, S.W.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 15th, when the following towers will be open for ringing from 10 a.m.; All Saints (10 bells), St. Alkmund's, St. Andrew's, St. Luke's, and St. Werburgh's (8 bells). Committee meeting at 3.30 p.m. Tea, followed by general meeting at 4 p.m., both in the Temperance Hall, close to St. Werburgh's. Members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, and send their names to Mr. C. Draper, Grange Terrace, Grange street, Derby, not later than Thursday, April 11th, will be charged 6d. each for tea, others 1s. each

as usual. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday. Belfry open at 9 a.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each), in schoolroom at 5.15, business meeting at 6.0. Members earnestly invited to attend the service.

North Wingfield. T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*

**Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgend on Monday, April 15th, at 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4 p.m. Knife and fork tea will be provided by the kindness of the Bridgend ringers. All members intending to be present must signify the same before Monday, April 8th, to me, Llandaff. W. A. DOWNING, *Hon. Sec.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The annual meeting of this Association will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, April 15th, at 2 o'clock prompt. The Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester has kindly consented to preside. A free tea will be provided at the Cathedral Restaurant at 4.15. The names of all those intending to be present, must reach me not later than Wednesday, the 10th instant. The tower of St. Helen's (8 bells), will be open for ringing during the day, and the Cathedral tower after evensong, 5 p.m. All members are specially requested to be present. Business of importance. The Secretary will be pleased to receive all outstanding contributions.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford, on Easter Monday. Special service in St. Paul's church, at 3 p.m., preacher, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, *Hon. Sec.* Norwich Diocesan Association. Tea at All-Hallows Lane Mission Room, at 4 p.m. Business meeting after tea.

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

**The Herts. Association.**—Annual meeting at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's church will be open for ringing during the morning and afternoon. Divine Service at the Cathedral at 12.45. Address by the Archdeacon of St. Albans. Dinner at the Town Hall at 1.30, cost to Members 2s. each. Meeting to follow for election of officers, and general business. Members and visitors intending to be present are requested to communicate with me, not later than Wednesday, April 10th.

St. Albans. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Eckington, on Easter Monday, April 15th. Dinner will be provided at The White Hart inn, at 1.30, for all members who send word to the Secretary, not later than Tuesday, April 9th, price 2s. each.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*  
Woodseats, Sheffield.

**North Notts. Association.**—The quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Misson, near Bawtry, on Easter Monday, April 15th. The church tower will be open to members by kind permission of the Vicar, from 2 p.m. Tea (price 1s. per head), at 5 p.m. Will towers kindly inform Misson captain of probable number to provide for not later than April 10th?

HENRY T. SLODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex Association.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Ann's church, Highgate, on Saturday, April 20th, ringing at 5 p.m. The members of the Committee are urgently requested to attend this meeting.

FRANK BLONDELL, *Hon. Sec.*  
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1895.

"THE grandest portico in Europe," as the west front of Peterborough Cathedral has been called, must (says a morning paper), at all costs, be saved. Accordingly, it is hoped that Dean INGRAM will see his way to adopt the suggestions made by Mr. WILLIAM MORRIS to the effect that a committee of consultation "chosen from the best (not necessarily the best known) engineers and architects shall be called together to consult on the various devices for making the west front good." It seems to be the opinion that it is the engineer, rather than the architect, who is needed to save this magnificent structure. The danger of its destruction, it is said, arises from the weakening of the foundation. With the wonderful mechanical appliances which the modern engineer has at his command it ought not to be impossible, says the same paper, "to shore up the building, and keep it intact while a new foundation is put in. Other buildings, the Town-hall at Yarmouth, for instance, have recently undergone this process. The west front of Peterborough Cathedral owes its beauty largely to the absence of buttresses, and its insecurity is increased from the same cause. If, however, a concrete or girder foundation could be put in, the danger to which 'this great monument of English art' is exposed might be avoided. The proposal to pull it down and rebuild it cannot for a moment be



tolerated. If any such act of vandalism were carried out, a shame, as Mr. MORRIS says, 'would lie upon all who are responsible for the preservation of the fabric.'

The conservation of our Cathedrals is of such importance, and their preservation of so much interest to our readers, that no apology is needed for this reference to such a subject.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BOW, E.

On Thursday, March 28, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BOW, E.,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES DEMPSEY .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. 5.
SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 2.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 6.
THOMAS FALKNER .. .. 3.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 7.
ALBERT HARDY .. .. 4.	JAMES SCHOLES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Messrs. Falkner and Hardy are also members of the St. Margaret's Society, Barking, Essex, and this is their first peal. This peal was rung to commemorate the 56th birthday of Mr. Samuel Hayes, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns

### The Provinces.

#### NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 28, 1895, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN WARREN .. .. Treble.	HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 5.
WALTER STONE .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 3.	HARRY HORWOOD .. .. 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	JAMES F. CLARKE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES F. CLARKE.

This peal, which was rung as a birthday compliment to H. Argyle, is the first in the method on the bells, and is the first peal in the method by all except Messrs. Argyle and George.

#### THETFORD, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 28, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETTI .. Treble.	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 5.
GEORGE P. BURTON .. .. 2.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 6.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 3.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 7.
ALBERT G. WARNES .. .. 4.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by F. J. HOWCHIN.

All the above band hail from Norwich. This is but the third peal on the bells; the two previous being Bob Major in 1791, and Oxford in 1827. The latter was conducted by Samuel Thurston.

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

On Friday, March 29, 1895, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Treble.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM I. REEVE .. .. 3.	ARTHUR NEALE .. .. 7.
ARTHUR PEILL .. .. 4.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by CHARLES WILKINS.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6th place and the 2nd and 3rd never there at a course-end. Arthur Peill was elected a member of the Cumberland Society previous to starting.

### BIRMINGHAM.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 30, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

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

Tenor 29 cwt.

FRANK MUMFORD .. .. Treble.	CHARLES SPARKES .. .. 7.
JOHN T. PERRY .. .. 2.	GEORGE WALKER .. .. 8.
JOHN JENNINGS .. .. 3.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 9.
JOHN PRICKETT .. .. 4.	GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 9.
JAMES JONES .. .. 5.	JOHN O. RAVENHILL .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 6th twenty-three times behind the 9th, and eleven times right, and is now rung for the first time. It is supposed to be the first peal of Bob Caters ever rung in Birmingham, and is the first by all the band.

#### GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY RAISTRICK .. .. Treble.	EDWIN WHEATER .. .. 5.
JOHN SUNDERLAND .. .. 2.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 6.
JOSEPH WAITE .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 7.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. 4.	JAMES COTTERILL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY and Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

\*First peal. Messrs. Raistrick and Cotterill hail from Bradford; Wheeler from Tong; Kendall from Shipley; the rest belong to the local company.

#### DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1895, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALMUND,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

L. LOMAS .. .. Treble.	J. NEWBOLD .. .. 5.
W. H. POYSER .. .. 2.	W. WALLACE .. .. 6.
J. W. THOMPSON .. .. 3.	A. E. THOMPSON .. .. 7.
C. DRAPER .. .. 4.	J. HOWE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, of Birmingham, and

Conducted by J. HOWE.

#### BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1895, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED TRAPPITT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. 6.
EDGAR BENNETT .. .. 2.	CHARLES BANCE .. .. 7.
HENRY BROOKER .. .. 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 8.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 4.	GEORGE WELLING .. .. 9.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 5.	WILLIAM GRAY .. .. Tenor.

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

F. M. Butler hails from Mitcham; W. Burkin from London; the rest belong to the local band. This peal contains the 6th twenty-four courses behind the 9th, and twenty-four courses behind the 8th, and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to John Harding, a member of this Society.

### MIDDLESBROUGH, DURHAM.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 1, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

R. FENWICK .. .. Treble.	A. MCFARLANE .. .. 5.
R. ALCOCK .. .. 2.	W. NEWTON .. .. 6.
J. H. JONES .. .. 3.	J. H. BLAKISTON .. .. 7.
A. MELLANBY .. .. 4.	J. W. PASSMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WM. HARRISON and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

This peal was rung specially as a farewell compliment to the Rev. A. B. Armstrong, who is leaving here after eleven years' faithful service as curate, to enter upon his duties as rector of St. Margaret's, York, and carries with him the good wishes of the above band. W. Newton hails from Stockton.



## WORTLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 1, 1895, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM DRONFIELD .. Treble.	EDWARD DRONFIELD .. 5.
THOMAS McKEGG .. 2.	JOHN DRONFIELD .. 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS .. 3.	*THOMAS ROBBINS .. 7.
ARTHUR SAXBY .. 4.	DAVID BREARLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, of Staveley, and  
Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

\*First peal. This peal, in four equal parts, contains the full combination of the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 5-6.

## DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 1, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lbs.

ARTHUR MONCASTER .. Treble.	WILLIAM LISTER .. 5.
RICHARD MONCASTER .. 2.	JAMES BAXTER .. 6.
JAMES LUNGLEY* .. 3.	FREDERICK TRASDALE .. 7.
THOMAS LUNGLEY* .. 4.	†WILLIAM PORTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PORTER.

This peal is from the Clavis. \*First peal, and belongs to the Holy Trinity Society.  
†First peal in the method, and of Major as conductor.

## DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 2, 1895, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

L. LOMAS .. Treble.	J. HOWE .. 5.
W. H. POYSER .. 2.	W. WALLACE .. 6.
J. W. THOMPSON .. 3.	A. E. THOMPSON .. 7.
J. NEWBOLD .. 4.	T. GRIFFITHS .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and  
Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

## ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 2, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 7.

JOHN WYATT .. Treble.	HARRY KENTEN .. 5.
HENRY WILKINSON† .. 2.	ALFRED E. BASSETT .. 6.
HENRY NEWNHAM* .. 3.	EDWARD HULL .. 7.
GEORGE CHANTLER† .. 4.	†DAVID ANSCOMBE .. Treble.

Conducted by GEORGE CHANTLER.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. ‡First peal in the method as conductor.  
Messrs. Bassett and Kenten hail from Epsom; Chantler from Ewell; Hull and Newnham from Leatherhead; the rest from Asstead. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Wilkinson, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Tuesday, April 2, 1895, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

WALTER WORTHINGTON .. Treble.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. 5.
JOHN WORTHINGTON* .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. 6.
SAMUEL PRICE .. 3.	JOHN HARRIS .. 7.
WILLIAM DAFFIN .. 4.	ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

\*First peal with a bob bell. This composition, in fourteen courses, contains the 5th and 6th the extent in 5th place, and the 4th and 6th the extent in 6th place, and was rung as a farewell compliment to the conductor who is leaving the district.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## BURGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## SEVEN 720S OF MINOR;

In the following methods:

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

Each called differently.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES W. PARKER .. Treble.	WALTER WHITING .. 4.
WALTER W. MILLER .. 2.	FREDK. E. W. MEADOWS .. 5.
JOSEPH LAST .. 3.	ALFRED HATCHER .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. W. MEADOWS.

This is the first 5040 on the bells. First 5040 in three methods by Messrs. Parker and Last, who hail from Grundisburgh; the rest from Otley.

## OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 29, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## SEVEN 720S OF MINOR,

In the following four methods:

One of Grandsire, and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford, and Kent.  
Each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY LAST .. Treble.	*GEORGE THURLOW .. 4.
WALTER W. MILLER .. 2.	FRED. E. W. MEADOWS .. 5.
WALTER WHITING .. 3.	ALFRED HATCHER .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. W. MEADOWS.

\*First 5040 on six bells, and hail respectively from Helmingham and Framsdén. This is the quickest 5040 on the bells.

## Date Touches.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—Recently, 756 Grandsire Triples, composed and conducted by D. Wright. On Thursday, January 4th, a date touch of 1895 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 15 mins. R. Stone, 1; A. V. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; G. B. Selby, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; H. J. Selby (conductor), 7; A. H. Collins, 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of H. J. Selby, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. It is the first date touch attempted by the band. Composed by J. Houlden.

BANGOR (North Wales).—On Tuesday, March 12th, at St. David's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 8 mins. R. J. Hughes, 1; Rev. T. L. Jones, 2; T. A. Rowlands, 3; P. W. Davies, 4; S. Taylor, 5; M. J. Morris (composer and conductor), 6; J. Gayton, 7; W. Crane, 8. Longest touch on the bells, and by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd 7th, and tenor.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHEDFIELD (Hants).—Recently for practice 560 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Mallard, 1; G. Winter, 2; W. Cooper, 3; G. Chequer, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; S. Cummins, 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. W. Singleton, 1; J. Pearce, 2; G. Chequer, 3; E. Walker, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; S. Cummins, 6. And 360 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Mallard, 1; G. Chequer, 2; S. Cummins, 3; E. Walker, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; W. Linter, 6. On Sunday afternoon, March 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Mallard, 1; G. Chequer, 2; S. Cummins, 3; E. Walker, 4; G. E. Chappell (first in the method as conductor), 5; W. Linter, 6. First 720 by all except the ringers of the 5th and 6th.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Sunday evening, January 13th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, 630 Grandsire Triples. R. Davies, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; F. Burnett, 3; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 4; A. Peckham, 5; H. Reynolds, 6; R. Gardner, 7; R. Fuge, 8. And on

Sunday evening, March 17th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. R. Davis, 1; A. Peckham, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 6; R. Gardner, 7; R. Fuge, 8.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Friday, March 1st, being the day of the funerals of the late Mrs. Lewis (wife of the Lord Bishop of Llandaff, and President of the Association), and also of the late Lord Aberdare, eight members of the above Association met at the Cathedral at 6 p.m. to attempt Annable's peal of Bob Triples with the bells muffled as a token of respect, but after ringing 50 mins. the muffle came off the tenor and "stand" was called. J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; W. Biss, 3; G. Watkins, 4; C. Smith, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; C. Lloyd (conductor), 7; T. Northey, 8. After replacing the muffles, time not allowing for another start for a peal, a quarter-peal in the same method was rung in 47 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; G. Watkins, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; C. Smith, 7; T. Northey, 8. The ringers wish to thank the Very Rev. the Dean for the use of the bells.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, February 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday morning, February 17th, 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs six singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 3; J. Walter, 3; W. Joinson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Wednesday, February 20th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six bobs ten singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walters, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday morning, March 10th, 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs six singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joinson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. Griffiths, 6. And on Sunday morning, March 17th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen singles three bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; W. Joinson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. All conducted by W. Wilcox.

WALLASEY (Cheshire).—On Thursday, February 28th, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to one of three brothers named Coulburn, who all died within a week of each other, aged respectively 83, 84, and 85 years, 720 Oxford Single Bob (twenty-eight bobs fourteen singles). E. Peers, 1; S. Wood, 2; W. Webster, 3; W. Wilcox (conductor), 4; J. Rogers, 5; S. Strong, 6.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Tuesday, January 15th, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler, 1; A. Groves, 2; L. Payne, 3; J. Boniface, 4; G. Holder, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. And another 504. C. Tyler, 1; A. Groves, 2; H. Stringer, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; W. Hillman, 6; L. Payne (conductor), 7; A. W. Groves, 8. On Sunday, January 20th, 504 Stedman. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; W. Hillman, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; L. Payne, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; A. Hodges, 8. And 742 of Grandsire. J. Boniface, 1; L. Payne, 2; G. Holder, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; W. Hillman, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; A. W. Groves, 8. On Sunday, January 27th, 504 Stedman. C. Tyler, 1; L. Payne, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. And on Sunday, February 3rd, 504 Stedman. G. Payne, 1; A. Groves, 2; G. Holder, 3; C. Tyler, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. And on Sunday, February 10th, 504 Stedman. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; H. Stringer, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. Hillman, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves, 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Sunday, February 17th, 2520 Stedman. W. Hillman, 1; A. Groves, 2; L. Payne, 3; J. Boniface (first quarter-peal), 4; G. Payne, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. And on Tuesday, February 19th, 588 Stedman. C. Tyler, 1; G. Payne, 2; L. Payne, 3; W. J. Alliss, 4; G. Holder, 5; H. Chandler, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Sunday, March 3rd, 504 Grandsire. H. Stringer, 1; A. Groves, 2; L. Payne, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. Hillman, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. Also on Tuesday, March 5th, 504 Grandsire. A. Stringer, 1; A. Groves, 2; L. Payne, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. Hillman, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. And 504 Stedman. C. Tyler, 1; A. Groves, 2; G. Holder, 3; S. Burch, 4; G. Payne, 5; A. W. Groves, 6; L. Payne (conductor), 7; W. Hillman, 8. On Sunday, March 10th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Stringer, 1; A. Groves, 2; C. Tyler, 3; L. Payne, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; G. Payne, 6; W. Hillman (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday, February 24th, for evening service, 540 Grandsire Caters. G. W. D. Metcalfe, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. M. Farr, 3; T. Spurr, 4; J. T. Bottomley, 5; T. H. Denman (conductor), 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; H. Haigh, 9; G. Clayton, 10. Longest length as conductor. On Sunday, March 3rd, for evening service, 540 Grandsire Caters, with J. B. Joynes, T. Spurr, and G. M. Farr ringing the 4th, 5th, 6th bells, the rest as before, and conducted by H. Warburton. And on Sunday, March 10th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples, twelve 6-7s. G. W. D. Metcalfe, 1; G. Winter, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; T. Spurr, 4; W. Skelton, 5; T. H. Denman (conductor), 6; H. Haigh, 7; G. Clayton, 8. And on Saturday, March 16th, at the usual six-bell practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 26 mins. W. Skelton, 1; T. H. Denman, 2; G. Swannack, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. M. Farr, 5; J. White (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and the first by Messrs. Skelton, Denman, Warburton, and Farr. Also 360 in the same method, with H. Lambert and T. Spurr 3rd and 4th, and the rest as before. Conducted by J. White. On Sunday evening, March 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 47 mins. G. Clayton, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; G. R. Winter, 3; T. Spurr, 4; J. T. Bottomley, 5; H. Haigh, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes (composer and conductor), 9; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 10. First quarter-peal by G. Clayton.

WEST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday morning, March 17th, six members of the East Retford Society rung 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 25 mins. G. R. Winter, 1; T. H. Denman, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; H. Haigh, 5; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. On Sunday, March 10th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. J. Belk, 1; W. Skelton, 2; W. Drake, 3; N. G. Hunt, 4; R. Potter, 5; H. Wilson (conductor), 6. First 720 by J. Belk, to whom great credit is due.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MONNEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 17th, 720 London Surprise in 26 mins. S. W. Martin, 1; R. H. Hayward (first in the method), 2; G. Wightman (conductor), 3; J. Durrant, 3; E. Wightman, 6; S. Wightman, jun., 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise. S. W. Martin, 1; G. Wightman (conductor), 2; J. Durrant, 3; S. Wightman, jun., 4; J. Tarrant (first in the method), 5; E. Wightman, 6.

NORWICH.—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday, February 25th, at the Parish Rooms, St. Peter Mancroft, 336 Yorkshire Court Bob Major. J. A. Trollop (conductor), 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; C. E. Borrett, 5-6; A. G. Warnes, 7-8. First touch in the method by all. On Thursday, February 28th, in an attempt for 5074 Bob Major, over 3500 changes were rung. J. G. Miles (Attleborough), 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. Howes (Attleborough), 5-6; J. A. Trollop (composer and conductor), 7-8.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, February 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Stone, 1; D. H. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; E. J. Dunk (conductor), 4; H. J. Selby, 5; J. Heath, 6; G. Steer, 7; A. H. Collins, 8.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, March 14th, for practice at the parish church, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Haigh (conductor), 1; G. Chantler, 2; W. Hunt, 3; A. Osborne, 4; W. Evans, 5; W. Kings, 6; C. Waterman, 7; W. Baker, 8. On Sunday evening, March 17th, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Haigh (conductor), 1; W. Kings, 2; F. Ockwell, 3; W. Hyland, 4; W. Easter, 5; W. Bate, 6; W. Evans, 7; T. Dains, 8. F. Ockwell belongs to Rainham; W. Hyland to Upchurch; and T. Dains to Frittenden.

NORTHFLEET (Kent).—On Thursday evening, March 7th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. C. Goodsell (first 720, Northfleet), 1; F. Hayes (Milton), 2; R. Munn (Milton), 3; A. Wardy (Borden), 4; W. Ware (first 720, Northfleet), 5; W. Martin (conductor, Swanscombe), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, February 10th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (4th the observation). T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 14th, for practice, 720 Morning Star (4th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. A 720 of London Treble Bob. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Watts, 2; ———, 3; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 17th, for morning service,

720 Cambridge Surprise in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 21st, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble bob (2nd the observation). J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 24th, for morning service, 720 Superlative Surprise in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 28th, for practice, 720 Wells Surprise (2nd the observation), in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts' 1100th 720. A 720 Rochester Surprise. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, 720 Durham Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Worcester Surprise (2nd the observation). T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Wednesday, March 13th, at 8, George street, on handbells, retained in hand, Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 38 mins. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, March 16th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, in 29 mins. J. Dear, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; E. Pye, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. Tenor 20 cwt. in E. After-wards, on handbells, retained in hand, 504 Stedman Triples. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye (conductor), 3-4; A. J. Perkins, 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, February 4th, at the church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Frost, 1; D. Elliott, jun., 2; C. Norfolk, 3; J. Sadler, 4; H. Evers, 5; E. W. Beckwith (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 11th, 720 Double Court Bob. H. Pye, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; J. Sadler, 3; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 4; H. Evers, 5; E. W. Beckwith, 6. On Monday, February 18th, 720 Double Court. H. Pye, 1; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 2; J. Sadler, 3; E. W. Beckwith, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott, 6. And on Monday, February 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Newman, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; F. Newman, 3; W. Root, 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 2nd, 420 New London Pleasure. F. Newman, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; J. Sadler, 3; W. Elliott, 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 16th, 720 Woodbine. J. Nicholls, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; J. Sadler, 3; W. Elliott, 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. First in the method by 1st, 3rd, and 4th. On Monday, March 18th, 720 Bob Major, and 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. D. Elliott, sen., 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; J. Sadler, 5; W. Root, 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 8. W. Root hails from Halstead; Newman (2), from Feering; W. Elliott, Evers, Frost, and Pye from Kelvedon; the rest are local. Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday, February 3rd, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. G. W. Sorrell, 1; E. W. Davis, 2; A. Head, 3; C. Wasket (Galleywood), 4; G. Head, 5; H. Brazier (Galleywood), 6; W. Lincoln, 7; F. Edwards, 8. On Tuesday, February 5th, for practice, 504 Court Bob Triples. E. W. Davis, 1; A. Head, 2; G. Head, 3; F. Radley, 4; G. W. Sorrell, 5; R. Wood, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; W. E. Emery, 8. First touch in the method by all. Also 352 Bob Major. On Sunday, February 10th, for morning service, 504 Court Bob Triples. A. Head, 1; G. W. Sorrell, 2; G. Head, 3; R. Wood, 4; \*T. Lincoln, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; \*F. Edwards, 8. For afternoon service 504 in the same method. \*E. Poole, 1; A. Head, 1; †E. W. Davis, 3; G. W. Sorrell, 4; G. Head, 5; the rest as before. \*First in the method. †First with a bob bell.

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BATHAMPTON.—On Thursday, March 7th, at the parish church, by kind permission of the Rev. L. J. Fish, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 43 mins. W. Simmonds, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; J. Frossell, 3; S. Rawlings, 4; C. W. Bell (conductor), 5.

BATH.—On Sunday, March 10th, at St. Saviour's church, on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' wedding day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Simmonds, 1; J. Smith-Flower, 2; W. Lanham, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; T. Gray, 5; J. Fussell, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; A. Gully, 8.

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RUSHDEN (Northants).—On Sunday, February 17th, for evening

service 720 Court Single. J. Bailey, 1; H. Clayton, 2; W. A. Hall (conductor), 3; C. Green, 4; F. Clayton, 5; G. Burton, 6. On Monday, February 18th, 720 Minor. J. Bailey, 1; H. Clayton, 2; L. Chapman (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; W. A. Hall, 4; F. Clayton, 5; G. Burton (conductor), 6. A 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Bailey, 1; G. Heath, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; F. Clayton, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. And on handbells 360 Oxford Bob. J. Bailey, 1; G. Heath, 2; L. Chapman (first in the method), 3; C. Green, 4; W. A. Hall (conductor), 5-6.

WOLLASTON (Northants).—On Saturday, February 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Bailey, 1; H. Clayton, 2; W. A. Hall, 3; C. Green, 4; F. Clayton, 5; G. Burton (conductor), 6. And 360 College Single. J. Bailey, 1; C. Green, 2; G. Burton, 3; H. Clayton, 4; W. A. Hall (conductor), 5; F. Clayton, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

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BUSHBURY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, February 23rd, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 22 mins. W. G. Hall, 1; B. Dalton, 2; T. Rowe, 3; H. Knight, 4; C. Bassage, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and 360 Grandsire Minor.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Wednesday, February 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. G. Hall, 1; B. Dalton, 2; H. Knight, 3; E. Nicholls, 4; H. A. Hall, 5; A. Griffiths, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; F. Jones, 8. Rang with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late verger, Mr. J. Smith.

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READING (Berks.).—On Sunday, March 24th, for Divine Service in the evening, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 32 mins. A. Osborne, 1; G. Foxall, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; H. Tucker, 4; C. Giles, 5; L. Rolfe, 6; W. Newell, 7; F. Hopgood (first touch in the method as conductor), 8.

#### THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

IPSWICH.—On Saturday, March 2nd, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. J. Motts, 1; W. L. Catchpole, 2; J. S. Alexander, 3; W. Gillingham, 4; A. Bowell, 5; W. Motts, 6; A. Durrant, 7; W. Ford, 8; W. Woods, 9; S. Slater, 10; R. H. Brundle, 11; F. Tillet, 12. And a course of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. W. L. Catchpole, 1; E. Pemberton, 2; J. S. Alexander, 3; W. Woods, 4; R. H. Brundle, 5; W. Ford, 6; W. Motts, 7; A. Bowell, 8; J. Motts, 9; S. Slater, 10. On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, 440 Kent Treble Bob Royal. W. L. Catchpole (conductor), 1; E. Pemberton, 2; J. S. Alexander, 3; W. Motts, 4; A. Bowell, 5; W. Ford, 6; H. Bowell, 7; W. Woods, 8; J. Motts, 9; S. Slater, 10. S. Slater, who is an Hon. member of the above Society, hails from Glemsford.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, March 12th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Eastland, 1; W. Thomas, 2; F. Mathis, 3; J. Curtis, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; H. Elliott, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. First 720 of Bob Minor by all. And 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Mathis, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; S. Saker, 3; \*J. Livermore, 4; J. Curtis, 5; J. Mathis, 6; H. Elliott, 7; C. Carter, 8. \*Longest touch of Triples.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 9th, upon the back eight at the Norman tower, about 700 Grandsire Triples. A. H. Osborne (conductor), 1; G. Farrants, 2; R. Wilding, 3; H. Blake, 4; H. Turner, 5; S. Slater, 6; R. Moore, 7; R. Good, 8. And three courses of Grandsire Caters. A. H. Osborne, 1; J. Levett, 2; G. Debenham, 3; G. Farrants, 4; R. Wilding, 5; H. Blake, 6; H. Turner, 7; S. Slater, 8; R. Moore, 9; R. Gooch, 10. The above are all of the Bury company, except S. Slater, who hails from Glemsford.

CAMPBALL (Yorks).—On Tuesday, March 12th, for practice, 360 Grandsire Minor with 7-8 covering. G. Bradley, 1; A. Jubb, 2; G. Goodman, 3; S. Chiffins, 4; N. Thompson, 5; A. B. Pearson (conductor), 6; F. Moorhouse, 7; J. Lewis, 8.

EMBLETON (Northumberland).—On Sunday, March 17th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late John Craster, Esq., of Craster. T. Appleby, 1; T. McLaren, 2; R. McLaren, 3; C. Pattison, 4; J. G. Smailes, 5; C. Langley (conductor), 6. On the following day at the funeral service, a 260 with the bells muffled was by the same band as the procession left the church for the cemetery, half a mile distant.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 17th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles), in thirty mins. J. Warren, 1; E. Broome, 2; J. Howes, 3; F. Day, 4; J. Bumpstead (conductor), 5; C. Palmer, 6. Rung on the back six. Tenor 24 cwt. J. Warren and J. Howes hail from Attleborough, Norfolk.

WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).—On Saturday, March 16th, at the abbey church, the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a token of respect to the late Leonard Proctor, Esq., of Bennington. F. Carter, 1; G. Peace, 2; H. S. Reeves, 3; T. Adams, 4; G. Cole, 5; E. Wallage, 6; F. Jelf, 7; D. Tarling, 8. Afterwards a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung.

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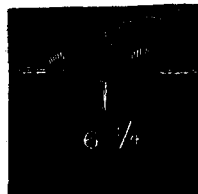
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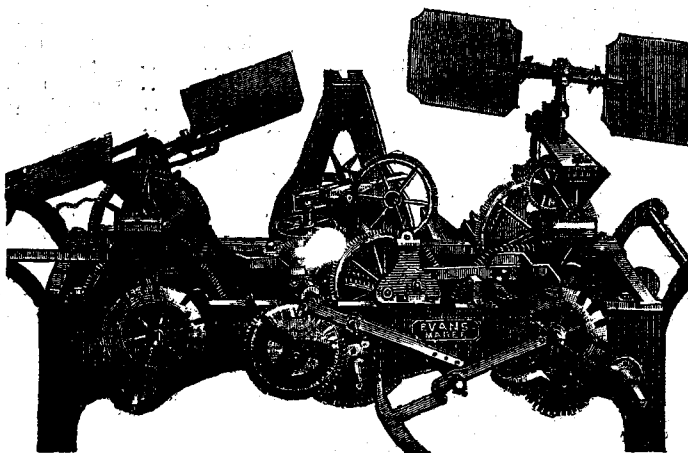
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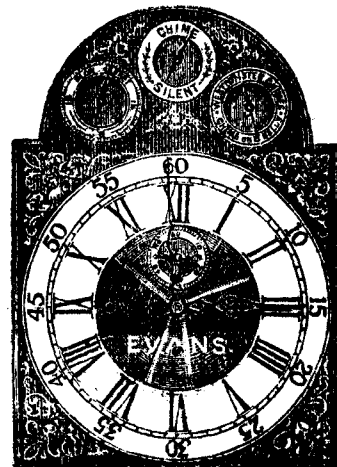
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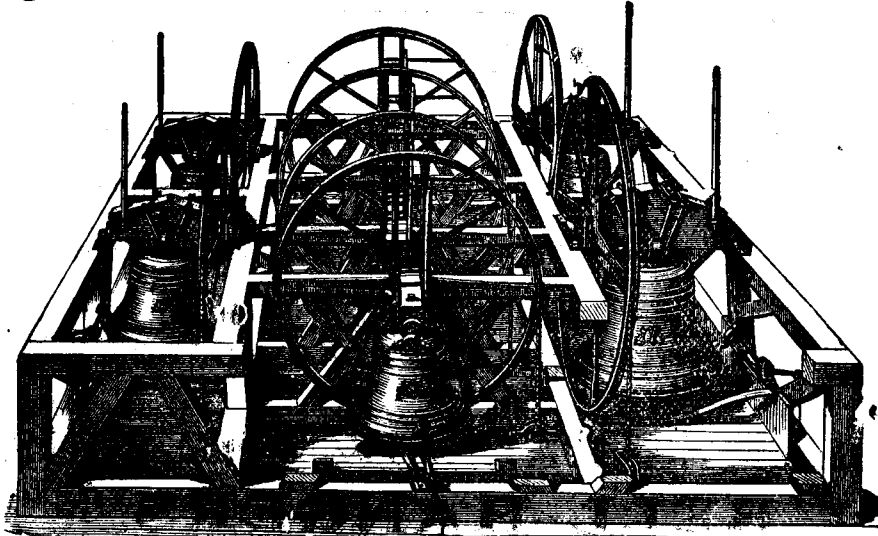
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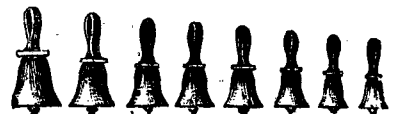
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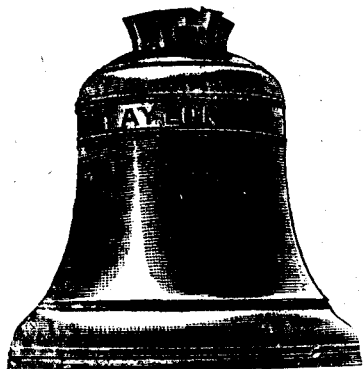
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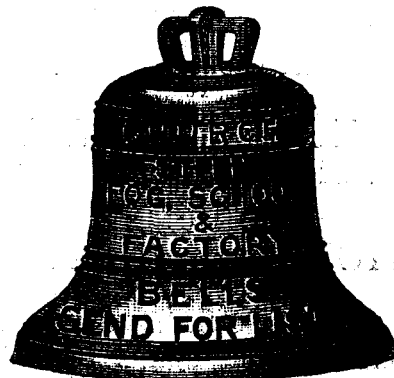
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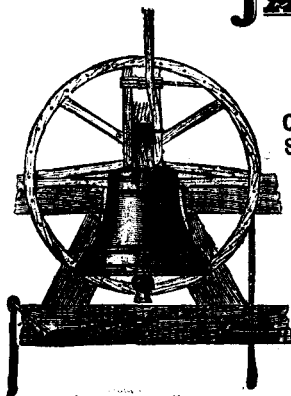
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Central Council of Church Bell-Ringers will be held on Easter Tuesday, April 16th, 1895, at The Wharnccliffe hotel, Sheffield, at one o'clock punctually. Dinner will be provided at 2s. 6d. each immediately after the meeting. Members intending to dine are requested to provide themselves with tickets, to be obtained of the Hon. Secretary, before the meeting.

The Standing Committee will meet at the same place at 11.30 a.m. Members of this Committee are earnestly requested to attend. Arrangements for ringing after dinner at certain towers will be made.

## AGENDA.

- 1.—Election of Hon. Members.
- 2.—To receive Report of Church Congress Committee.
- 3.—To receive any further Report on the progress of the Bibliography.
- 4.—To receive further Report of Committee on Rail Fares.
- 5.—To receive and consider Report of Technical Terms Committee.
- 6.—To consider the following motions:—

1.—That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of veteran ringers in poor circumstances, and, if deemed advisable, to report upon the best means of carrying such a scheme into effect—(*postponed from last meeting.*)

2.—That owing to the very unsatisfactory manner in which members are now permitted to be elected by the majority of Associations, it is desirable that the election of members for the future be only carried out at some recognised annual, general, district, or committee meeting duly called by such Association.

3.—That the following be added to the definition of a peal on six bells:—"Nevertheless, when a multiplicity of methods, of which no two are the same is rung, peals of Doubles and portions of true 720s, embracing bobs and also singles when the extent requires them, shall be admissible, provided that the 720 changes be first rung in their entirety.

4.—That some mode of admitting proxy voting, under certain circumstances, is desirable; and that a sub-committee be formed to report on this question to the next meeting of Council.

3.—That the present Schedule of points used in ascertaining the respective values of peals rung by the Association, be considered, altered if found necessary, and in future issued by the authority of the Council.

N.B.—The following Societies have not yet (April 10), paid the subscription of 2s. 6d. per representative for the current year: Hereford Diocesan Guild; United Counties; St. James's.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BEDFORD.

On Sunday, February 10th, on the occasion of Mr. Hurst, J.P., F.R.S.S. attaining his ninety-fifth birthday, eight members of the St. Paul's company rang for the 7 a.m. service, 1140 Bob Major, being a change for every month of Mr. Hurst's long and useful life. F. Hull, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 8. On Thursday, February 21st, by the kindness of Mr. Hurst, twelve members of the company were entertained to supper at the house of Mr. I. Hills. After the usual loyal toasts, the toast of the evening was then most enthusiastically received with the usual "For he's a jolly good fellow," the proposer expressing the wish that Mr. Hurst might live to commemorate his 100th birthday. Songs were sung by Messrs. Keech, W. Shimmans, H. Shimmans, Hull, and Chasty, with touches of Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, and Kent Treble Bob Major on the handbells. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. Hills for their kindness and for the admirable way the supper was put on the table.

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1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
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SM	SM	SM	H	M	M	M	SM	SM	H
SW	SW	M	SW	SW	SW	M	W	W	SW
H	H	H	H	H	H	M	SH	SH	H
H	H	SW	H	H	H	SW	H	H	H
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No. 1 in full:—

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42356			—
36245	S	S	—
23645			—
62345			—
53246	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—
56432	S	—	—
45632	—	—	—
64532	—	—	—
25436	—	—	—

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4th.	Frances and Sara.	Ex quo Nominatur.	12	2	16
5th.	Sarah.	In coelis et in terra.	17	0	16
Tenor.	James Jenkinson.	Omnis paternitas.	25	0	9

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## CHRIST CHURCH BELLS, BOSTON, U.S.

[From "The New England Magazine" for January.]

The nineteenth of April, 1894, sixty years after they were pealed for the last time in honor of the visit of the Marquis de Lafayette to the country he had helped to make free, heard the bells of Christ Church, rehung and restored to their old condition of precedence above all the bells of the republic, pealed after that fashion for which they were cast one hundred and fifty years ago.

This is more than an episode,—it is an historical event, it may be an artistic epoch; for on that day a distinct art, lost for a century so far as the United States was concerned, came again into existence. The movement so generated is spreading rapidly, and in the course of time it may be that not only will the noble art of bell-ringing take its place once more in this country as an adjunct of Christian Worship, but something may be reclaimed of that lost art, lost in a measure in England as well as in America, the very noble art of bell-casting.

It may seem to some unjustifiable to speak in this fashion,—to some who call to mind the thousands of bells that yearly are hung in church towers, who remember the scores of churches where "chimes" are rung weekly or daily; but one can, nevertheless, say without fear of contradiction that bell-casting is in many respects a lost art, and that scientific bell-ringing in the United States is a lost art as well.

The bells of Christ Church, as they were found last year, prove this beyond a doubt, if proof were needed. Here was a ring of bells, the first cast for North America, the most perfect from a campanological standpoint, so hung that they could not be rung, and insulted by being employed merely in a system of chiming, which is to true bell-ringing what a child's drumming on a pianoforte is to the art of a Paderewski. And in all the United States there was no chime of bells that could approach this in the point of small variations in weight, in homogeneity of metal, in carrying quality or in musical tone; neither was there a single ring of bells properly hung and properly rung on the entire continent.

The art of campanology is delicate, intricate, and subtle. It begins with the first steps towards the casting of a bell, it considers every detail of its contour, its weight, the thickness of its parts, its composition, every detail of its hanging and adjusting, every detail of its ringing. Many of the secrets of the art are still preserved by the bell-ringing guilds in England, but certain processes which deal with the creation of the bell itself are absolutely lost. For example, one of the most important factors in the creation of a perfect peal is the point of the difference in the weight between the tenor, or heaviest bell, and the treble, or lightest, in the octave of a diatonic scale. In the Christ Church peal the tenor bell is but two and a half times the weight of the treble; but modern founders of the highest repute, both in England and Belgium, have adopted in their peals a scale in which the tenor bell weighs at least three and one half times as much as the treble bell. The nearest approach to old results that has yet been achieved in this country is a chime in which the proportion is four to one, while ordinary combinations of bells often reach the extraordinary conditions which exist at Christ Church, Cambridge, where the heaviest bell in the octave weighs eight times as much as the lightest. Such an arrangement, if by courtesy called a peal, is a combination which no ringer would venture to handle, for with so marked a contrast in the weight of the respective bells, the tintinnabula at one end of the octave would be completely overpowered by the deeper vibrations of the heavy bells; whereas there is no perceptible difference in the carrying power of the different bells of this ancient Boston peal, even when heard at a distance of four miles.

The same unfortunate retrogression shows itself in every direction. By abandoning the ancient system of ringing for the makeshift of chiming, the noble art dropped nearly to the level of a trick, and the craft of bell-casting became a trade. Everything was sacrificed in the making of the bell to cheapness; in the hanging of the bell to the capacity of a blundering sexton; and where once we had great bells leaping through the sonorous air, pouring their tone toward each other from resounding throats and driving it for many miles, where once we had loving

ringers, each knowing his bell, each knowing its exact position in its swift revolution at any second to an eighth of an inch,—we have now to endure ill-assorted masses of dull clanging metal swung by ignorant and careless sextons, or hammered by some mechanical makeshift. It is not too much to say, therefore, that campanology was, so far as this country is concerned, really a lost art in all its branches.

Indeed, so absolutely had its first principles fallen out of sight that certain abominable imitations which, it was claimed, were just as good as bells, and less expensive, have been accepted by the public with a serene ignorance of their absolute wretchedness. Fortunately the most loudly heralded form of these abominations has precisely the least sonorousness and penetrating power, so that its steely and dissonant clangor can hardly be heard beyond the block in which it may be placed. One of these bogus "chimes" ("*horresco referens*") has been recently hung in a church in this vicinity, but fortunately is almost inaudible. Christ Church peal cannot but act as a great object lesson in future; for a comparison of the harsh screaming of the modern substitute with its own mellow song will show very quickly that a steel bar is not a bell, not even a substitute therefore, but simply a grotesque absurdity, to be compared only to an African tom-tom.

Another evidence of the desuetude of the art is shewn in the history of the so-called Columbian bell. Apart from the wicked vandalism which the scheme of this bell involved—the childish destruction of the hundreds of precious and historic heirlooms—the alleged method of constructing the bell proved the deadness of the art; for into its composition went all manner of heterogeneous elements, metals of every kind, including much silver, if the statements of the projectors of this scheme are to be credited. Now, anyone familiar with ancient bell-making would have predicted the result of such an amalgam, which was—absolute failure. The claim had been made that the silver would improve the tone of the bell, though in a pamphlet printed in 1877 the Meneely founders of Troy had expressly stated that it was a fact that silver added to the amalgam of copper and tin would ruin the ringing qualities of a bell. The false representations made in connection with the absurd Columbian bell scheme led scores of misguided and foolish people to sacrifice their silver and relics. Of course the first bell was a lamentable and utter failure, and another had to be made, from which the sacrificed silver was discreetly eliminated, and though this bell appeared at Chicago toward the close of the Fair it was not thought worthy of being assigned a place, and was left upon the ground in the rear of the Administration Building, and when occasionally tolled, its dissonant chords, which could be heard but a short distance away, were even less musical than those of some steel bells exhibited by a Prussian founder. It would be interesting to follow the subsequent history of two thousand pounds of metal obtained from the wanton destruction of valuable relics, and also of the unfortunate bell itself.

These instances seem to show how the once noble art has ceased to exist, and to indicate as well how great a destiny may be the fortune of Christ Church peal. Properly hung, properly rung, it may bring a recrudescence of a beautiful art. Once more church towers may have a reason for existing, and may contain in their tops, in place of misbegotten and ill-assorted bells ranging from "Big Bells" to schoolhouse gongs, perfect and harmonious peals, swinging exultingly on every festive occasion, appealing to cultivated and refined ears, not tolling dissonantly or chiming trivially, "to make the judicious grieve."

Now just a word about tolling and ringing. In ringing of course the bell is first raised and balanced with its mouth upward, and held ready for the signal to swing off and strike. When the bell is released it falls, the tongue tapping the sound-bow on the upper side towards the end of its revolution, and pouring the waves of sound outward perhaps into the waves of the bell swinging opposite, so that perfect harmony may result from this blending. In tolling, the bell rests rigid, with mouth downward, the tongue being beaten against the sound-bow. The sound thus emitted is dull and muffled, and being necessarily driven downward it carries but a short distance.

(To be continued.)

## Notices.

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

**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Kelvedon, on Easter Monday. The towers of Coggeshall (8 bells), Feering (6 bells), and Inworth (5 bells), will be open to ringers. Also the fine lately augmented peal of six at Kelvedon will be at liberty. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.

HENRY T. W. EYRE.  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham, Essex.

**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Easter Monday. By kind permission of the Rev. F. F. Kelly, the tower will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea (free to annual subscribers), at the Surrey Masonic Hall at 5.30 p.m.  
R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.  
13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 15th, when the following towers will be open for ringing from 10 a.m.; All Saints (10 bells), St. Alkmund's, St. Andrew's, St. Luke's, and St. Werburgh's (8 bells). Committee meeting at 3.30 p.m. Tea, followed by general meeting at 4 p.m., both in the Temperance Hall, close to St. Werburgh's.  
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec.  
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday. Belfry open at 9 a.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each), in school-room at 5.15, business meeting at 6.0. Members earnestly invited to attend the service.  
North Wingfield. T. ALLIBONE, Secretary.

**Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgend on Monday, April 15th, at 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4 p.m. Knife and fork tea will be provided by the kindness of the Bridgend ringers.  
Llandaff. W. A. DOWNING, Hon. Sec.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The annual meeting of this Association will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, April 15th, at 2 o'clock prompt. The Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester has kindly consented to preside. A free tea will be provided at the Cathedral Restaurant at 4.15. The tower of St. Helen's (8 bells), will be open for ringing during the day, and the Cathedral tower after evensong, 5 p.m. All members are specially requested to be present. Business of importance. The Secretary will be pleased to receive all outstanding contributions.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford, on Easter Monday. Special service in St. Paul's church, at 3 p.m., preacher, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Hon. Sec. Norwich Diocesan Association. Tea at All-Hallows Lane Mission Room, at 4 p.m. Business meeting after tea.  
W. W. C. BAKER, Hon. Sec.

**The Herts. Association.**—Annual meeting at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's church will be

open for ringing during the morning and afternoon. Divine Service at the Cathedral at 12.45. Address by the Archdeacon of St. Albans. Dinner at the Town Hall at 1.30, cost to Members 2s. each. Meeting to follow for election of officers, and general business.  
St. Albans. E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Eckington, on Easter Monday, April 15th. Dinner will be provided at The White Hart inn, at 1.30, price 2s. each.

EDWIN JAMES, Hon. Sec.  
Woodseats, Sheffield.

**North Notts. Association.**—The quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Misson, near Bawtry, on Easter Monday, April 15th. The church tower will be open to members by kind permission of the Vicar, from 2 p.m. Tea (price 1s. per head), at 5 p.m.  
HENRY T. SLODDEN, Hon. Sec.

**The Middlesex Association.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Ann's church, Highgate, on Saturday, April 20th, ringing at 5 p.m. The members of the Committee are urgently requested to attend this meeting.

FRANK BLONDELL, Hon. Sec.  
15, Thornton Road, Barnet.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitefield, on Saturday April 20th, when it is hoped that as many members as can make it convenient to attend will do so, as the bells have recently been re-hung. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lewisham, on Saturday, April 20th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.0 p.m. Committee meeting at 5.0 p.m.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE,  
Hon. Sec. Lewisham Dist.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Middleton parish church, on Saturday, April 20th. Meeting in school at 6 p.m. Method for practice, Stedman.

G. HOYLE, Branch Sec.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30 o'clock. All members are most earnestly invited to attend this meeting.

J. B. TAYLOR, Sec.  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The executive of the above Guild intend holding a Smoking Concert on Saturday, April 27th, at the Market Hotel, Station Street, at 7 p.m., for the benefit of Thomas Miller, who has been confined to his bed, with severe illness, for many weeks past. It is hoped that the ringers of Birmingham and the surrounding district will liberally support this appeal for a deserving case. Tickets, price 6d. each, and any further information, may be obtained from the undersigned, who is acting during the indisposition of Mr. Godden.  
W. KENT.  
18, Fentham Road, Birchfields, Birmingham.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, April

27th, at St. Paul's church, Wood Green, Wednesbury. Nearest railway stations are Wednesbury and Walsall, from which trains can be taken that pass the church. Bells available from two o'clock. Tea will be provided for all who send in their names before the 23rd inst. to  
S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.  
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The spring meeting of this Guild of bell-ringers will be held at Henley-on-Thames, on Saturday, April 27th. The methods to be practised will be Grandsire, Stedman, and Double Norwich. Tea will be given gratis in Church Institute, at 5, and service will be held in the parish church, at 6, when the sermon will be preached by the Rector. All wishing to attend must send their names at once to the organising secretary,

REV. J. H. TRAVERS.  
West Hill House, Henley-on-Thames.

**Cheltenham and District Guild.**—The annual meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held at Cheltenham tower on Saturday, May 2nd, at 7 p.m.

A. W. HUMPHRIS, Hon. Sec.

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting for 1895 will be held at Warminster, on Monday, May 13th. Divine Service in the Minster at 11.30 a.m. Meeting for election of officers and general business at 12.30. Dinner at 2 p.m. All members intending to be present must send in their names to me not later than May 3rd, otherwise the allowance of 2s. 6d. per head will not be granted to them.

J. R. JERRAM, Gen. Sec.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Bristol.—A smoking concert will be held on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., at 8 p.m., at The George Hotel, Narrow Wine street. All members welcome.

C. H. GORDON, Local Sec.

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**The Bell News and Ringers' Record.**

The 58 peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following counties: Lancashire 10; Middlesex 7; Sussex 5; Worcestershire 5; Cheshire 4; Suffolk 4; Shropshire 3; Somersetshire 3; Gloucestershire 2; Staffordshire 3; Surrey 2; Berkshire 1; Cambridgeshire 1; Essex 1; Kent, 1; Leicestershire 1; North Wales 1; Warwickshire, 1; Westmoreland 1; Wiltshire 1; and Yorkshire 1.

The following records have been established during the year: a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, containing 13,440 changes, by the Royal Cumberland Youths; a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, containing 9312 changes, by the Crawley branch of the Sussex County Association.

The 259 peals of Grandsire Triples are made up as follows: Holt's Original, 43; Holt's 6-part, 6; Holt's 10-part, 113; Taylor's Bob-and-Single, 31; Hollis's 5-part, 7; Davies' 10-part, 5; Davies' 5-part, 6; Parker's 12-part, 8; other peals, 40.

The 63 peals of Stedman Triples are made up as follows : Thurstans' Original, 28 ; Thurstans' one-part, 1 ; Brook's Variation, 10 ; Heywood's Variation, 4 ; Haley's Variation, 1 ; Lates' one-part, 1 ; Carter's, 5 ; other peals, 13.

The 161 Treble Bob peals : In the Kent Variation, 125 ; Oxford Variation, 21 ; 7 Treble Bob Minor methods, 15.

The time occupied in ringing the 859 peals was 2632 hrs. 39 mins., or 109½ days and nights, the average time for each peal being 3-3  $\frac{762}{859}$  mins.

Conductors of 4 peals and upwards : G. Williams, 29 ; J. Carter, 16 ; J. W. Washbrook, 16 ; J. Parker, 15 ; F. Bennett and D. G. Wightman, 12 ; E. Barnett, C. W. Clarke, and W. Holmes, 11 ; J. Austin, 10 ; A. Craven, R. Ridyard, Rev. F. E. Robinson, E. Smith, J. W. Taylor, jun., W. S. Wise, 9 ; W. Bedwell, H. N. Davis, J. E. Groves, H. R. Newton and W. Willson, 8 ; A. W. Barkus, C. E. Borrett, R. E. Grove, F. J. Harrison, Rev. H. L. James, G. Newson, and J. C. Truss, jun., 7 ; W. H. L. Buckingham, F. Knight, J. Motts, J. Pettit, H. White, W. Wakley, 6 ; E. Bishop, C. Jackson, G. Lindoff, J. J. Parker, J. A. Trollop, G. Wightman, and H. Williams, 5 ; J. Basden, H. Bastable, A. W. Brighton, H. H. Chandler, T. W. Chapman, W. G. Crickmer, J. E. Davis, C. Dracup, J. Evans, G. Hawkins, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, A. P. Heywood, J. Howes, F. Hopgood, E. E. Huntley, F. G. Newman, T. Newman, F. J. Pitts, G. Preston, G. A. Ransom, C. L. Routledge, H. Rowley, W. J. Sevier, H. Sharp, H. J. Tucker, C. Willshire and W. E. Yates, 4.

In addition to these there were 28 who conducted 3 peals : 70 who conducted 2 peals, and 168 who conducted 1 peal. Also one peal, in which each man conducted a 720, and 1 peal published without a conductor's name, making a total of 336 persons who acted as conductors during the year.

Number of peals on church bells, 828 ; on handbells, 31. They were rung as follows : January, 65 ; February, 59 ; March, 80 ; April, 69 ; May, 81 ; June, 66 ; July, 26 ; August, 45 ; September, 73 ; October, 82 ; November, 96 ; December, 117.

Increase during the twelve months on 1893 :—154.

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

1881.	From January to December	156	1886.	From January to December	556	1891.	From January to December	878
1882.	" "	244	1887.	" "	646	1892.	" "	802
1883.	" "	330	1888.	" "	759	1893.	" "	705
1884.	" "	419	1889.	" "	797	1894.	" "	859
1885.	" "	500	1890.	" "	699			

\*Schedule of points for ascertaining the respective value of peals in various methods as given in the column preceeding the yearly positions 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, 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.

8, Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

N.B.—Performances on six bells not in accord with the Central Council's definition, are omitted from the above analysis.—G. F. A.

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR. Continued—

IN THE BURTON VARIATION.

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13,216.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Continued—

M W H

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

This composition, with the 4th, 5th, and 6th twelve times each way in 5-6, has the extent of the method obtainable with the tenors together. It will go as a 6608 on Double Bob, Double Oxford, and Yorkshire Court Bob, and will contain the extent of these methods without singles, and with the tenors together.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1895.

RINGERS' Meetings in plenty are announced for the 15th instant—Easter Monday. The Midland Counties' Association, the Worcestershire, the Essex, the Bedfordshire, the Hertfordshire, and other similar bodies will hold their usual yearly assemblies, while other organizations will have either quarterly or other meetings. With the single exception of Christmastide, perhaps, more ringing will be carried on all over the country on Monday and Tuesday next than at any other period of the year. The Easter season has always been looked upon—even years before County Associations or Diocesan Guilds were called into existence—as the period of the year, *par excellence*, for the fraternal reunions of ringers. And every year we find that they increase.

One particular feature of Eastertide in these days is the assembling of the Central Council, which as everyone knows, takes place this year at Sheffield. As usual we have kept before our readers for three successive issues the official programme of business which will be brought before the Council; and no apology is needed for this repeated publication, on account of the tendency of ringers to forget what is going on among them, and the great danger of their interest in any particular movement collapsing.

Previous reference has been made to one or two items

of the agenda, and concerning the rest very little need be said. In the election of Honorary Members it would be well if more regard could be paid to the original intention of the founders of the Council. We believe we do not err in saying that the election of Honorary Members was instituted in order to secure on the Council many gentlemen who from their unpractical association with change-ringing, as it may be termed, and other causes, could not have a connection with it. To an ordinary practical ringer admission to the Council is attainable by the ordinary means, but the company of such men as the Rev. Dr. RAVEN—the most learned bell antiquarian we have—Mr. THOMPSON, of Cambridge University, and others, can only be secured by electing them as Honorary Members. Were it not that fear would be engendered at his pungent critical attitude, Lord GRIMTHORPE would no doubt be heartily welcomed, as for many years he has occupied a prominent position among church bells. And as long as a member bearing the honored name of ELLACOMBE is with us, we say that the list of Honorary Members is incomplete without that name. We even take the liberty of suggesting that a request should be made to the Rev. CANON ELLACOMBE asking him to accept a seat on the Council in the capacity of an Honorary Member.

The Standing Committee of the Council are requested to be punctual in their attendance. There are several important matters awaiting their consideration, which will occupy all the time they will have at their disposal.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 6, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

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GEORGE E. PEACE .. .. 4.	GEORGE COLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

\*First peal with a bob bell. Messrs Carter, Peace, Jelf, Tarling, and Cole hail from Waltham Abbey.

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HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 3-4.	WALTER STONE .. .. 7-8.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

JAMES TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	WALTER TAYLOR .. .. 5.
SAMUEL LORD .. .. 2.	HARRY WALLS .. .. 6.
GEORGE LORD .. .. 3.	J. T. WRIGHT .. .. 7.
J. B. TAYLOR .. .. 4.	JOHN W. ORMEROD .. .. Tenor.

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On Saturday, April 6, 1895, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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ARTHUR STOKOE .. .. Treble.	ROBERT THOMAS .. .. 5.
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ALFRED NAYLOR .. .. 4.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. .. Tenor.

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#### DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

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ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 4.	*SIDNEY DAWSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

\*First peal. First peal in the method by all the band, also the first peal in the method on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. Messrs. Hexter (2) and Poxon belong to Long Eaton; Ward and Bradley to Derby; the rest belong to the Duffield society.

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HERBERT KNIGHT* .. .. 4.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 9.
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JOHN HOLDEN .. .. 4.	JOHN T. DICKEN .. .. Tenor.

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S. HUTSON .. .. 3.	W. H. HOBBS .. .. 7.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## 5040 OF DOUBLES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS; Being 720 each of the following:

London, Extremes, Canterbury, Grandsire, St. Simon's, New Doubles, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR SMITH .. .. Treble.	EDWARD SMITH .. .. 3.
WILLIAM INGLESANT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM CORNISH .. .. 4.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

## HEMPSTED, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 2, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## SEVEN 720S OF MINOR;

In the following methods:

One each of Grandsire and Oxford Bob; two of Canterbury Pleasure; and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.
WILLIAM POSTON .. .. 2.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 5.
ERNEST E. DAVIES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

## OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1895, in One Hour and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF DR. MEADOWS, CHURCH HOUSE,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

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

WALTER W. MILLER .. 1-2.	FREDK. E. W. MEADOWS 3-4.
WALTER WHITING .. .. 5-6.	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. W. MEADOWS.

Umpire—J. W. Miller. First 5040 on handbells by all; also first of Minor on handbells by the Association in Suffolk, and was rung at the first attempt.

# TREETON, YORKS.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, April 6, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## SEVEN 720S OF TREBLE BOB MINOR,

In the following methods:

Primrose, College Treble, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ANDREW WOOFFENDEN .. Treble.	A. J. PLOWMAN .. .. 4.
THOMAS WHITWORTH .. 2.	W. J. NICHOLSON .. .. 5.
SAMUEL WALKER .. .. 3.	W. LAMBERT, JUN. .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LAMBERT, JUN.

First 5040 of Minor by A. J. Plowman.

## HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## SEVEN 720S OF MINOR,

In the following four methods:

Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK HULL .. .. Treble.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. 4.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 2.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 3.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

The above was rung on the birthday of Isaac Hills, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Also as a farewell peal to J. Sharman, who is leaving Bedford for Crawley, Sussex.

# Date Touches.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

NEWCHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, March 10th, at St. Nicolas, church, for Divine Service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr, 2 mins. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; L. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor (conductor), 5; H. Walls, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; J. W. Ormerod, 8. Composed by Charles Lloyd, Cardiff, South Wales.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Monday evening, January 28th, at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of 1895 Grandsire Triples, in 58 mins. F. Howarth, 1; J. A. Brown, 2; J. T. Standring, 3; J. Shepherd (composer and conductor), 4; W. Ashworth, 5; J. Sutcliffe, 6; T. Lord, 7; W. Law, 8. The bells were deeply-muffled to the memory of the late Lord Randolph Churchill.

# Miscellaneous.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, March 9th, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 44 mins. F. S. Bayley (first quarter-peal as conductor), 1; F. W. Thornton, 2; H. J. Skelt (first quarter-peal in the method), 3; M. A. Wood, 4; H. Hoskins, 5; I. G. Shade, 6; E. Clark, 7; W. Foreman, 8.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, March 10th, at St. John's church, a 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Bamber, 1; J. Yell, 2; T. H. Mark, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; C. H. Kerr (conductor), 5; E. Tipping (first 720 in any method), 6. And in the evening, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Bamber (conductor), 1; T. H. Mark, 2; E. A. Baker, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; R. Cookson, 6. E. A. Baker hails from Burnley.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

WINSHILL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, February 20th, at St. Mark's church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. (eight bobs and six singles). T. Gilbert, 1; W. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; J. Ashmole, 4; J. Woodward, 5; C. Golder (conductor), 6. Also some Grandsire Doubles in which J. Morley, W. Wilde, and J. Jaggar took part, was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Chas. Lewis, of

Stapenhill, to Miss Olive Ashmole, of Winshill, sister to Mr. J. Ashmole, the worthy captain of the Davenham Society, Cheshire.

# THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks.)—On Sunday, March 10th, for morning service, 720 College Single. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. And after Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; J. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. And for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. T. Robertshaw, 1; F. P. Powell (conductor), 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; J. Robertshaw, 6.

# THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING (Lancashire).—On Monday, December 24th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a 5040 in four methods, which came to grief after ringing 720 each of Oxford Bob, College Single, and Canterbury Pleasure, through one of the ropes breaking. W. Timbrell, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; F. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. January 20th, 720 of Grandsire Minor, standing as above. February 24th, 720 of Bob Minor. R. Kenyon (conductor), 1; W. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; F. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Timbrell, 6. March 3rd, 720 of College Single, standing as above. March 6th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Timbrell, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. March 10th, 720 of Bob Minor. R. Kenyon (conductor), 1; J. Kenyon, 2; W. Timbrell, 3; F. Timbrell, 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6.

WHITEFIELD (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, February 28th, at All Saints' church, 1500 Grandsire Triples, in 55 mins. F. Bradshaw, 1; W. Houghton, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; A. Barratt (conductor), 4; J. Barlow, 5; S. Morris, 6; W. Hilton, 7; J. Bradshaw, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. The above is the longest length on the bells since they were rehung by Warner and Son, of London. A. Barrett hails from Ratcliff; J. Gratrix from Swinton; the rest are of the local band.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On February 17th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; R. W. Burrows, 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On February 24th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. T. Watson, 1; R. W. Burrows (first 720 as conductor), 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On March 3rd, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles) in 24 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; R. W. Burrows, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Single Bob (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles), in 23 mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. Stuart, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On March 10th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Single Bob (thirty-four bobs and twenty-singles) in 26 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late George Banks Ashburner, Elliscales House, Dalton-in-Furness.

# THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENHAM (Cheshire).—On Friday, March 1st, for practice at St. Wilfrid's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called three different ways. A. Booth (age 12), 1; T. Bush (age 15), 2; J. Wakefield (age 17), 3; H. Jarwood, 4; J. Ashmole (conductor), 5; W. Hind, 6. First by all except the conductor, and it was his longest length. A course of Grandsire Minor seven times over. A. Booth, 1; T. Bush, 2; J. Wakefield, 3; T. Wilkinson (age 16), 4; H. Yarwood, 5; J. Ashmole, 6. First of Minor on the bells by local men, and longest length of Doubles on the bells.

# EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—Recently for practice at St. Laurence's Church, 720 College Single (eight bobs six singles). Composed by T. Millington, Clay Cross; the last half being strictly reversed. H. Tarlton, 1; W. Butler, 2; T. Day, 3; J. T. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—At the church of St. Bartholomew, on February 17th, for Divine Service, in the evening, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). J. Green, 1; T. Millington (conductor), 2; W. Goodge, 3; F. Maycock, 4; F. Marshall, 5; J. Maycock, 6. First 720 by W. Goodge. On March 14th, for practice, Mr. J. J. Parker's 720 of Bob Minor (thirty bobs and ten singles). J. Green, 1;

T. Millington (conductor), 2; W. Goodge, 3; J. Maycock, 4; F. Marshall, 5; J. J. Cook, 6. The above was rung in honor of J. J. Cook's 31st birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

# THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WEST GRINSTED (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 17th, for evening service, with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Standing, who was buried in the afternoon, 720 Plain Bob Minor. S. Woolgar, 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; E. C. Boniface, 4; H. Tourle, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Single Bob. S. Woolgar, 1; W. Pierce, 2; H. Tourle, 3; R. Summersell, 4; W. Denman, 5; E. C. Boniface (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. S. Woolgar, 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; E. C. Boniface (conductor), 6.

SHIPLEY (Sussex).—On Monday, February 25th, 720 Plain Bob. S. Woolgar, 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. A 720 of Oxford Single Bob, standing as before, was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Harding, of Coolham.

# THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, March 11th, 840 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Colour-Sergeant Bulmer, Queen's prizeman. E. Jarvis, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; A. Seymour, 3; C. Crust, 4; J. W. Jarvis, 5; R. Jarvis (conductor), 6; J. R. Mackman, 7; H. Eley, 8. Afterwards the usual whole pull and stand.

# THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, March 21st, 720 of Double Oxford Bob in 25 mins. H. Hill, 1; W. Talbot, 2; J. Smith, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; W. Micklewright (conductor), 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. First in the method by all except the tenor man, and the first on the bells.

# THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, February 3rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; H. Shimmans, 3; C. Chasty (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; J. Sharman, 7; D. Thompson, 8. And 432 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; J. Sharman, 7; H. Sharp, 8. And 168 Stedman. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Tysoe, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; J. Sharman, 7; F. Smith, 8. And on Sunday, February 10th, 432 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; F. Smith, 7; H. Sharp, 8. And 216 Stedman Triples. On Sunday, February 17th, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Hull, 1; C. Chasty (conductor), 2; H. Shimmans, 3; I. Hills, 4; F. Keech, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; D. Thompson, 8. Also 265 Grandsire Triples. And 480 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Shimmans, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; F. Smith, 7; H. Sharpe, 8. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. On Sunday, February 24th, 392 Grandsire Triples. D. Thompson, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Shimmans, 3; W. Hall, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Hull, 8. And 416 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Hull, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; F. Smith, 7; H. Sharp (conductor), 8. On Monday, February 25th, an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief through a change-course, after ringing 3300 changes, in 2 hrs. 5 mins. F. Hull, 1; C. Chasty (conductor), 2; H. Shimmans, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; F. Smith, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; \*D. Thompson, 8. \*Longest length.

# DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH (Durham).—On Thursday, March 14th, at the parish church, previous to the confirmation service, H. Johnson's 1264 Bob Major. R. W. Langton, 1; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 2; R. W. Lovie, 3; G. Lowden, 4; H. G. Dawson, 5; J. Field, 6; W. T. Robson, 7; T. Hudson, jun., 8. This is the longest touch of Major by all except the ringers of the 2nd, 7th and 8th. After the service a touch of 592 changes in the same method was rung with T. Hudson, sen., at the 3rd; the rest as before.

MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.—On Sunday, March 24th, at the church of St. Hilda, for morning service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Fenwick, 1; C. Hall (first touch of Major and longest length), 2; J. H. Jones, 3; J. Carter, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; J. H.



Blakiston (conductor), 7; J. W. Passman, 8. And for evening service, 1008 Stedman Triples. R. Fenwick, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; R. Alcock, 3; J. W. Passman, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; S. Walker, 8. Longest length of Stedman by an entirely local company.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, February 23rd, at the house of Mr. J. G. Miles, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 17 mins. J. G. Miles, 1-2; A. Howes (conductor), 3-4; J. Howes, 5; F. G. Kerry, 6. On Tuesday, February 26th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (twenty-six bobs and thirty-four singles) in 15 mins. J. G. Miles, 1-2; A. Howes, 3-4; J. Howes (conductor), 5-6. This is the first 720 in the method by all. On Friday, March 1st, 1008 Bob Major. J. G. Miles, 1-2; A. Howes, 3-4; J. Howes (conductor), 5-6; J. Lawrence, 7-8. On Sunday, March 10th, 504 Bob Triples. J. G. Miles, 1-2; A. Howes, 3-4; J. Howes (conductor), 5-6; J. Lawrence, 7-8. On Tuesday, March 12th, a 720 of St. Simon's Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. G. Miles (conductor), 1-2; A. Howes, 3-4; J. Howes, 5-6. This is the first 720 in the method by all and is believed to be the first yet rung in the method. And a course of Grandsire Triples. J. G. Miles, 1-2; A. Howes, 3-4; J. Howes, 5-6; J. Lawrence, 7-8.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, March 21st, for practice at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, 540 Stedman Caters. C. E. Borrett (conductor), 1; G. P. Burton, 2; J. A. Trollop, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; G. Howchin, 5; F. J. Howchin, 6; F. H. Knights, 7; F. Knights, 8; G. Smith, 9; W. Bales, 10. Also 748 Grandsire Cinques. C. E. Borrett (conductor), 1; J. A. Trollop, 2; E. Ward, 3; G. P. Burton, 4; F. J. Howchin, 5; A. W. Brighton, 6; G. Howchin, 7; E. Francis, 8; F. H. Knights, 9; F. Knights, 10; G. Smith, 11; W. Bales, 12. Tenor 41 cwt. On Monday, February 18th, at the church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes. W. Freeman, 1; G. P. Burton, 2; J. A. Trollop, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; G. Howchin, 5; C. E. Borrett, 6; F. J. Howchin, 7; W. Bales, 8. Composed by H. Hubbard and conducted by C. E. Borrett. This is the first quarter-peal in the method in Norwich for many years, and the longest length on the bells for over a quarter of a century. Mr. W. Freeman, who is in his 78th year, is the last of the old Norwich company. He rang the 7th in the long peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Peter Mancroft, in 1844, the only peal in the method on the bells. He also took part in the last peal at St. Andrew's (Stedman Caters), and in several others of the usual length. Also on Monday, March 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. W. Brighton (conductor), 1; G. P. Burton, 2; J. A. Trollop, 3; W. Freeman, 4; G. Howchin, 5; C. E. Borrett, 6; F. J. Howchin, 7; E. Freeman, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. in E. These bells greatly require the services of a competent bell-hanger. A large part of the practice-nights is generally spent in splicing ropes, etc.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, March 17th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), with 6-8 behind. F. Chapman, 1; E. Dyson, 2; H. N. Horton, 3; G. Head, 4; T. Tabrett, 5; W. Ansell, 6; J. Dyson (conductor), 7; A. Collins, 8. On Tuesday, March 19th, for practice, 360 Bob Minor (nine bobs), with 6-8 behind. F. Chapman, 1; E. Dyson, 2; H. N. Horton, 3; T. Tabrett, 4; C. Viggers (conductor), 5; A. Collins, 6; J. Dyson, 7; F. Beeken, 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, March 14th, for practice, 352 Bob Major. J. Muggridge, 1; P. Brooker, 2; H. Porter, 3; S. Perkins, 4; E. Mankelov, 5; G. Smithers, 6; W. Steed, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. And 504 Triples. E. Mankelov, 1; P. Brooker, 2; G. Smithers, 3; W. Steed, 4; H. Porter, 5; W. Latter, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. On Sunday, March 11th, 252 Stedman Triples. H. Porter, 1; P. Brooker, 2; G. Smithers, 3; W. Worsfold, 4; S. Perkins, 5; E. Mankelov, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. W. Worsfold's first touch in the method. On Thursday, January 24th, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Perkins, 1; G. Smithers, 2; W. Latter, 3; H. Porter, 4; R. J. Graveson, 5; W. Steed (conductor), 6; P. Brooker, 7; G. Kimber, 8. W. Steed and R. J. Graveson hail from Tonbridge. W. Steed's first 504 in the method as conductor.

#### THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BENINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, March 11th, the Frieston company visited this place and rang 720 Bob Minor. G. Harrison, 1; E. Clayton, 2; H. Staffurth, 3; J. H. Sharp, 4; A. O. Barber (conductor), 5; J. Sharp, 6. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Simpson, 1; A. C. Barber, 2; H. Staffurth, 3; J. Sharp, 4; E. Clayton, 5; J. Sharp (conductor), 6. First 720 by H. Staffurth.

FRIESTON (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, March 19th, at the parish church, 1260 changes in the following methods: Earl Soham Delight, April Doubles, Primrose, Tulip, Canterbury Pleasure, Canterbury Doubles, College Pleasure, Little Bob, London Dream, London Pleasure, 720 of each, and 60 of Grandsire. E. Coppen, 1; A. C. Barber (conductor), 2; H. Staffurth, 3; E. Clayton, 4; J. Sharp, 5. Longest length by E. Coppen and H. Staffurth. Rang as a birthday compliment to A. C. Barber, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday morning, March 24th, an attempt was made for a half-peal of Bob Triples, which came to grief after ringing 1 hr. C. Cole, 1; T. Cole, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; F. Russen, 6; J. Elcombe (conductor), 7; G. Saint, 8. This was rung as a birthday compliment to G. F. W. Mortimer, churchwarden, Captain and Hon. Major of the 1st Volunteer Battalion Hampshire Regiment. For morning service 336 Bob Triples. C. Cole, 1; T. Cole, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; F. Russen, 6; J. Elcombe (conductor), 7; H. Dunn (first attempt), 8.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Saturday, March 16th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. H. Griffin, 1; A. Millard, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; E. Walker, 4; S. Cummins, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. And several courses and a 6-score of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. S. Cummins, 1; W. Linter, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; G. Chequer, 4; E. Walker, 5; A. Millard (conductor), 6.

SHEDFIELD (Hants).—On Thursday, March 21st, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. G. Passingham, 1; G. E. Chappell, 2; W. Linter, 3; C. Tribe, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. Mallard, 1; G. E. Chappell, 2; S. Cummins, 3; A. Millard, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, February 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., taken from Troyte. J. Cook, 1; H. E. Parker, 2; A. Hardy, 3; T. Faulkner (first quarter peal as conductor), 4; A. Whight, 5; A. Deards, 6; F. Norris, 7; H. Horder, 8. Also on Tuesday, February 26th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Cook, 1; T. Faulkner, 2; A. Hardy, 3; H. E. Parker (conductor), 4; S. Hayes, 5; A. Deards, 6; A. Whight, 7; H. Horder, 8.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, February 9th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; W. Hammond, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, February 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Rudkin, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; W. Hammond, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Braintree Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Rudkin, 4; W. Hammond, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 24th, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; W. Hammond, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. On Sunday, February 24th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. E. Hammond, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. On Sunday morning, March 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 College Exercise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6.

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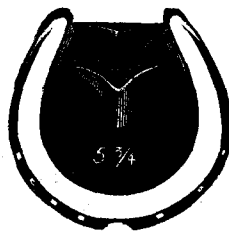
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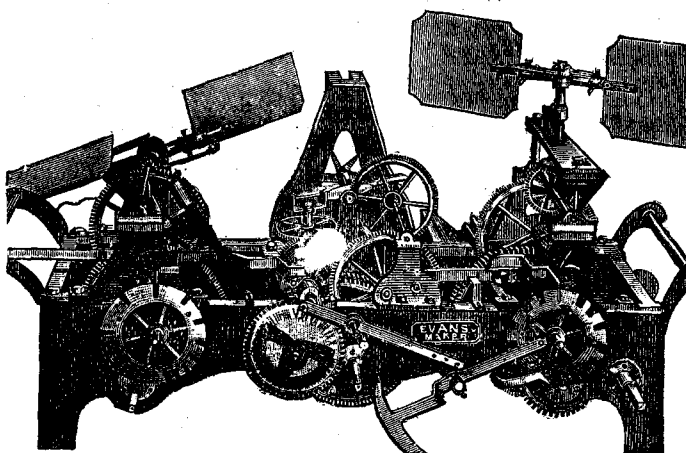
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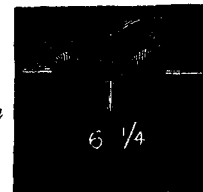
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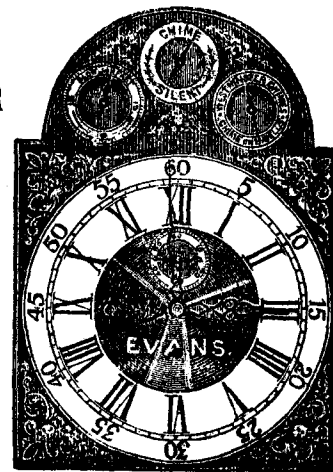
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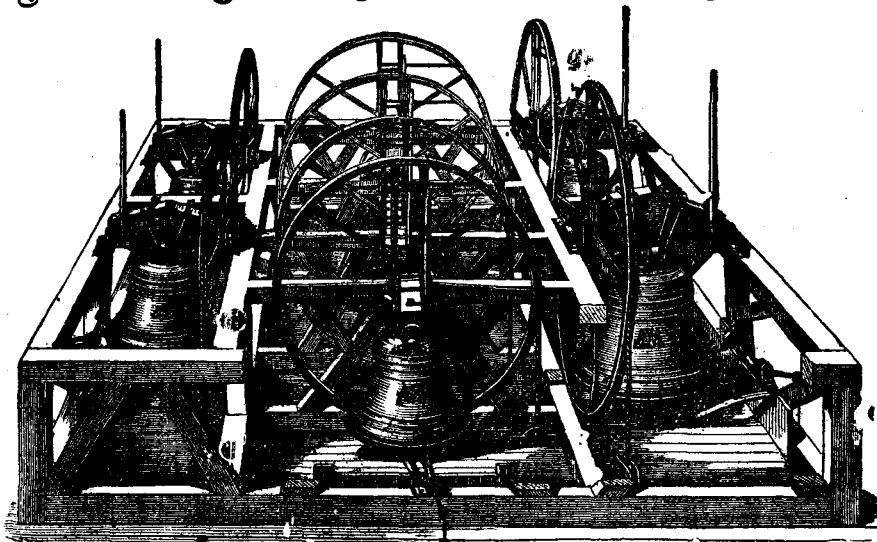
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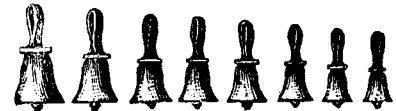
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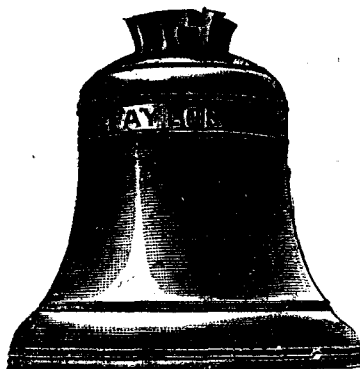
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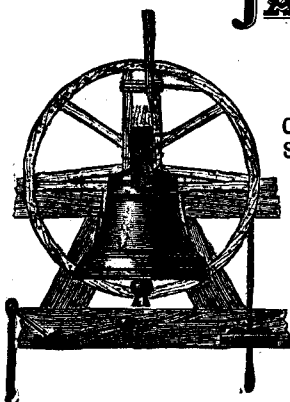
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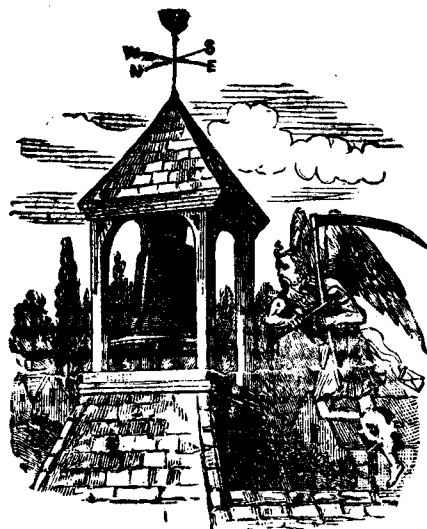
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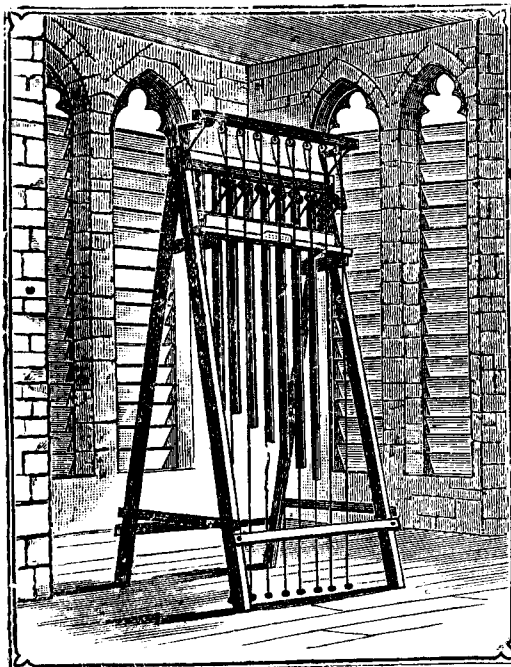
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## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of this Association was held on Easter Monday at Misson, a very remote and picturesque corner of North Notts., noted for the beautiful fresh air in the summer months. A large assembly of members were present from almost all the principal towers in the neighbourhood, viz., Anston, Everton, Worksop, Harworth, Shireoaks, Harthill, East and West Retford, Ordsall, East Markham, and Misson.

Shortly after twelve o'clock the bells were set in motion to the tune of various Treble Bob methods, and with the exception of an adjournment of one hour for tea, they were continually ringing until nine in the evening, owing principally to being admired for their sweetness and purity in tone. Four well-struck touches of Violet, Duke of York, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob were rung in addition to others of less importance, and if the ringers desire to have them recorded in the touch column of "THE BELL NEWS," please send them to the Editor, as the writer was not supplied on this occasion with particulars. In addition to the above-mentioned, the best touch of the day was one composed by host Skinn, of The White Horse inn, and conducted by the Rev. F. W. Keene. This composition in the shape of a meat tea, commonly known as the methods of knife and Fork Surprise, contained several long courses of beef and ham together, with many shorter courses of a varied kind. After indulging in this method forty-minutes, the course-ends rolling up beautifully, the conductor called "That's all," and to the satisfaction of thirty-four members who took part in the performance, it was acknowledged to be a good composition.

The Rev. F. W. Keene, in the unavoidable of the Rev. H. T. Slodden, presided at the business meeting which followed, and also acted secretary *pro tem*. In the course of a few remarks he expressed the pleasure it gave him to see such a large assembly of ringers or church workers present on such an occasion as this. It was needless to say how heartily he welcomed them, especially after the misfortune the Misson people had in losing their old peal of four peal of four bells by lightning and fire to the church, and replacing them after a hard struggle in the times of agricultural depression by a grand new ring of six. The handsome gift of £5 from the members of the Association given towards the object, he should look upon with pride and admiration. With reference to the bells he thought for sweetness in tone the Misson peal was equal, if not superior in tone to any around the neighbourhood. Of course everybody as a rule thought their own bells best, same as a fond and affectionate mother loved or thought her own child the same. There were none superior. However, if any of the ringers wished to express their opinion about them, it would afford him great pleasure. He (the speaker) well remembered the time when they were considering whether it would be advisable to have six bells, when a particular friend of his said, "I should think you never will; the ringers will always be quarrelling, and petty jealousies will crop up between them if you increase your peal to six bells." However he was pleased to say that such horrible things as his friend had predicted had not as yet been realised, but on the other hand the ringers he thought were very agreeable, and were making very good progress in change-ringing, from the report he had received from a ringer that day, and he looked forward to the time when his ringers would be able to do justice to a foreign peal alongside with other members of the Association. In conclusion he thanked them most heartily for the kind reception the ringers had given him. This meeting had been looked forward to for a long time now, and he should be pleased to see them on some future occasion.

The chairman next read a letter received from the secretary, the contents of which explained the cause of his absence; and the claim made by Mr. Haigh, as instructor to the Misson ringers, at 3s. 6d. per lesson, was in his opinion a very just and reasonable one.

Mr. John Swannack proposed, and Mr. J. White seconded, that the sum stated be agreed to; the former remarking that it was insufficient to meet travelling expenses and other requirements, and on being put to the vote was unanimously carried.

A very good suggestion brought for the ringers to consider, and if approved of to be confirmed at the annual meeting held on Whit Monday, viz., "That the Association make a grant to the East Markham committee similar to the one made to Misson last year, towards the purchase of two new bells to complete a

peal of six." It was pointed out that an order had been given for the new bells, and the bell-founder was of opinion that when everything was completed they would be spliced second to none in the county for their easy "go" and sweetness of tone, and inasmuch as the East Markham ringers were willing to join the Association, and the Church Committee were some £15 or £20 short in cash, it would be worthy of the consideration of the Association members. It would also be as well if the Committee would take into consideration at its next meeting the advisability of adhering to the thirty minutes' rule for each company to ring and go round in turns, especially where there is only one tower.

There is something radically wrong when some ringers ring three or more 720s with the same set of men, whilst others who have travelled upwards of thirty miles can scarcely get a pull. Some ringers are not greedy, but like a lot.

The annual meeting will be held at Worksop on Whit Monday. Particulars will appear in this paper later on. H. H.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of the Essex Association was held on Easter Monday at Kelvedon, now an excellent centre, with two fine rings of six bells (Kelsale and Feering), and one of eight (Coggeshall) easily accessible from Kelvedon station. Those of Kelvedon and Feering have recently been augmented by the addition of two trebles, the former supplied by Mears and Stainbank, the latter by Warner and Co. The fourth bell at Kelvedon, which had been badly cracked, has been recast. These are now two as fine and musical rings of six as any in Essex; the reputed weight of the tenor being, at Feering, 20 cwt., at Kelvedon, 21 cwt. In strange contrast to these is a small ring of five close by at Inworth, the tenor of which only weighs 5 cwt. Tea was served at 5 p.m. at The Angel hotel, about fifty-five members being present. The Honorary Secretary (Rev. T. L. Papillon), presided, supported by the Vicar (Rev. E. F. Hay), and the Assistant Secretary (Rev. H. T. Eyre). After the election of new members a long list of subscriptions in arrear for 1894 was read; and on the motion of Mr. S. Hayes, seconded by Mr. B. Keeble, it was resolved that (this being the first year of the new rules passed last Whitsuntide) the operation of Rule III., under which the names of such defaulters would now be struck off, should be postponed until Whitsuntide. Messrs. Howard, of Braintree, and Keeble, of Romford, were appointed auditors for the year ending December 31st, 1894.

The Chairman then moved, and Mr. Keeble seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of the various towers placed at the disposal of members during the day, particularly the Vicar of Kelvedon, to whose encouragement the successful completion of the bells is largely due.

Some good six-bell ringing was done during the day, including a 720 of Cambridge Surprise at each tower, with various touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob Major, and Grand sire Doubles.

The Hon. Secretary desires to call particular attention of members of the Essex Association to Rule III., under which the names of members, whose subscription for any one year is not paid by the next Easter meeting, must be removed from the books, and can only be replaced on payment of a re-entry fee of sixpence in addition to the subscription for the current year. Unless (as has been done this year on the ground of its being the first time of the new rule coming into force), the operation of this rule is postponed by a special vote of the Association, the Secretaries have no option but to enforce the rule, and to strike out from the list of members which has to be printed by Whitsuntide, all those whose subscriptions for the past year were not paid by Easter. It cannot be expected that similar indulgence will be granted in future years.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, March 24th, for morning service at Christ Church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. Joe Thackray, 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; B. Cowling, 3; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. First 720 in the method by all. For evening service, 120 in the same method. Joe Thackray, 1; F. Blackith, 2; B. Cowling, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 5; J. Guy, 6. And 720 Bob Minor, F. Blackith and Joe Thackray changing places, the others as in the 120.

## STOKE-UPON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

The bells at this parish church having been in a bad condition for some time, steps were taken at the end of last year to see if something could not be done to have them put in proper going order, so a meeting of the churchwardens and sidesmen of the parish church, with the wardens of the district churches, were called together in November last by the rector (Rev. J. H. Crump), when it was unanimously resolved that the repair of the church bells should be taken in hand, and that a public subscription should be opened for defraying the cost, and that an executive committee be constituted for carrying out the necessary work. The above committee after thoroughly going into the matter, decided on having three independent reports from different bell-founders, and from the information thereby obtained, found there was no other alternative but to have an entirely new frame if a good job was to be made of them, so tenders were invited for the same, and eventually it was agreed that the tender of Messrs. Warner and Sons should be accepted. Everything is new with the exception of the bells, which have been quarter-turned and fitted up with new clappers. The frame is of cast-iron, and the work has been ably carried out under the management of Mr. Dunn, the foreman of the above firm, to whom great credit is due, for the "go" of them is everything that can be desired. It was a great pleasure to hear them peal out on Easter Sunday, after having been silent for so long, and for Divine Service in the evening a date touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, and judging by the way they went, it is very certain there will not be much difficulty in ringing a 5000 upon them.

## HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.-YORKS.

A contest in connection with the above took place at St. Martin's church, Brighouse, on Easter Monday, when the following prizes were awarded to these companies: Liversedge (1st), Association's Cup and eight metal tea pots; Huddersfield (2nd), eight cruet stands; Ossett (3rd), eight half-dozen knives and forks; Almondbury (4th), eight silk handkerchiefs. The contest piece was 1344 Kent Treble Bob Major, seven companies taking part, the other three competitors being Deusbury, Mirfield, and Birstal. The judges were Mr. Jno. Cordingley (Calverley), and Mr. Joe Wood (Saddleworth), who gave general satisfaction. The prizes were the gift of the local company and friends, and were awarded to the successful competitors by Mr. Frank Prince.

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## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Heswall on Saturday, April 6th. About sixteen members were present from the following towers: Bebington, Bromborough, Heswall, Neston, West Kirby, and Woodchurch. The Rev. T. H. May, rector of Heswall, very kindly provided the tea, to which full justice was done, and also presided at the meeting. The secretary announced that the next meeting would be held at Bromborough on May 4th. Several touches of Oxford Single, College Single, Canterbury, Plain Bob, and Grandsire were rung on the church bells during the afternoon and evening by mixed bands.

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## CHRIST CHURCH BELLS, BOSTON, U.S.

[From "The New England Magazine" for January.]

(Continued from page 562.)

To obtain good effect, the bell must be swung, and this requires competent ringers. Now, as it takes some two years for a man to become a proficient bell-ringer, it may seem that it must be some time before ringing can become popular or common. Perhaps—but already in Boston the old colony guild of bell-ringers has been formed with a dozen active members, formerly members of ancient English guilds. From this guild men will be assigned to such neighbouring parishes as may need their services; and so fascinating an art as this cannot fail to draw novices anxious to become proficient masters in this manly recreation, tending to the development not only of the physical powers, but also of the intellectual faculties. One by one peals will be hung and manned; and in time, it may be, no state will be without its ringing guild.

Returning now to "the Boston bells," Christ Church peal, it may do no harm to repeat its history, although now it is generally well known. In the year 1743 a subscription was taken up in England to purchase a peal of bells for the mission in North America, and the commission for casting was given to Abel Rudhall, of Gloucester, one of the most famous bell-founders of England, the representative of a house that had existed for many generations. In 1744 the bells were hung in Christ Church tower, where they were pealed regularly for thirty years. Certain political events with which we are familiar, made it expedient for a large part of the parish to transfer its residence to Halifax; and after the close of the war the bells fell into disuse. In 1810 an apparatus for chiming was added, and the decadence began. In 1824 the cage was renewed, and an attempt was made to ring the bells from the lower chamber; but this was a complete failure, and from this moment the bells were used as gongs, that is, they were tapped by their tongues being used as hammers. Certain conditions prove this beyond a doubt. For example, the cage of one of the bells was so narrow that the bell could not possibly revolve in it, and again, the tongues and brims of the bells were almost unworn.

When the first examination of the bells was made last year, preparatory to restoring them, they were found in surprisingly good condition. Of course the hangings of red oak and the blocks of *lignum vitae* had gone to pieces pretty badly, but the bells were unharmed and the cage was secure. The labour of rehanging the peal was of the utmost delicacy. Every part of the wood and metal fittings had to be duplicated exactly, for the modern and inferior metal hangings, with the bell raised high in the headstock, were not to be considered for a moment, as bells thus suspended "ring false," i.e., the tongue strikes the lower instead of the upper sound-bow, while the rate of oscillation is too slow to admit of change-ringing. As the work progressed many curious things developed. The bells were found to be a virgin peal, i.e., untouched by the file or chisel to correct the tone; an actual ball-bearing axle was discovered in the "ground trucks," made years before the modern ball-bearing was patented. It was found that since the time that the bells were hung, not one material improvement had been effected in the mechanism of suspension and ringing, that in every respect these hangings were superior to any modern patented contrivances. Therefore they were absolutely restored in their original shape and similar materials, and the old hangings preserved as historical relics, one specimen being deposited with the Bostonian Society.

This careful and important work was done by an expert sparmaker, under the constant direction of the gentleman to whom Boston owes in great measure the restoration of the bells; and when this was complete, the work of adjustment began. This could only be done by a maker of marine instruments, so delicate is the work of lining up the bells, raising or lowering them in the headstock, adjusting the tongue, etc.; for a difference of a sixteenth of an inch in the point of impact of the tongue changes the tone of any bell, and may even imperil its integrity. This work consumed two weeks; and at the expiration of this time the ropes, which had to be obtained in England, where only bell-ringing ropes are made, had arrived, the old colony guild of bell-ringers had been organised, and once again the famous bells hung waiting to be rung up, ready

to fall in the first crash of harmony which they had created for almost a century.

And just here it may not be out of place to refer to the system of "change-ringing"—which, though now three centuries old, is hardly known outside of England, the place of its birth—and to the training necessary to produce a skilled change-ringer. Having become familiar with the various parts of his bell, its hanging and its forward and back oscillation upon its gudgeons or axis, he is first taught to "set" it, *i.e.*, to balance it mouth upward, the ringer standing meanwhile gracefully and without bending the body at the hip, or moving the feet, or looking up to catch the "sally" or colored "tuffing" woven at one point into the rope, which when gently grasped checks the bell in its course, and serves moreover as an index to mark its exact position. In the course of a few weeks he will learn to regulate his bell, so as to be able to strike accurately at both "hand" and "back" stroke, and to manage his hands and the rope without having to think of the matter. Then comes a course of round-ringing in which the bells are rung in regular succession in descending scale, beginning with the smallest or treble bell of the diatonic scale, and ending with the largest or tenor bell, thus: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. He thus acquires the compass or time of revolution and stroke of the various bells, and learns to regulate the beat of his own instrument, modifying the time of its stroke until it sounds at regular intervals with the other bells of the peal. At the same time he begins to acquire what is termed "rope-sight," which is the ability to follow with his eyes the movements of all the ropes, and thus learn to know how much "start" to allow the rope next preceding his own, in order to allow an exact, uniform interval between the notes of the bells striking immediately before and after his own.

The next step in the ringer's education is to advance from round-ringing to the varied permutations in the order of the bells constituting "change-ringing," in which each bell changes place successively with the one which has preceded or followed it.

When the path of any individual bell is progressively upward from one to eight, or reversely from eight to one, it is said technically to be "hunting up" or "hunting down," and one of the first rules to be learned at this stage is, that *odd numbers hunt up and even numbers hunt down*.

If the path in which the bell moves in a series of changes is not progressively up or down, but is at times retrograde, this zigzag or irregular step is termed "dodging," and one of the chief obstacles to proficient ringing consists in the difficulty of knowing just when to dodge, for any error in this respect on the part of a fumbling ringer may demoralise the work of all the others.

When a score of other technical terms have been mastered, such for instance as "place-making," "snapping," "giving lead," "taking from the lead," "making a bob," "coursing," etc., then must be solved the problems presented by the various methods determining the paths of the different bells in their successive changes, and the duty of individual bells, particularly that of the "course" or "observation" bell, for each bell is always a "course" or guide bell to some other. It is maintained by all instructors that the use of handbells at this stage is best calculated to familiarize the student with the path of the bells in these changes which seem at first so bewildering when seen in columnar form in the works of the composers; and this practice can of course be conducted by members at their homes, independent of the work done with the tower bells. At the same time valuable information can be obtained by working out or "pricking" the changes on paper, by which exercise the mathematical rules which determine the permutations of the bells are impressed indelibly upon the memory, and the ringer is thus enabled to respond promptly and intelligently to the calls of the conductor.

It will be seen from this brief account of change-ringing that the science is by no means a simple one, and the gulf which appears between the bungling sexton and his tolling gear and a quick-witted, cool-headed, scientific ringer is very marked.

Let us leave this matter now and come to the night when the great "Boston Bells" gave tongue once more after their long silence. Every one remembers the night of the eighteenth of April, 1894, a date which may come to mark an artistic epoch. On that anniversary of the immortal ride of a great bell-founder,

Paul Revere, who that night assumed himself the function of his own instruments, riding through the gray dawn to awaken a people from the night of colonialism to the white day of nationality, on that anniversary the great dumb bells, weary of their long enforced silence, were rung up as they had not been for almost a century, and hung poised, waiting the signal of release. Within the ancient church hundreds of eager men and women sat listening patiently to sympathetic words. Outside, the narrow streets of the North End were decorated as for a festival. Italian flags mingling with the national colours, flaunting together in the night in the midst of lanterns and colored fires, over a dense crowd of curious sight-seers, who one could wish might have known the full importance of the festival they were helping to make. The hours passed. Inside the church, the national hymn, sung by a thousand throats, brought the preliminary festival to a close. The doors opened, and the crowd packed around Christ Church grew denser, waiting in silence. The hour was almost at hand which marked the anniversary of the exact moment of the awakening of a people. Suddenly a dim light flashed in the lowest window of the tower. The light vanished only to appear at the next window above, amid the cheers of the dense crowd without. And so up window by window,

"By the trembling ladder steep and tall  
To the highest window in the wall,"

where, as the crowd waits anxiously, comes

"on the belfry's height  
A glimmer and then a gleam of light."

and at last, as every one gazes eagerly,

"full on his sight  
A second lamp in the belfry burns."

A breathless pause, and then, released from their century's silence, the great bells fall into an exulting crash, pouring triumphant music into the still night in one cyclonic symphony. For the first time in a century at least the complex harmonies of a "Triple Bob Major" sounded on the wind of the New World.

Another glory has been given to Christ Church. Famous for holding the first peal of bells cast for the North American colonies, famous again as the means whereby warning was given to a people to rise in righteous revolution, it should justly add another cause of fame to the honorable list in the past, that its bells have sounded the proclamation of revolution in a noble and forgotten art, ringing out the old blundering, clumsy, in-artistic chimes, the cheap, modern, imbecile imitations, ringing in the new which is also the very old, the craftily cast, delicately adjusted, manfully rung, genuine peals.

Between the coarse combinations of dissimilar bells which are known as "chimes" throughout America as well as in the vicinity of Boston and the delicately modulated peals of Christ Church, of St. Michael's, Charleston, and of England; between the "tubular chimes" and the masterpieces of bell-founding, between the hammering of helpless bells by a man working a lot of levers and the swinging of tons of booming metal by a circle of sturdy men, each one of whom is a perfect artist,—between these poles of good and bad, right and wrong, is the gulf which divides art from blundering, beauty from monstrosity. Now that Christ Church bells have proved this, proclaiming the rediscovered truth to the four winds of heaven, let us believe the day of makeshift is done, the day of good art rung in.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Saturday, March 16th, at the parish church, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. E. Tubb, 1; W. Webb (conductor), 2; W. Tubb, 3; J. W. Gings, 4; A. Finch, 5; F. Blondell, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Finch, 1; W. Webb, 2; W. Tubb, 3; J. W. Gings, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; F. Blondell, 6. Also 720 in the same method. W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; J. W. Gings, 4; F. Sparks, 5; F. Blondell, 6. On Sunday, March 17th, after evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Blondell, 6.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Thursday, March 28th, for practice, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Blythman, 1; G. Hoad, 2; J. Robinson, 3; E. Moses, 4; F. Hoad (conductor), 5; H. Reeves, 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Triples. H. Reeves (conductor), 1; J. Ansell, 2; F. Hoad, 3; F. Sanders, 4; E. Moses, 5; J. Robinson, 6.

## ALLIANCE,

A NEW PRINCIPLE BY HENRY DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

PAPER No. 3.

SIR,—Herewith I present you with two variations upon this principle. The first of these, No. 2, you will find a perfectly double one, 2nds and 7ths places never used, and very musical. Its lead-ends, bob-changes, and course-ends being identical with Double Norwich, I have given it the title of Norwich Alliance. The tenors also come home at the fifth lead-end, and a bob there brings up the course-end, so that composition goes exactly upon the line of Double Norwich, and all composition without singles run true in each, as was pointed out in Alliance Major and Bob Major some few months ago. To those who may aspire to composition in this method, let me point out that as some of the peals of Alliance will transpose to Norwich Alliance, great care should be taken. To ensure originality a few *five-lead* courses should be introduced. I have given a 5040 as an example.

The following is the first lead of the plain course of Norwich Alliance Major, No. 2.

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

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

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

1 8 6 7 4 5 2 3 Plain lead-end

1 8 6 7 4 2 3 5 Bob change

## NORWICH ALLIANCE MAJOR.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 5 6

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

Twice repeated.

The following is the first lead of variation No. 3, assimilated

to Double Oxford, its lead-ends, bob-changes, and course-ends the same as that, and composition holds the same relation to this, as pointed out in No. 2. I have entitled it

## OXFORD ALLIANCE MAJOR.

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

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

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

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

1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7 Plain lead-end

1 6 4 2 3 8 5 7 Bob change

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Twice repeated.

## A PEAL OF ALLIANCE MAJOR.

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6000.

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

5 2 3 6 4 - - - 4 2 3 5 6 - - -  
6 5 2 4 3 - - - 3 4 2 5 6 - - -  
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This repeated produces—

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, March 24th, for Divine Service, a touch of 768 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 32 mins. H. Osborne, 1; G. Foxell, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; H. Tucker, 4; C. Giles, 5; W. Rolfe, 6; W. Newell, 7; F. Hopgood (conductor), 8.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, March 19th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Lilley, 1; J. Lilley, 2; J. Wooler, 3; T. B. Kendall, 4; F. London, 5; G. A. Nettleton (conductor), 6.

## Notices.

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**The Middlesex Association.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Ann's church, Highgate, to-day, Saturday, April 20th, ringing at 5 p.m. The members of the Committee are urgently requested to attend this meeting.

FRANK BLONDELL, *Hon. Sec.*

15, Thornton Road, Barnet.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitefield, to-day, Saturday April 20th, when it is hoped that as many members as can make it convenient to attend will do so, as the bells have recently been re-hung. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lewisham, to-day, Saturday, April 20th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.0 p.m. Committee meeting at 5.0 p.m.

T. E. TRIGNMOUTH SHORE,  
*Hon. Sec. Lewisham Dist.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Middleton parish church, to-day, Saturday, April 20th. Meeting in school at 6 p.m. Method for practice, Stedman.

G. HOYLE, *Branch Sec.*

**Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Condover, to-day, Saturday, April 20th. Ringing at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Heavy Woollen Districts Association.**—Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ossett, to-day, Saturday, April 20th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, The Red Lion inn.

GEORGE H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The Waterloo Society, London.**—The meetings of this Society will be resumed at Vassal Road, Brixton, every alternate Tuesday, commencing April 23rd, at 7.45 p.m. All members are kindly requested to attend.

F. PERRIN, *Hon. Sec.*

42, Aylesbury Street, Walworth.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30 o'clock. All members are most earnestly invited to attend this meeting.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*

7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The executive of the above Guild intend holding a Smoking Concert on Saturday, April 27th, at the Market Hotel, Station Street, at 7 p.m., for the benefit of Thomas Miller, who has been confined to his bed, with severe illness, for many weeks past. It is hoped that the ringers of Birmingham and the surrounding district will liberally support this appeal for a deserving case. Tickets, price 6d. each, and any further information, may be obtained from the undersigned, who is acting during the indisposition of Mr. Godden.

W. KENT.

18, Fentham Road, Birchfields, Birmingham.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, April 27th, at St. Paul's church, Wood Green, Wednesbury. Nearest railway stations are Wednesbury and Walsall, from which trains can be taken that pass the church. Bells available from two o'clock. Tea will be provided for all who send in their names before the 23rd inst. to S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The spring meeting of this Guild of bell-ringers will be held at Henley-on-Thames, on Saturday, April 27th. The methods to be practised will be Grandsire, Stedman, and Double Norwich. Tea will be given gratis in Church Institute, at 5, and service will be held in the parish church, at 6, when the sermon will be preached by the Rector. All wishing to attend must send their names at once to the organising secretary,

REV. J. H. TRAVERS.

West Hill House, Henley-on-Thames.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Drighlington, on Saturday, April 27th. Ringing from 3 p.m. (no interments). A peal will be attempted at 2 p.m. Meeting house, The Spotted Cow.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Dame Street, Hoggs' Field, Holbeck.

**Sussex County Association.**—Eastern.—Meeting at East Grinstead, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea 5.30. Secretaries will oblige by sending number intending to be present not later than April 25th. Members who have not paid '95 subscriptions will greatly oblige by doing so at once.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Div.*

101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

**The Ashton-Under-Lyne Society.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ashton parish church, on April 27th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

JOHN HOPWOOD, *Hon. Sec.*

27, Egerton Street, Ashton-Under-Lyne.

**North Lincolnshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th. Permission has been obtained for the following towers to be open for ringing during the afternoon: The Cathedral (8), St. Peter-at-Arches (8), St. Peter-at-Gowts (6), and St. Botolph's (5). Tea will be provided in the Co-operative Hall, Silver street, at 4.45 p.m., free to members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, for others at 1s. 2d. each. The business meeting will be held immediately after tea.

REGINALD BOND, *Hon. Sec.*

Church Street, Gainsborough.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Canterbury, on Monday, April 29th. The cathedral tower will be opened for ringing at 3.45 p.m. A committee meeting will be held at 5.15, and all members then present will be allowed their travelling expenses up to two shillings, and a tea will be provided for members whose names are given in to me on or before Thursday, April 25th.

ALFRED FOREMAN, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

P.S.—Service in the cathedral at three o'clock.

**Cheltenham and District Guild.**—The annual meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held at Cheltenham tower on Saturday, May 2nd, at 7 p.m.

A. W. HUMPHRIS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The South and West Middlesex Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Heston, Middlesex, on Saturday, May 4th, 1895. Ringing at 5 o'clock.

E. J. WALSOM, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The monthly meeting of this branch will be held at St. Peter's, Woolton, on Saturday, May 4th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6 o'clock in Parochial Hall.

ALFRED G. NICHOLSON, *Hon. Sec.*

30, Upper Stanhope Street, Liverpool.

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting for 1895 will be held at Warminster, on Monday, May 13th. Divine Service in the Minster at 11.30 a.m. Meeting for election of officers and general business at 12.30. Dinner at 2 p.m. All members intending to be present must send in their names to me not later than May 3rd, otherwise the allowance of 2s. 6d. per head will not be granted to them.

J. R. JERRAM, *Gen. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Lytham, on Saturday, May 18th. Particulars in due course.

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

**CORRECTION.**—The twenty-fifth course of the peal of Superlative Surprise Major, by J. Armiger Trollop, published in our last issue, should be called middle and home, not wrong and home as given.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1895.

### The Provinces.

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

On Friday, April 12, 1895, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PENNING'S ONE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.**

ROBERT J. HUGHES..	Treble.	JOSEPH GAYTON ..	5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES ..	2.	MORRIS J. MORRIS ..	6.
THOMAS A. ROWLANDS* ..	3.	PHILIP W. DAVIES ..	7.
SAMUEL TAYLOR ..	4.	WILLIAM CRANE ..	Tenor.

Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

\*First peal. Being Good Friday, this peal was rung with the bells half-muffled.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.  
Tenor 20 cwt.**

CHARLES E. BORRETT ..	Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON ..	6.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOP ..	2.	ALBERT ROUGHT ..	7.
GEORGE MOY ..	3.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ..	8.
GEORGE HOWCHIN ..	4.	FREDERICK DAY ..	9.
JOHN MOY ..	5.	JAMES M. ROBERTS ..	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR HUBBARD, of London, and

Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

This is the first peal in an odd bell method rung in Aylsham. First peal by the ringers of the 7th and tenor. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th hail from St. Peter's, Norwich; Day from Eye; the rest are local men. The composition contains the forty-eight titum course-ends, with the 6th at home, and is now rung for the first time.

## UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	JOHN T. HOWARD .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILSON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM A. WARD .. .. 6.
EDWIN R. JODD .. .. 3.	HENRY W. BALDRY .. .. 7.
HARRY LEGGETT .. .. 4.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. Tenor.

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

This peal has the 6th her extent at home at six course-ends, with one bob at the middle throughout. Messrs. Wightman and Baldry hail from Brandeston; Wilson from Leiston; W. A. Ward belongs to Ufford; and the rest are from Wickham Market.

## DISS, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH .. .. Treble.	CHARLES BRICE .. .. 5.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 2.	JAMES TANN .. .. 6.
JAMES BOUGHTON .. .. 3.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. 7.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by BENJAMIN SMITH and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

\*First peal in the method.

## HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

GEORGE THOMPSON* .. Treble.	JOHN J. PRATT .. .. 5.
REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FOSTER .. .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 3.	FREDERICK GODDARD .. 7.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 4.	ALLEN H. TABER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER and Conducted by ALLEN H. TABER.

\*First peal of Major, and first peal of Major by the Association.

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM E. EMERY .. Treble.	GEORGE RUSSELL HEAD .. 5.
GEORGE W. SORRELL .. 2.	ROBERT WOOD .. .. 6.
ARTHUR HENRY HEAD .. 3.	FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 7.
THOMAS LINCOLN* .. 4.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP and  
Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major with a bob bell. ‡First peal away from the treble. This is the first peal of Major by all residents in the parish since 1821, and it was rung as a farewell compliment to Thomas Lincoln, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

## SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Four Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES.

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 41 cwt. in C.

THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. Treble.	N. J. PITSTOW .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BURGAR .. .. 2.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 8.
THOMAS DIXON .. .. 3.	SAMUEL THOMAS .. .. 9.
JOSEPH MULLINGAR* .. 4.	ARTHUR BREARLEY .. 10.
C. H. HATTERSLEY .. .. 5.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 11.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 6.	GEORGE NEWSON .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HY. HUBBARD and Conducted by G. NEWSON.

\*First peal of Maximus. Messrs. Newson, Jacob, and Dains hail from London; Pitstow from Saffron Walden; the remainder of the band are local ringers at the above church. The visitors tender their warmest thanks to T. Hattersley for arrangements.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK WILSON* .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. FREAKES .. 6.
ALBERT J. BROWN* .. 2.	HENRY WHITE .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	REV. R. C. M. HARVEY .. 8.
JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 4.	GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 9.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 5.	EDGAR COLLINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Caters.

## LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Four Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM HOWELL, SEN. .. Treble.	CHARLES SILLITOE .. .. 5.
HARRY THOMPSON .. .. 2.	ARTHUR SYMONDS .. .. 6.
FRED WELLS .. .. 3.	OLIVER GARWOOD .. .. 7.
HARRY SMITH .. .. 4.	SAMUEL SLATER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The calling of this peal will be found in Snowdon's *Treatise*, part 2, page 25, and is the longest peal yet rung on these bells. Messrs. Sillitoe and Howell hail from Sudbury; Slates, Garwood, and Wells from Glemsford; Thompson from Caven-dish; Smith and Symonds from Lavenham.

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

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN STEDDY* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS TABBRETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM STEED .. .. 2.	JOHN PRESTON .. .. 6.
EDWARD MANKELow .. 3.	ARTHUR J. DYSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 4.	GEORGE RABBITT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Steddy and Preston hail from Edenbridge; Tabbrett and Dyson from Ashford; Latter and Mankelow from Tun-bridge Wells; and the others belong to the local company.

## CROYDON, SURREY.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 32 cwt. in E.

JAMES RUMBLE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM GROVES .. .. 5.
ALFRED ARNOLD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STATES .. .. 6.
FREDERICK PATES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HILL .. .. 7.
JOSEPH TALBOT .. .. 4.	THOMAS VERRELL .. .. Tenor.
	THOMAS TALBOT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM STATES.

This peal was rung in honor of the new vicar.

## LEWISHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HARRY WARNETT .. .. Treble.	THOMAS G. DEAL .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTON .. 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. 6.
ALBERT PHEASANT .. .. 3.	JOHN GARARD .. .. 7.
HERBERT J. SKELT* .. 4.	CHARLES H. WALKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT.

\*First peal.

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DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED MILLIS .. .. .	Treble.	JAMES F. CLARKE .. .. .	5.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. .	2.	REUBEN HALL .. .. .	6.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. .	3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. .	4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. .	Tenor.

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

This peal is in three parts, with the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 5-6 without singles, and the 2nd never there. Messrs. Millis and Wilson hail from Leicester; Chapman, Winter, and Clarke from Nuneaton; George from Rugby; Hall from West Bromwich; and Groves from Wolverhampton.

WITTON, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Six Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. .	Treble.	FRED DERBYSHIRE .. .. .	5.
WALTER BROWN .. .. .	2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. .. .	6.
JAMES H. RIDYARD .. .. .	3.	JOHN BAGULEY .. .. .	7.
HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. .	4.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by WM. HARRISON and Conducted by R. RIDYARD.

First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Turner, Brown, and Chapman hail from Manchester. Messrs. Ridyard (2), Derbyshire (2), and Baguley from Worsley. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the clergy and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

A. LAYTON* .. .. .	Treble.	CHARLES LAYTON .. .. .	5.
CHARLES A. WATTS .. .. .	2.	HERBERT T. KNOWLES .. .. .	6.
ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. .. .	3.	*DANIEL GREENING .. .. .	7.
HARRY C. YOUNG* .. .. .	4.	*FREDERICK JOHNSON .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

\*First peal. C. Watts hails from Salisbury, and F. Johnson from Asperton. This is the first peal on the bells, several bands having made attempts previously, without succeeding. It is also the first peal by the Malvern band, who have never attempted a peal away from home before, and the first that has been conducted by R. G. Knowles. The ringers wish to tender their sincere thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. .. .	Treble.	FREDERICK TRENDELL .. .. .	5.
JOHN TRENDELL .. .. .	2.	CHARLES TRENDELL .. .. .	6.
EDWARD TRENDELL .. .. .	3.	JAMES TRENDELL .. .. .	7.
CHARLES DEAN .. .. .	4.	HENRY BRYANT .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN TRENDELL.

This is the first peal on the bells.

ALTON, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

CECIL W. MILLER .. .. .	Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. .	5.
FREDERICK WILSON* .. .. .	2.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. .	6.
HENRY WHITE .. .. .	3.	GEORGE WOODISS .. .. .	7.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. .	4.	EDGAR COLLINS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The last peal of Major was one of Plain Bob, and is recorded on a tablet in the tower as having been rung in the year 1789.

LINCOLN.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours Thirteen and a ½ Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY J. BUTTON* .. .. .	Treble.	*COOK WELLS .. .. .	5.
JOSEPH B. FENTON* .. .. .	2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. .	6.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. .	3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. .	7.
RICHARD DAWSON* .. .. .	4.	*CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON	Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by J. PARKER.

This peal which is now rung for the first time, contains the 4th eighteen, and the 6th twenty-four times in sixths, and is the first in the method by the Association, and also in the county. A. Craven (late of Staveley), Parker from Crawley, Sussex, Button from Leiston, Suffolk. \*First peal in the method.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

STEPHEN W. MARTIN* .. .. .	Treble.	FREDK. E. W. MEADOWS .. .. .	5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. .	2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. .. .. .	6.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. .. .	3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. .	7.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. .	4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by A. S. WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal in the method and first attempt. S. W. Martin hails from Monewden, Meadows from Oley, the rest belong to Creetingham. This is a three-part peal, the calling of which may be found in the above Association's report for 1879-80, page 32.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN HORNE .. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM HEMING .. .. .	5.
JOHN CHANCE .. .. .	2.	JOSEPH FERRINS .. .. .	6.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .	3.	JAMES BROAD .. .. .	7.
ALBERT JACKSON .. .. .	4.	*HENRY MARTIN .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by HENRY MARTIN.

This is the first peal of Major known to have been rung on the bells, also the first peal of Major by all except the conductor and the ringer of the 3rd. \*First peal of Major as conductor.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY).

On Wednesday, April 17, 1895, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt. in Eb.

W. SHARDLOW .. .. .	Treble.	C. DRAPER .. .. .	5.
C. E. DOWELL .. .. .	2.	S. MASKREY .. .. .	6.
J. W. THOMPSON .. .. .	3.	A. E. THOMPSON .. .. .	7.
C. E. HART .. .. .	4.	E. DOWELL .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and

Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

Rung on the occasion of the opening of the Infirmary Bazaar by the Duchess of Teck.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

A. B. PEARSON .. .. .	Treble.	W. PEARSON .. .. .	5.
L. STOKOE .. .. .	2.	E. WHEATER .. .. .	6.
J. HECKINGBOTTOM .. .. .	3.	C. WATTS .. .. .	7.
R. THOMAS .. .. .	4.	*F. W. HARGREAVES .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by F. W. HARGREAVES.

\*First peal as conductor. A. B. Pearson hails from Campsall; Stokoe and Thomas from Haddingley; Heckingbottom from Armley; Wheeler from Tong; Hargreaves from Drighlington; and W. Pearson and Watts are local men.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST PYE .. .. .Treble.	ERNEST CLAYTON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. DORAN.. .. 2.	GEORGE R. PYE.. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. DALLIMORE 3.	JOHN DALE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK A. NUNN .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

E. Clayton, who is now residing at Plaistow, belongs to Worlingworth, Suffolk, and was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

CHIPPING, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 11, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## SEVEN 720s OF MINOR;

In the following methods:

One 720 each of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, College Single, and Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

RICHARD KENYON .. ..Treble.	EDWIN TIMBRELL .. .. 4.
WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL 2.	THOMAS SEED .. .. 5.
JOHN T. KENYON .. .. 3.	FREDERICK TIMBRELL ..Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

First 5040 by W. T. H. Timbrell.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR,

In the following methods:

Tulip, Primrose, London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, and Violet. Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY GREAVES .. ..Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM .. .. 4.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 2.	W. HENRY TURTON .. .. 5.
JAMES EMSEN .. .. 3.	CHARLES SEVERN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BETTISON.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A report of a 5040 at Monewden, Suffolk, states that it was rung on April 29th, 1895! Will our correspondent kindly correct?

## Date Touches.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, March 24th, at the church of St. Mary for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 14 mins. G. Collard, 1; O. Bond, 2; A. Evans, 3; J. Joyce, 4; S. Radford, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Fowler, 8. Longest touch by ringers of 1st and 2nd. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Evans.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Monday, March 25th, a date touch, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 720 College Single, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, and 455 Plain Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis, 2; F. T. Spence (composer), 3; S. Horsfall, 4; C. R. Greenall (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. Longest length by all and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Greenall and Spence, the others wishing them many happy returns.

## Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, March 3rd, for evening service,

720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Walsom, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Saturday, March 9th, for practice, 720 each of Bocking Treble Bob and New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Sunday, March 10th, for morning service, 720 Baintree Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Radley, 2; F. Calthorpe, 3; F. Rudkin, 4; W. Hammond, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. And for evening service, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; E. Radley, 6. And on Sunday, March 24th, for morning service, 720 College Exercise. W. Hammond, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; C. H. Howard, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. And for evening service, 720 Morning Exercise, standing as in the morning, conducted by H. E. Hammond. F. Radley hails from Bocking, and E. Radley from Stisted. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 24th, at All Saints' church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 47 mins. A. Ough, 1; R. Chichester, 2; J. Nicholls, 3; J. Green, 4; H. Adams, 5; C. Charge (composer), 6; E. Adams, 7; W. Elson, 8; W. Meaton (conductor), 9; S. How, 10.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, February 17th, at Holy Trinity church, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Baldwin, 1; D. Heys, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; J. R. Werring, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 8. And for evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; D. Campbell, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; J. R. Werring, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, February 24th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). T. Baldwin, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; F. Towns, 3; J. Wilkinson, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; H. Heyworth (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Baldwin, 1; R. Ashworth, 2; D. Heys, 3; M. Wood, 4; F. Towns, 5; H. Heyworth, 6; J. R. Werring, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. And for evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Baldwin, 1; N. Townend, 2; T. Mouncey, 3; D. Heys, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; J. R. Werring, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, March 5th, for practice, 960 in the same method. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; N. Townend, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Duxbury, 6; J. R. Werring, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, March 10th, for morning service, 576 in the same method. T. Redman (conductor), 1; N. Townend, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; D. Heys, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; J. R. Werring, 8. On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 640 in the same method. T. Baldwin, 1; D. Heys, 2; J. Werring, 3; N. Townend, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. And for evening service, 704 in the same method. D. Campbell, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, March 24th, for morning service, 576 in the same method. T. Baldwin, 1; N. Townend, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; J. Wilkinson, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; H. Heyworth (conductor), 8. And for evening service, 640 in the same method. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; D. Campbell, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Monday, January 7th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Elderfield, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; J. Elderfield, 3; J. Parker, 4; A. Crook, 5; C. Clarke, 6. On January 23rd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. On February 20th, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Bovington, 1; A. Day (first 720), 2; J. Elderfield, 3; J. Parker, 4; G. Alder, 5; C. Clarke (conductor), 6. On February 27th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, first in the method by G. Alder. On March 5th, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Brant (first 720), 1; A. Day, 2; J. Elderfield, 3; G. Basden, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clarke (conductor), 6.

STOKE POGES (Bucks).—On Saturday, March 9th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Bovington, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; R. Flaxman, 3; J. J. Parker, 4; G. Basden, 5; C. Clarke (conductor), 6.

BOLNEY (Bucks).—On Saturday, March 9th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. R. Flaxman, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. J. Parker

(conductor), 3; J. Parker, 4; J. Bovington, 5; G. Basden, 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure and 360 Oxford Bob.

**HILLINGDON (Middlesex).**—On Monday, March 11th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. S. Smith, 1; J. J. Pratt, 2; J. Odell, 3; J. Parker, 4; J. J. Parker (conductor), 5; W. Joiner, 6; A. Finch, 7; A. Dampier, 8.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**WALKDEN.**—On Sunday, November 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Gratrix, 1; J. Worthington, 2; A. Potter, 3; Jno. Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Worthington, 1; J. Welsby, 2; J. Potter, 3; John Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, December 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Potter (conductor), 1; S. Oakes, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6. On Sunday, December 23rd, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Worthington, 1; A. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. And on Christmas eve, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Brookes (conductor), 1; J. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; S. Oakes, 4; John Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6. And on Sunday, December 30th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; S. Oakes, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. On Sunday, January 6th, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 minutes. J. Brooks, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; John Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 3rd, a silent 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. J. Brooks, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6. On Sunday, February 17th, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. Denner, 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; J. Potter (conductor), 5; A. Potter, 6. And on Friday, February 22nd, for confirmation service, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. J. Brooks, 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Williamson, 4; John Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 24 mins. J. Brooks, 1; S. Oakes, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. On Monday, March 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Brooks (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; A. Potter, 6. On Sunday, March 10th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. J. Worthington (conductor), 1; S. Oakes, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Brooks, 4; John Potter, 5; A. Potter, 6. And on Saturday, March 16th, a muffled 720 Bob Minor was rung in memory of the death of Canon Heywood. J. Brooks (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Denner, 3; S. Oakes, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6. On Sunday, March 17th, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Potter, 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; W. Denner, 5; A. Potter, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

**CHIPPING (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, April 7th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Timbrell, 1; W. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Seed, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob. W. Timbrell, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; the rest as before. On Sunday, April 14th, on handbells, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. W. Bleasdale, 1; W. Timbrell, 2-3; E. Timbrell, 4-5. All conducted by E. Timbrell.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BISHOPWEARMOUTH (Durham).**—On Wednesday, March 27th, at the parish church, on the back six, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Brown, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; G. A. Ward, 3; W. Sheraton, 4; W. T. Robson, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. And 336 and 560 Bob Major. H. G. Dawson, 1; R. C. Hudson, 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; W. Brown, 4; G. A. Ward, 5; W. Sheraton, 6; T. Robson, 7; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 8. Messrs. Brown, Ward, and Sheraton belong to Chester-le-Street, and these are their first touches of Major.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).**—On Wednesday, March 13th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; T. Robertshaw, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; W. Ingham, 6. A 120 of Grandsire Minor and 240 Violet Treble Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. For afternoon service 240 Violet Treble Bob. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. On Sunday, March 24th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Single. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. For evening service, 360 New London Pleasure. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; W. Ingham, 5; J. Robertshaw, 6.

**HORBURY (Yorks).**—On Sunday, February 10th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Yelland (conductor), 1; W. H. Giggie, 2; E. Brooke, 3; G. Hunt, 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Thursday, February 21st, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Yelland, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Sunday, February 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. H. Giggie, 1; A. Yelland, 2; E. Brooke (conductor), 3; G. Hunt, 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Thursday, February 28th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. G. Hunt, 1; W. H. Giggie, 2; E. Brooke, 3; G. Horner, 4; H. Rowley (conductor), 5; G. F. Pickles, 6. On Sunday, March 3rd, 720 Ringers' Surprise. W. H. Giggie, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Monday, March 4th, 720 Worcester Surprise. On Sunday, March 10th, 720 Tulip. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggie, 2; E. Brooke, 3; G. Hunt (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Thursday, March 21st, for practice, 720 Superlative Surprise. A. Yelland, 1; E. Brooke, 2; ———, 3; G. Hunt, 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Sunday, March 24th, 720 Rochester Surprise, standing as above. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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**BIDDENHAM (Beds).**—On Monday, March 11th, 720 College Pleasure. F. Hull, 1; C. Chasty, 2; P. Howard, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; H. Tysoe, 5; I. Hills, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Smith, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Davison, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; H. King, 5; J. Sharman (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Pleasure. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; F. Smith, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; H. Tysoe, 5; P. Howard, 6. On Monday, March 25th, 720 College Exercise. H. Sharp, 1; C. Chasty, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; P. Howard, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. And 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. F. Hull, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; P. Howard, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all.

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**SWANSCOMBE (Kent).**—On Sunday, March 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Catton, 1; G. Hayes, 2; L. Digweed, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Alford (Hackney, first 720), 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 24th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; G. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

**OSPRINGE (Kent).**—On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service at the parish church, 240 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering. H. Stevens, 1; E. Bridges, 2; W. Willis, 3; H. Burling, 4; H. Baker, 5; W. Holdstock, 6; S. Croucher, 8. And for afternoon service, 720 in the same method (thirty bobs two singles). S. Croucher, 1; H. Baker, 2; W. Willis, 3; E. Bridges, 4; R. Staines, 5; H. Burling (conductor), 6; W. Holdstock, 8. R. Staines hails from Hernhill.

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**MIDHURST (Sussex).**—On Wednesday, February 20th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Boswell, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; C. Soane, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. On Thursday, March 7th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Boswell, 1; F. Trussler (first 720 of Bob Minor), 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6.

**LEWES (Sussex).**—On Monday, March 18th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. F. Stevens, 1; F. Luxford, 2; G. Balchin, 3; D. Baker, 4; E. Ede, 5; H. P. Harman (conductor), 6; C. Blackman, 7; J. Netley, 8. Rung on the occasion of the conductor's birthday, the rest of the band wishing him many happy returns. On Sunday morning, March 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor on the back six. J. Netley, 1; F. Luxford, 2; G. Balchin, 3; W. Short, 4; C. Blackman, 5; H. P. Harman (conductor), 6. H. P. Harman hails from Bromley, Kent; W. Short from Warnham; the rest are local men.

**LOWER BEEDING (Sussex).**—On Saturday, March 23rd, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Cheal, 1; J. Cheal, 2; E. C. Boniface, 3; M. Steer, 4; F. W. Cripps, 5; A. Cripps, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor. T. Cheal, 1; J. Cheal, 2; E. C. Boniface, 3; A. Cripps, 4; M. Steer, 5; F. W. Cripps, 6. Also 720 Court Bob. T. Cheal, 1;

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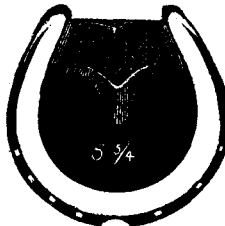
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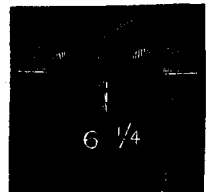
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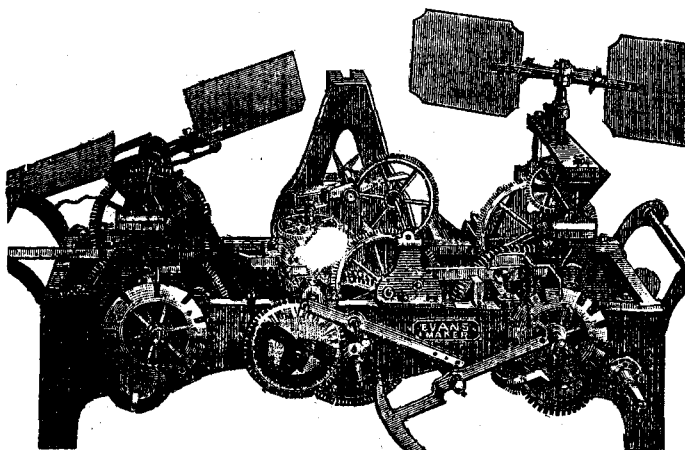
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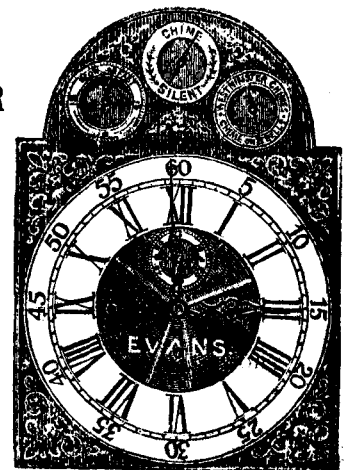
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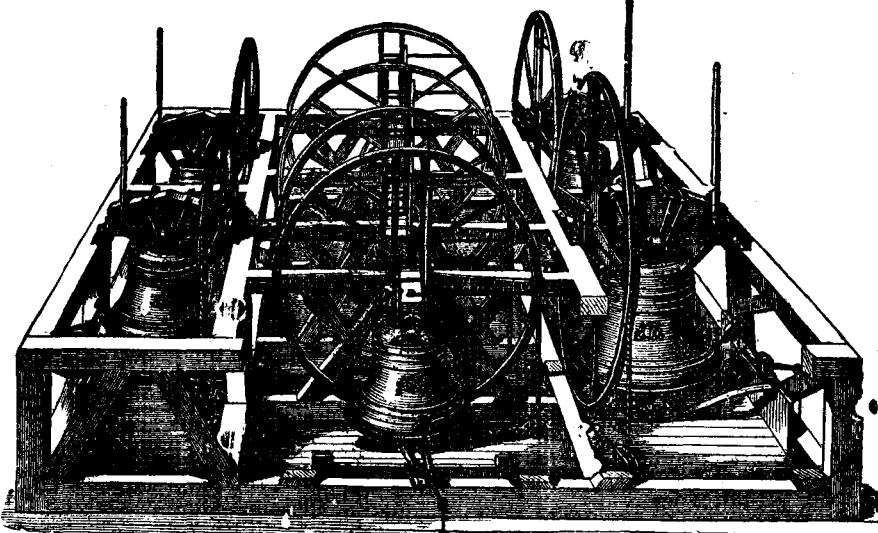
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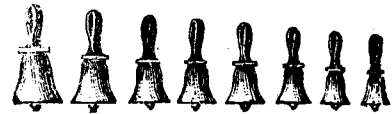
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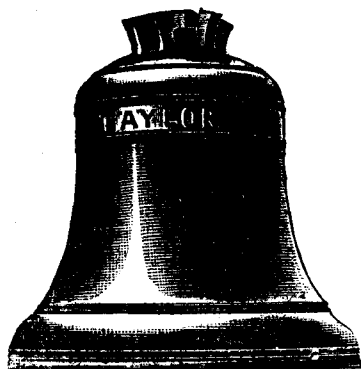
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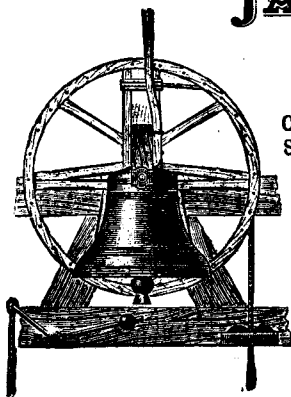
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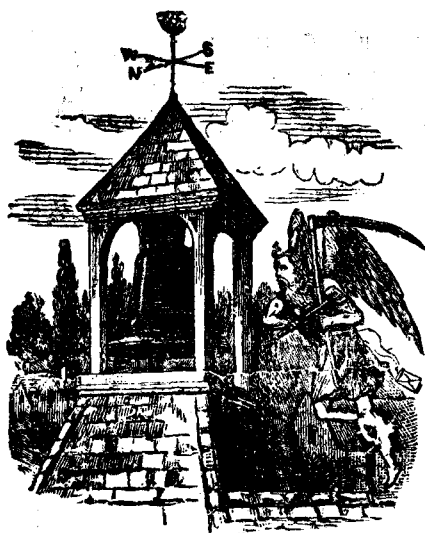
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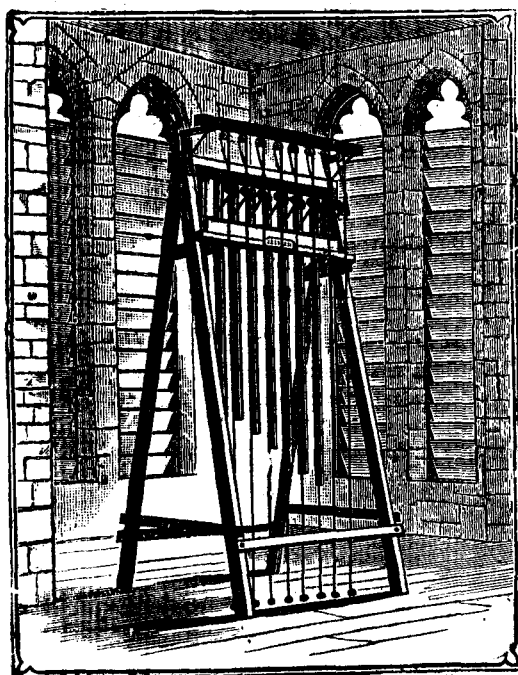
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The fifth annual meeting of the Central Council was held on Easter Tuesday at The Wharnccliffe hotel, Sheffield. There was a good muster of representatives, the official list of those signing their names being as follows: Mr. A. Percival Heywood, Midland Counties; Rev. F. E. Robinson, Oxford; N. J. Pitstow, Essex; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Kent; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Bedfordshire; J. S. Pritchett, Worcestershire; Stephen Cooper, Midland Counties; Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Norwich; W. Walmsley, Chester; William Wakley (Hon. Member); Dr. Arthur B. Carpenter, Surrey; Richard T. Holding, Chester; Rowland Cartwright, Stafford; Samuel Reeves, Stafford; Wm. H. Howard, Yorkshire; Rev. Charles D. P. Davies, Sussex; Rev. H. J. Elsee, Lancashire; Thos. Blackburn, Salisbury; John Eachus, Lancashire; C. H. Hattersley, Yorkshire; James Parker, Sussex; Henry White, Winchester; John W. Whiting, Winchester; G. B. Lucas, Middlesex; J. W. Washbrook, Oxford; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (Hon. Member); W. Bentham, Liverpool; Wm. Snowdon, Yorkshire; Geo. F. Attree, Sussex; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Oxford; Rev. H. A. Cockey, Gloucester and Bristol; Chas. Hounslow (Hon. Member); Tom Lockwood, Leeds and District; Rev. C. A. Clements, Lancashire; W. L. Catchpole, Norwich; George Newson, Royal Cumberlands; Arthur Jacob, Royal Cumberlands; F. G. Newman, Essex; Henry Dains, Royal Cumberlands; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, Norwich; C. F. Winney, College Youths; A. Palmer, Kent; R. E. Grove, Worcestershire.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed,

The President first called attention to the lamented death of Mr. Leonard Proctor, in whose decease the Exercise had sustained a very great loss. He went on to ask them to consider very carefully how far the bill for the disestablishment of the Church in Wales affected the ringers of England. He did not want to read them a lecture on church defence—that would be out of place—but he wished to draw their attention to the very serious interference, to put it first from a selfish point of view, with which the bill threatened the Ringing Exercise. It was perfectly true that the parish churches were given back to the church, but the cathedrals were taken away altogether, and who could say how far the church bell-ringers would be permitted to use those bells in the future. Consider the position in which the churchwardens of the parish churches would find themselves, without any stipend for the clergyman. They would have to raise funds not only sufficient to defray the annual expenses of keeping the church and its surroundings in order, but also to pay the incumbent. He thought they would agree with him that they had not hitherto found that the churchwarden was a gentleman whose generosity in the direction of bells and ringers had been too marked. He therefore put it on *a fortiori* grounds, if churchwardens had to find something like 150 to 200 per cent. more money than they did at present, how far were they likely to keep up the bells and the appurtenances thereof even in the present mediocre form. Some of them might wonder how the question of the bells in England was affected by the bill for the disestablishment of the Welsh church. It was admitted on all hands in the discussion on the second reading that the Welsh bill was only an instalment of what would eventually happen both in England and Wales. He had now put the selfish point of view before them, that this bill would greatly militate against the future of change-ringing. He would next ask them as officers of the Church of England, whether they did not consider it their duty to resist as far as possible this sheer robbery of the endowments of the church. He did not propose for a moment to enter into any particulars as regards the origin of these endowments: he would only call attention to one point. In the year 1845 an Act was passed permitting Nonconformists to secure their own endowments upon the basis that if any such endowments had existed for twenty-five years, they became absolutely inalienable, yet although there was no dispute about the Church having held those endowments for 300 years, it was proposed to take them away, although twenty-five years possession gave the Nonconformists a permanent claim. He put it to them as Englishmen,

whether that was equitable. It seemed to him to be the most un-English proposition that had ever been laid before Parliament; a voice had never been raised against the good work that the Church of England was doing, and why the Nonconformists should take this strong line against church people, it was very difficult to discover. But if the endowments of the Church of England were seized, Nonconformist endowments would not escape. It reminded him of the doctor who was walking in his fields early one morning and saw a man picking mushrooms, and with them poisonous toadstools. The doctor said "My good man, if you eat those you will be poisoned," to which the man replied "Bless you, I'm not going to eat them; I'm going to sell them." That was very much what the Nonconformists proposed to do. They were not going to apply this principle of robbery to themselves, but only to the Church. He put it to them if the Church of England was disendowed, was it likely that the Liberationists would stop short of seizing also Nonconformist endowments? It was a principle of history that when a nation began to appropriate private property, it was ready for revolution, and the nation might seize the property of large proprietors such as the church or the great landowners and millionaires, and for a time the majority of the electors might say little against it, but the time would come when the money of those in less fortunate circumstances came to be threatened, and the majority would then be turned against the plunderers. It was quite certain that if they could only offer sufficiently persistent and continuous resistance to such unjust appropriation the tide would turn, and their church endowments would be safe. What was wanted, what the Archbishop of Canterbury was endeavouring to form, were parochial councils in every parish, which would form a definite church party. The Nonconformists were in this respect far better organised than the Church. Depend upon it, if the Church did not stand out in this matter she would inevitably lose her endowments. It was sometimes argued that the Church in Wales was not wanted. The answer was that last year the Registrar-General's returns gave 12,500 funerals performed by Church of England clergymen, against 1400 by Nonconformist ministers. Did that look as if the Church was unpopular in Wales? It was a downright falsehood to assert such a thing. As for members of Parliament opposed to the Church being in an overwhelming majority in Wales, it was well known that there were certain conditions under which elections did not represent the wishes of the people. If all the various Nonconformist bodies of Wales combined to outnumber the Church and push it to the wall, it did not at all prove that the Church was the least wanted religious body in Wales. To his mind it was a question of fairness. The Church of England was not endowed by the State. No Church of England clergyman received a farthing from the State, except army, navy and prison chaplains, and yet here was a bill for disendowing the Church of the income given by private individuals hundreds of years ago. The present were very critical times for the Church, and if there was a body of men who ought to be strong advocates of the claims of the Church upon the people it was the ringers of England.

## THE LAST YEAR'S ACCOUNTS.

The Secretary stated that the year began with a balance of £40 3s. 0½d. in hand. Subscriptions had been received to the amount of £9 7s. 6d., and the sale of the report on calls realised 14s. 8½d., bringing the total to £50 5s. 3d. The expenditure had been—For stationery for three years, 5s., postages 12s. 8½d., printing the first report on calls, £4 6s. 10d.; printing 500 copies of the revised report on calls, £2 14s. 6d., contribution towards verbatim report of the last meeting, £1, leaving a balance in hand of £41 6s. 2½d.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge moved, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter seconded, the passing of the accounts.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

## SOCIETIES IN ARREAR.

The Secretary reported that there were two societies which had not paid their subscriptions this year, the United Counties'



and the St. James' Societies. He reminded the Council that representatives of these societies could not take part in the proceedings by voting, unless the subscriptions were paid.

#### THE LATE MR. LEONARD PROCTOR.

Mr. Snowdon moved: "That this meeting desires to place on record its high appreciation of the services rendered to the Exercise by the late Leonard Proctor, Esq., of Bennington, Hertfordshire, than whom no one has done more to encourage practical ringing in its highest branches." He remarked that many of those present had had the honour of ringing with the old squire. It was a very great pleasure for him to look back to the time when his dear brother was alive, and picture side by side with him the old squire, who was not taking a bell, but immensely interested in what was occurring.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson seconded the motion. In doing so he pointed out that Bennington is almost the only place in the world where the Surprise Methods can be rung regularly twice every Sunday. Some years ago, when they were commencing to learn the Surprise methods, Bennington was the only place where they were sure of a hearty welcome.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies remarked that a person who was very competent to undertake such a work, had written to him to the effect that he hoped to obtain leave to publish or edit some of the old notes of Mr. Proctor. The Exercise, he was sure, would be very glad to hear there was a chance of this being done. The life of the late Mr. Proctor dated back a great many years, to the time when change-ringing was in very different circumstances to what it is to-day, and any sketch of his life and correspondence would be welcomed by the Exercise.

The motion was carried.

#### THE PAST WORK OF THE COUNCIL.

The President stated that one of the directions of the last Council was that the decisions of the past three years should be printed for the use of members. This had been done, and he believed the Council had received them.

#### ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President said there were three honorary members who retired by rotation this year, Messrs. Thompson, Boughey, and Acland. He would like to put forward for nomination also the name of Mr. Strange. That gentleman had retired from his position as the Secretary to the Surrey Association, and therefore he was no longer a member of the Council. It was known to the members that Mr. Strange was doing a very valuable work for the Council in regard to bibliography, and he thought it would be desirable, in view of the fact that he was not now a member of their body, to place him again on their roll. With regard to Mr. Thompson they would be very sorry not to have him amongst them. He was not a practical ringer, but they all knew how very much he had done for the scientific side of the Exercise. In regard to Mr. Boughey, as an old Cambridge man himself, he would like to welcome him again to the Council. He did not feel competent to speak concerning Captain Acland. He did not think that gentleman had favoured them with his presence, and if he did not care to attend the meetings of the Central Council, it was almost a pity to retain his name upon the list.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson moved, Dr. Carpenter seconded, and it was unanimously decided that Messrs. Thompson, Boughey, and Strange be elected honorary members of the Council.

#### REPORT OF THE CHURCH CONGRESS COMMITTEE.

The President made a reference to the report of the Church Congress Committee. As the Church Congress would this year be held at Norwich, the honorary secretary had kindly undertaken to see to the matter, Norwich being in his neighbourhood.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the usual letter of request was sent by the committee to the Subjects Committee of the Church Congress through the Bishop of Thetford. The Bishop met him very kindly, agreed that the subject was one that ought to be discussed, and gladly agreed to take charge of the Committee's letter, and to bring it before the Subjects Committee. The week before last he stated, however, that there were so many subjects before the Committee of the Congress, that they were quite overwhelmed. He (the Hon. Secretary), told the Bishop he was sorry to hear this, and mentioned that only a month

before he was staying with Archdeacon Emery, the permanent secretary of the Church Congress, who was very much interested in what he (the Hon. Secretary), told him concerning the church-bell ringers, and the position of the Exercise generally, and agreed that it was a proper matter to bring before the Church Congress. Archdeacon Emery expressed regret that successive Congresses had proved to be such unpractical bodies. He (the Hon. Secretary), was very sorry that they had failed for the fourth time in succession, but he supposed the only thing they could do was to keep on pegging away.

The President thought the real pith of the matter was that the clergy did not appreciate what a very valuable body of assistants they would have if they would only give themselves the trouble to win the adhesion of the bell-ringers of the country. The ringers were better disposed towards the clergy than the clergy were towards the ringers. With the exception of that small minority of excellent clergy, the very large proportion of whom they knew intimately, the clergy (and he had a pretty wide experience of the matter), knew little about ringers and cared less. Until the clergy realised the value that the ringers might be to them, even if they got their subjects before the Church Congress, it would be useless, because no one would listen to them. He believed, however, that they would do rightly to keep pegging away, but he did not think it would be the least good until the clergy were sufficiently educated to be able to appreciate them.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY.

The President, in making a reference to the progress of the bibliography, stated that the report on the subject had appeared in "THE BELL NEWS."

The Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from Mr. Strange, who had made a start in the production of the bibliography in the pages of "THE BELL NEWS." The letter was in these terms: "Dear Sir,—You will see by this week's paper that I am at last able to make a definite beginning with the bibliography. I have a considerable quantity of copy additional, ready for publication, and shall now proceed to issue it as soon as possible. I am unhappily unable to attend the meeting of the Council, but shall be glad if you will draw the attention of the Committee formally to the matter, and convey to them my wish to continue and complete the work in spite of the cessation of my membership."

The President said that they would ask the Honorary Secretary to write to Mr. Strange, and say how much they were obliged to him for his note on their behalf.

(To be continued.)

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of this Association was held at Highgate, on Saturday, April 20th. The bells at St. Anne's church were started shortly after five o'clock, and were kept going till 8 o'clock. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were successfully brought round. The business meeting was held at The Duke of St. Albans hotel, Mr. A. T. King (Barnet) being voted to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. The Secretary, Mr. F. Blondell, announced that the Ven. R. Thornton, D.D., Archdeacon of Middlesex, had kindly consented to become President of the Association, and he was accordingly elected as such. It was resolved that the peals rung by the Association be entered in the peal book up to date. Messrs. Frank Turvey (Hendon) and Walter Dolton (Barnet) were elected working members of the Association. The next meeting was fixed for July 20th, at Enfield or Tottenham. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the steeple-keeper for having everything in readiness, and to Mr. King for presiding.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 30th, at the residence of his father's, A. Symonds tapped on the handbells a course each of Bob Major, Reverse Bob Major, Double Bob Major, Double Oxford Bob Major, Double Court Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and a course of Hendon Bob Major, a total of 672 changes, in 22 mins.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday, ringers being present from Ashover, Bolsover, Clay Cross, Heath, Ault Hucknall, Tibshelf, South Normanton, Shirland, North Wingfield and Wingerworth. Ringing commenced at 9 a.m. with a 720 of Bob Minor (thirty-bobs and twelve singles). J. J. Cook (Clay Cross), 1; T. Milington (conductor, Clay Cross), 2; W. Goodge (Clay Cross), 3; W. Butler (North Wingfield), 4; F. Marshall (Clay Cross), 5; J. Butler (North Wingfield), 6. The bells were kept merrily going all day by bands made up from the various towers.

Divine Service was held in the church at 4.30 p.m., and was well attended. The Rev. F. Brodhurst, Vicar of Heath, gave a very instructive address on the ancient uses of bells, touching upon the use of the sanctus bell, the sacring bell, the shrive bell (commonly called pancake bell), and also the passing bell, concluding with an earnest appeal to the members to value their calling as a sacred office, and entreating all to attend service themselves after calling others.

Tea was provided in the schoolroom, at which thirty-eight members sat down, the catering of Mrs. Smith giving every satisfaction. After tea the whole of the members were photographed in a group in front of the vicarage by Mr. Buxton, of Clay Cross. The business meeting was held at 6 p.m. and was well attended, the Rev. J. B. Nodder being voted to the chair. Votes of thanks were given to Rev. Canon Massey, president, Rev. J. B. Nodder vice president, Rev. H. S. Oldham, Treasurer, and Mr. Allibone, Secretary, the whole of them being unanimously re-elected for the present year. Two honorary and five ringing members joined the Association, and the Secretary announced that Wingerworth ringers had recently joined, thereby adding another tower to the Association. The quarterly meetings for the present year were arranged as follows: June, Old Brampton; September, Heath; December, South Normanton. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rev. F. Brodhurst for his excellent address in church, and also to the Rev. H. S. Oldham, Vicar of Clay Cross, for the use of the bells and schoolroom during the day. Business over another 720 of Bob Minor was rung (twenty-six singles and fourteen bobs). H. Lenthall (first 720, Wingerworth), 1; T. Milington, 2; W. Goodge, 3; F. Maycock, 4; F. Marshall, 5; J. J. Tarlton (North Wingfield), 6. After several other short touches the bells were lowered in peal, bringing a very successful meeting to a close.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The thirteenth annual meeting of this Association was held at the old headquarters, Derby, on Monday, April 15th, and was well attended by ringers from Burton, Birmingham, Chesterfield, Duffield, Loughborough, Leicester, Melbourne, Nottingham, Sheffield, etc. The bells of All Saints, St. Andrew's, St. Alkmund's, St. Luke's, and St. Werburgh's, had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Association throughout the day. The local ringers spared no effort to ensure the enjoyment of the visitors, both in piloting them round the town, and in arranging bands for touches at various churches. At 4 o'clock some ninety members and friends, including the President (A. P. Heywood, Esq.), the Rev. J. Howell (vicar of All Saints), Rev. H. A. Cockey, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies sat down to a capital meat tea which had been provided in the Temperance Hall.

To commence with the business of the meeting which immediately followed, the Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed and signed, as also the names of some thirteen new members who were duly admitted.

The President, in addressing the meeting, said that members would find his remarks on the performances of the past year in the new report, and with regard to the present year, Derby was to the fore. In the course of remarks of some length on the great injustice of the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, he mentioned especially the Act of Parliament passed in the year 1845, by which all endowments held by Nonconformist bodies for twenty-five years or upwards, became their permanent property. Had the Government then any right to confiscate the endow-

ments of the Church in Wales, which had held them at least 300 years? The Liberationists would not stop at the Church of Wales, the next thing would be the Church of England.

The President then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, which was seconded by the Hon. Secretary, and carried with applause.

The Rev. J. Howell (vicar of All Saints), in responding, thanked the meeting on behalf of the clergy, and in the course of a long speech on the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, he said in spite of all what people said, the Church of England was the working man's church. He had no wish to depreciate the work of the Nonconformists, but in his own parish of All Saints, and many other places, were it not for the clergy of the Church of England, the poor would be left unvisited, without religious instruction at all. The Nonconformist ministers were to a great extent supported by their congregations, and so the poor were left uncared for and neglected. Again, why did the framers of this Bill fix the date 1703 from which year all endowments should be untouched. Simply because in Wales, as the Methodist persuasion did not till then become a powerful body, their endowments would be untouched. In conclusion he begged all, to whatever political party they belonged, to vote only for those who had the interests of their Church at heart, to study the subject more closely, and to open the eyes of their companions to the great injustice which would be done if the Bill became law.

Mr. S. Cooper then proposed that the Treasurer's accounts be adopted, which was seconded by Mr. Robinson, and carried.

On the proposition of Mr. S. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Shardlow, the present officers, viz., President, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary, were re-elected.

Nottingham was selected as the rendezvous for the next annual meeting, on the proposition of Mr. Jaggar, seconded by Mr. Thornley; Ashby as the place for the next quarterly meeting, on the proposition of Mr. Shardlow, seconded by Mr. Hickling.

The meeting then terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the officers for their services, and to the President for presiding at the meeting.

Members then adjourned to finish up the day with touches at the various towers, all having no doubt thoroughly enjoyed themselves, when train time at last came round.

## EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13th, the half-yearly meeting of this Association was held at St. Mary's church, Swineshead, which contain a fine ring of eight bells. Ringing commenced about 11.30, and at 1.15 a short service was held. Dinner was provided at The Griffin hotel at 2 p.m., presided over by the Rev. L. E. Lewis, of Fosdyke. After the removal of the cloth, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the health of Canon Holmes, vicar of Swineshead, was proposed by Mr. F. Staffurth. The vicar responded, and in doing so gave the society a hearty welcome. Very little ringing has ever been done on the bells, only call-changes. The tenor requires re-hanging, not being fit to ring a peal upon. The principal ringing during the afternoon was a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Sellers (Kirkton), 1; A. Barber (Freiston), 2; F. Staffurth (Freiston), 3; J. Flatters (Kirkton), 4; T. Richardson (Kirkton), 5; E. Mason (Boston), 6. And 1260 Grandsire Triples. T. Richardson, 1; J. M. Rylatt, 2; E. Mason, 3; W. F. Harwood (Boston), 4; J. T. Holmes (Heckington), 5; T. Boyers (Boston), 6; W. Dickinson (conductor, Heckington), 7; J. Flatters, 8. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells.

WHICKHAM (Durham). On Monday, April 1st, the birthday of C. L. Routledge, 720 Oxford Bob. G. E. Stark, 1; M. Custance, 2; J. W. Nicholson, 3; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 4; R. Mordue, 5; W. Holmes, 6. And 720 Bob Minor. G. E. Stark, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; M. Custance, 3; R. Mordue, 4; W. Holmes, 5; J. W. Nicholson (conductor), 6.

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## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held in the Chapter House of the Cathedral, Worcester, on Easter Monday, the President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester in the chair, supported by the Revs. Canon Cloughton, Canon Teignmouth Shore, H. Kingsford, and Mr. J. Pritchett, Lay Vice-President. There were also present representatives from Areley Kings, Bromsgrove, Birmingham, Clent, Dudley, Hagley, Hanbury, Kidderminster, King's Norton, Netherton, Old Hill, Pershore, Stourbridge, Tipton, Wollaston, Worcester, Little Comberton, Elmley Castle, Tewkesbury, etc.

The President in a few well-chosen remarks welcomed the members of the Association to Worcester, and expressed his pleasure at being asked to preside at their annual meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed, as was also the annual report and balance-sheet. New members were elected from Bromsgrove, Elmley Castle, King's Norton, and Oldbury, the next meeting being fixed to take place at Oldbury.

Before the next business, which was the election of officers, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Smith, called attention to a suggestion brought forward at the meeting held at Dudley "that a Clerical Secretary be appointed to work with the present Secretary, in order that the objects the Association have in view, may be more prominently brought before the clergy of the diocese." He had been in communication with the Rev. H. Clifford upon the subject, and he thought that gentleman would consent to stand if unanimously elected.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett proposed that the Rev. H. Clifford be appointed Clerical Secretary to work with the present Secretary. He was sure it was a step in the right direction. Although the present Secretary had worked hard and devoted a great deal of time to the interests of the Association, he often found difficulties in reaching the clergy. This difficulty would be obviated by the appointment of a clergyman to take that part of the duty, thereby bringing the Association more in touch with the heads of the Church and the clergy who had charge of bells in the diocese. He felt sure that the rev. gentleman, who had taken such an interest in the ringers at the Cathedral, if elected to this office, would be a very suitable person to undertake the duties in an efficient manner.

Mr. W. R. Small, in seconding the proposition, said a Clerical Secretary in other associations which he knew was found to be a great help in the working and management of the business. He had no doubt such would be the result in this case.

The motion was unanimously carried, and the whole of the officers were re-elected.

The President said he thought it would be well to add the Canons of the Cathedral as Vice-Presidents of the Association. Holding as they did high positions in the Church, they would add dignity to the Association.

The Master, Mr. Spittle, enquired if the President thought that the rev. gentlemen were willing to become hon. members, otherwise the rules would prohibit them becoming Vice-Presidents.

Canon Teignmouth Shore replied that he was quite willing to become an hon. member, and he had no doubt the others would be if solicited.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett, in moving rule two be altered, thanked the Dean for his suggestion. He thought it would be very unkind and unwise on their part not to accept such an offer, and he wished to so alter this rule as to admit of it being carried out. This was seconded by Mr. S. Spittle and carried unanimously.

A resolution proposed by Mr. G. H. Pagett, and seconded by Mr. W. R. Small, "That a certificate of membership be provided," was carried.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett proposed and Mr. Spittle seconded a vote of thanks to the Very Rev. the Dean for presiding, to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter House and the Cathedral bells. In responding, the Dean remarked that it was the first time he had had the pleasure of presiding at one of these meetings. He was pleased with the spirit in which the different subjects were discussed and the objects the members had in view, and should be willing to preside again if asked so to do. A free tea was provided for members by the Dean and Chapter, at the Cathedral Restaurant.

A touch of Treble Bob Maximus and Grandsire Cinques were

rung on the Cathedral bells, and touches of Double Norwich Court Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples on St. Helen's, and touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Minor on St. Swithin's during the day.

## HIGH ERCALL, SALOP.

On Tuesday, April 16th, a band of the Salop Archdeaconry Guild paid a visit to the above village to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples on the pretty ring of eight that hangs in the parish church tower. The visit was looked forward to by the Vicar and local band with great interest, there never having been a peal rung on the bells before. On arrival a short touch was rung as a feeler, the bells being hung left-handed, and having a long draught required a little practice. A start was made for the peal at 2.30, and everything seemed to go well till the second cast her rope, which brought it to an untimely end after ringing about forty minutes. Time would not allow of another start. J. Palmer (Ludlow), 1; H. Knight (Wolverhampton), 2; B. Dalton (Tettenhall), 3; H. A. Hall (Wolverhampton), 4; J. E. Groves (Wolverhampton, conductor), 5; C. F. Vickers (Shrewsbury), 6; A. Griffiths (Wolverhampton), 7; W. G. Hall (Wolverhampton), 8. Afterwards a touch of 1259 was rang in 43 mins., in which S. J. Hughes, of Coalbrookdale, took part. This touch was witnessed by about thirty of the villagers. The visiting band (numbering twelve) were then kindly invited to tea by the Vicar, the Hon. and Rev. G. E. Vane, which was provided in the schoolroom, and to which between forty and fifty sat down. After tea the Vicar, in giving the visitors a hearty welcome, expressed his sorrow at the unsuccessful attempt, but hoped on some future occasion to hear the peal rung. The rev. gentleman then proceeded to make a presentation to two of the local band, who, he said, had rung at the church regularly for twenty years. The presents, which were subscribed to by a large number of ladies and gentlemen, was a handsome marble time-piece to Mr. R. Hughes, and a pair of pictures to Mr. T. Breeze. Each of the recipients suitably thanked the subscribers for their handsome gifts. The Wolverhampton handbell ringers then gave several selections on the handbells, to the great enjoyment of all. All the local band are going to join the Salop Guild, and be instructed in change-ringing. The bells are a sweet ring, tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp. The back six are by Rudhall, and the trebles by Mears and Stainbank, of London.

## THE ELY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A local meeting of the above Association was held at Wilburton, on Easter Monday, at which members were present from Cottenham, Ely, Rongham, Stretham, Swavesey, and Wilburton. The use of the belfries at Wilburton, Stretham, and Had-denham had kindly been granted, and during the day a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and several touches of Plain and Treble Bob were rung. After tea, the usual business was transacted under the chairmanship of the Rev. W. W. Crump (Camb. Univ. Guild C.R.) the Secretary for the District. New ringing members were elected from Cottenham, Rongham, Stretham, and Wilburton, and a company of seven from Downham Market, in Norfolk, were likewise elected and were affiliated to the Isle of Ely. The future arrangements include a visit to Spalding (to meet the Eastern Counties' Guild, on Whit-Monday), and meetings at Littleport and Cottenham.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 3rd, for Divine Service in the evening, at St. Luke's, Chelsea, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 50 mins. W. J. Sorrell (conductor), 1; H. R. Newton, 2; C. T. P. Brice, 3; S. Andrews, 4; H. S. Ellis, 5; W. J. Barber, 6; W. H. Rowland, 7; T. E. Barber, 8. Composed by J. N. Oxborrow.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, April 7th, at All Saints' church, 1500 of Doubles, being six 6-scores of Plain Bob and six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Carter, 1; G. Carter (aged 16), 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips (aged 17), 4; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 5; G. Phillips, 6. Longest length on the bells by a local band.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, March 31st, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 32 mins. In the evening, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. G. Goodchild, 1; S. Dace, 2; J. Appleby, 3; J. Adams, 4; S. Allport, 5; D. Chapman (conductor), 6; W. Johnson, 7; M. Kibble, 8.

## Notices.

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**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, to-day, Saturday, April 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30 o'clock. All members are most earnestly invited to attend this meeting.

J. B. TAYLOR, Sec.  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The executive of the above Guild intend holding a Smoking Concert to-day, Saturday, April 27th, at the Market Hotel, Station Street, at 7 p.m., for the benefit of Thomas Miller, who has been confined to his bed, with severe illness, for many weeks past. It is hoped that the ringers of Birmingham and the surrounding district will liberally support this appeal for a deserving case. Tickets, price 6d. each, and any further information may be obtained from the undersigned, who is acting during the indisposition of Mr. Godden. W. KENT.  
18, Fentham Road, Birchfields, Birmingham.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held to-day, Saturday, April 27th, at St. Paul's church, Wood Green, Wednesbury. Nearest railway stations are Wednesbury and Walsall, from which trains can be taken that pass the church. Bells available from two o'clock.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.  
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The spring meeting of this Guild of bell-ringers will be held at Henley-on-Thames, to-day, Saturday, April 27th. The methods to be practised will be Grandsire, Stedman, and Double Norwich. Tea will be given gratis in Church Institute, at 5, and service will be held in the parish church, at 6, when the sermon will be preached by the Rector. REV. J. H. TRAVERS.  
West Hill House, Henley-on-Thames.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Drighlington, to-day, Saturday, April 27th. Ringing from 3 p.m. (no interments). A peal will be attempted at 2 p.m. Meeting house, The Spotted Cow.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.  
3, Dame Street, Hoggs' Field, Holbeck.

**Sussex County Association.—Eastern.**—Meeting at East Grinstead, to-day, Saturday, April 27th. Bells available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea 5.30. Members who have not paid '95 subscriptions will greatly oblige by doing so at once. S. SAKER, Hon. Sec. Eastern Div.  
101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

**The Ashton-Under-Lyne Society.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ashton parish church, to-day, Saturday, April 27th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

JOHN HOPWOOD, Hon. Sec.  
27, Egerton Street, Ashton-Under-Lyne.

**North Lincolnshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln to-day, Saturday, April 27th. Permission has been obtained for the following towers to be open for ringing during the afternoon: The Cathedral (8), St. Peter-at-Arches (8), St. Peter-at-Gowts (6), and St. Botolph's (5). Tea will be

provided in the Co-operative Hall, Silver street, at 4.45 p.m., free to members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, for others at 1s. 2d. each. The business meeting will be held immediately after tea.

REGINALD BOND, Hon. Sec.  
Church Street, Gainsborough.

**The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.**—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Canterbury, on Monday, April 29th. The cathedral tower will be opened for ringing at 3.45 p.m.

ALFRED FOREMAN, Hon. Dist. Sec.  
P.S.—Service in the cathedral at three o'clock.

**Cheltenham and District Guild.**—The annual meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held at Cheltenham tower to-day, Saturday, May 4th, at 7 p.m.

A. W. HUMPHRIS, Hon. Sec.

**The South and West Middlesex Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Heston, Middlesex, on Saturday, May 4th, 1895. Ringing at 5 o'clock.

E. J. WALSOM, Hon. Sec.  
1, Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.**—The monthly meeting of this branch will be held at St. Peter's, Woolton, on Saturday, May 4th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6 o'clock in Parochial Hall. ALFRED G. NICHOLSON, Hon. Sec.  
30, Upper Stanhope Street, Liverpool.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held in the schoolroom, Bromborough, on Saturday next, May 4th. Tea at 6 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3 p.m. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, April 29th, to

F. R. T. BOLTON, Hon. Sec.  
Braeside, West Kirby.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Leek on Saturday next, May 4th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. T. Turner, Westwood, near Leek, not later than Wednesday, May 1st.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } Hon. Secs.  
W. TWIGG, }

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at the Guild's meeting house, The Tamworth Arms, Moor street, on Tuesday evening, May 7th, at 8.30. It is requested that every member will make it possible to attend, as there will be special business for consideration.

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

**Sussex County Association.—Eastern.**—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on Saturday, May 11th. A meat tea will be provided at 5 o'clock by the kindness of the vicar (Rev. A. Hodges, M.A.), and other friends, for all who send their names to the undersigned by May 7th. Towers open for ringing:—Christ Church, St. Leonards (8), and All Saints, Hastings (5), 2.30 to 4.30; St. Clement's, Hastings (8), and Christ Church, Blacklands (6), 2.30 to 9.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.  
101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting for 1895 will be held at Warminster, on Monday, May 13th. Divine Service in the Minster at 11.30 a.m. Meeting for election of officers and general business at 12.30. Dinner

at 2 p.m. All members intending to be present must send in their names to me not later than May 3rd, otherwise the allowance of 2s 6d. per head will not be granted to them.

J. R. JERRAM, Gen. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Lytham, on Saturday, May 18th. Particulars in due course.

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

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly general meeting will be held at Yeovil, on Saturday, May 18th. Particulars in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 11th.

HY. W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.  
The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.

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2 3 1 4 5 6	S H L Q	The underwritten, singled in block, to be inserted immediately after the first course-end (536421).
5 3 6 4 2 1	-	
2 4 6 3 5 1	-	
4 3 2 5 6 1	- -	
3 6 1 5 2 4	- -	
3 5 4 6 2 1	- -	5 3 6 4 2 1 S H L Q
5 6 3 2 4 1	- -	
6 5 3 2 1 4	-	3 4 1 6 5 2 S2
1 2 3 5 6 4	-	

The above eight courses five times repeated, adding extra bobs at 5 6 in the 2nd courses of the 3rd and 6th parts.

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

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1895.

MORE than once it has been pointed out in these pages that the ringers of this country might safely be looked upon as a formidable bulwark for the defence of the Church if the clergy would take them by the hand, and identify them as an important section of the Church's officers. At the meeting of the Central Council, and during the discussion on the report of the Church Congress Committee, Mr. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD said he thought "the clergy did not appreciate what a valuable body of assistants they would have if they would only give themselves the trouble to win the adhesion of the bell-ringers of the country. The ringers were better disposed towards the clergy than the clergy were towards the ringers. With the exception of that small minority of excellent clergy, the very large proportion of whom they knew intimately, the clergy (and he had a pretty wide experience of the matter) knew little about ringers and cared less." In these degenerate days, the clergy, and in fact all Churchmen of light and leading really cannot afford to lose or make light of such a confederacy as is embodied in the Ringing Exercise. And if Mr. Heywood's introductory speech to the members of the Council brings forth the results it deserves, we may reasonably expect that the sympathies of ringers will be constant towards the Church, leading them to strongly resist any movement devised for her overthrow or spoliation. But if the clergy, as a body, still continue to know little about ringers, and to care less, they will only have themselves to thank if they (the ringers) become apathetic in the Church's cause.

Sometimes, however, we hear of instances where the



clergy express a warm desire to identify themselves with ringers' work. The latest of these can be read of on another page. The Worcestershire Association has thought proper to look for the services of an additional Secretary, who should be of the clerical body, and the members have succeeded in securing for that purpose a gentleman after their own heart. At the meeting held on Easter Monday, the chairman—the Very Rev. the Dean—wisely suggested that the Canons of the Cathedral should become Vice-Presidents, and Canon TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, in alluding to the fact that in order to carry the Dean's proposal into effect it was necessary they should first become honorary members, said he was quite willing to join the Association, and he had no doubt the remainder of the Chapter would do likewise. We hope this example will be followed, not only by the Honorary Canons, but by the general body of clergy in this, and in fact, every other diocese. The younger clergy would find an association with bell-ringers more profitable, and vastly more engaging, than soliciting subscriptions for football clubs and such like.

### The Metropolis.

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

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 5.
JOHN TURNER .. .. 2.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 7.
ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE .. 4.	WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and  
Conducted by W. G. GROVE.

This is a three-part composition with 4-5-6 the extent in 6ths place, and the second never there at a course-end.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 20, 1895, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
HARRY BARTON* .. .. 2.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	*WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 8.
FREDERICK J. PITTS .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 9.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 5.	*HERVEY BEAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. This composition has the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, each nine courses behind the 9th, with the 6th in 2nds place throughout. It was intended to ring Treble Ten, but upon meeting one short Mr. Beams kindly took the vacant rope, and the above was rung instead. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the rector, the Rev. F. F. Kelly for the use of the bells on this and previous occasions.

### The Provinces.

#### QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

JOHN G. LUSHER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BROWN .. .. 5.
THOMAS MANSFIELD .. 2.	STEPHEN KNIGHT .. .. 6.
HARRY FORD .. .. 3.	CHARLES LYES .. .. 7.
CHARLES COX .. .. 4.	FRANK KNIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE and Conducted by FRANK KNIGHT.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band. The figures appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 25th, 1893.

#### BALDOCK, HERTS.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

BERTRAM BIDNELL† .. Treble.	RICHARD JACKSON .. .. 5.
JAMES MORLEY .. .. 2.	†ARTHUR THURGOOD .. .. 6.
JOHN CAWDELL* .. .. 3.	GEORGE T. SPICER .. .. 7.
THOMAS WEBB .. .. 4.	GEORGE GENTLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CAWDELL.

†First peal. \*First peal as conductor. †First peal of Grandsire. This is the first peal by an entirely local band.

#### OTLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES RALPH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WADDINGTON .. 5.
WILLIAM HUNT* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM DAVEY CLOUGH 6.
FRED MASTON .. .. 3.	†JOHN NELSON .. .. 7.
ARTHUR SNOWBALL† .. 4.	JAMES HORNER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by JOHN NELSON.

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

#### CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

F. MUSTY .. .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
G. PHILLOTT .. .. 2.	W. DYER .. .. 7.
J. AUSTIN .. .. 3.	W. PATES .. .. 8.
H. ROBERTS .. .. 4.	A. HUMPHRIS .. .. 9.
F. TOWNSEND .. .. 5.	*R. TRIGG .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. PATES.

\*First peal.

#### BICESTER, OXON.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 15, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

A. C. HAWES .. .. Treble.	W. JEFFREY .. .. 5.
A. FOX .. .. 2.	W. J. SMITH .. .. 6.
J. HOWES .. .. 3.	C. H. FOWLER .. .. 7.
W. C. BASTON .. .. 4.	J. W. WASHBROOK .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

#### KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, April 16, 1895, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

SAMUEL COTTON .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. 5.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 2.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. 6.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 3.	JOHN F. MARLOW .. .. 7.
JOHN H. SWINFELD .. 4.	WILLIAM P. COOPER .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN O. LANCASHIRE and Conducted by G. CLEAL.

First peal in the method on the bells. J. H. Swinfield hails from Earl Shilton; Aldham from Barwell; Matthews from Loughborough. The ringers desire through the medium of this paper to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for their kindness and hospitality. The composition will be found on another page.



READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wednesday, April 17, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE FOXELL* .. .. Treble.	JOHNSON E. HERN .. .. 6.
CHARLES GILES† .. .. 2.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 7.
JAMES POTTER .. .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 8.
HARRY TUCKER‡ .. .. 4.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 9.
WILLIAM HOLLOWAY .. .. 5.	†AMBROSE OSBORNE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

\*First peal. †First peal of Caters with a bob bell. ‡First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor, and first attempt.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 18, 1895, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. TYLER,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

WILLIAM HILLMAN .. 1-2.	LAZARUS PAYNE .. .. 5-6.
CHARLES TYLER .. .. 3-4.	GEORGE PAYNE .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

First peal on handbells by all. Referee—Mr. Henry H. Chandler.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1895, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES HEFFER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 5.
FRED. E. W. MEADOWS .. 2.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 6.
HORACE BEDINGFIELD .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BALDREY .. 7.
FRED. C. LING .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FLORY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. W. HALEY and Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

This is a one-part peal, having the 5th and 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and was composed over forty years ago.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, April 20, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

KEITH HART .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 2.	FREDERICK MORRIS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 3.	JAMES SEARLE .. .. 8.
GEORGE SMART* .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. This composition has the heavy bells the first half in the 9-7-8, and the last half 8-7-9 position, the sixth being in 5th place throughout.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 20, 1895, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

C. WALDEN* .. .. Treble.	A. WARD .. .. 5.
F. HOLLINGWORTH† .. 2.	A. LEE‡ .. .. 6.
W. EARLE .. .. 3.	T. HOLLINGWORTH .. 7.
C. DRAPER .. .. 4.	S. MASKREY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by F. HOLLINGWORTH.

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

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT DAWES .. .. Treble.	JOHN BEAL .. .. 4.
HERBERT RANN .. .. 2.	ALBERT REED .. .. 6.
GEORGE ADES .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN HOBBS .. .. 7.
THOMAS ADES .. .. 4.	EDWARD UNSTEAD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. B. JAMES and Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

The above is a five-part peal, and was rung to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the first peal rung by the present Waldron Society, and is the same band except the ringer of the 4th.

HORLEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 21, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

FRANK VOICE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM EDWARDS .. .. 5.
JOSEPH KENWARD .. .. 2.	THOMAS SPARKS .. .. 6.
GEORGE STAPLEHURST .. 3.	STEPHEN KENWARD .. .. 7.
ALBERT SONGHURST .. .. 4.	GEORGE APPS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by STEPHEN KENWARD.

Rung in honour of the birthday of E. Dewey, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 22, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

T. ANTHONY .. .. Treble.	A. E. THOMPSON .. .. 5.
F. BRADLEY .. .. 2.	A. H. WARD .. .. 6.
J. NEWBOLD .. .. 3.	L. LOMAS .. .. 7.
J. HOWE .. .. 4.	T. GRIFFITHS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. HOWE.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late W. Turpie, J.P.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1895, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

WALTER WORTHINGTON .. Treble.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. .. 5.
JOHN WORTHINGTON .. .. 2.	HERBERT MADIN .. .. 6.
SAMUEL PRICE .. .. 3.	JOHN HARRIS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM DAFFIN .. .. 4.	*ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by A. WORTHINGTON.

\*First peal as conductor. This peal was rung to commemorate the birthday of Messrs. W. Worthington, J. Harris, and also S. Palmer, a member of the Society.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 16, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN C. LUSHER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BROWN .. .. 5.
THOMAS MANSFIELD .. .. 2.	FRANK KNIGHT .. .. 6.
HARRY FORD .. .. 3.	CHARLES LYES .. .. 7.
CHARLES COX .. .. 4.	WILLIAM TOWNSEND .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK KNIGHT.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss C. Merrett and Mr. F. W. M. Chapmau, of Birch-in-Rusholme, who were married at Quedgeley on the above date.

**Performances on Five and Six Bells.****TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 20, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**SEVEN 720s OF MINOR;**

In the following methods:

One 720 of Grandsire, and Two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

COOK WELLS .. .. .	Treble.	ISAAC VICKERS .. .. .	4.
ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. .	2.	C. W. P. CLIFTON .. .. .	5.
GEORGE CHESTER .. .. .	3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

Rung on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells, which have lately been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and is the first 5040 ever rung on the bells, and also the first 5040 of Minor by the Association.

**OTLEY, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, April 22, 1895, in One Hour and Thirty-three and a ½ Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF DR. MEADOWS, CHURCH HOUSE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

**SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY.**

MISS CONSTANCE MEADOWS*	..	1-2.
FREDERICK E. W. MEADOWS	..	3-4.
SIDNEY M. W. MEADOWS*	..	5-6.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. W. MEADOWS.

\*First 5040. Umpire, Philip P. W. Meadows, who marked down the bobs as they were called. This is the quickest 5040 ever rung, beating the Norwich performance in 1893 by 4½ mins. The average age of the ringers is fifteen and two-thirds years, their ages being 14, 15, and 18 respectively, and they are the youngest who have as yet accomplished a 5040. Miss C. Meadows is also the first lady who has rung a 5040 of Minor, and second only who has rung a 5040 of any description. This performance is believed to be the first 5040 on handbells rung by one family. It was rung at the first attempt.

**Date Touches.**

NEWCHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, April 7th, at St. Nicholas' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 2 mins. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; W. Warburton, 4; W. Taylor (conductor), 5; J. B. Taylor, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; J. W. Ormerod, 8. Composed by C. Lloyd, of Cardiff. Warburton hails from Whitfield.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On a recent Wednesday, at the parish church, a date touch of 1895 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of the late Councillor John Adams, whose funeral took place the same day. G. Goodchild, 1; S. Dace, 2; B. Hodson, 3; J. Adams, 4; J. Appleby (conductor), 5; S. Allport, 6; W. Johnson (composer), 7; M. Kibble, 8.

**Miscellaneous.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, March 24th, at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. W. Chapman, 1; T. Lingard, 2; H. Argyle, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Stone, 5; J. F. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Horwood, 7; W. Johnson, 8. Recently, on handbells, 840 Bob Triples. J. F. Clarke, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; W. Stone, 7-8. And about 800 Grandsire Triples. W. Stone, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; G. Winter, 7-8. These were conducted by T. W. Chapman. On Sunday, March 31st, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Argyle, 1; T. Lingard, 2; T. W. Chapman, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Stone, 5; J. F. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Horwood, 7; J. Warren, 8. Also 576 Treble Bob Major. T. W. Chapman, 1; T. Lingard, 2; H. Argyle, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Stone, 5; J. F. Clarke, 6; H. Horwood, 7; G. Longden (conductor, Ashton-under-Lyne), 8.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

MAPLEDURHAM (Berks).—On Thursday, March 8th, for practice, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 24 mins. H. Squires, 1; J.

Dodd (first 6-score), 2; E. Hopgood, 3; T. Hunt, 4; J. Hopgood (first 6-score as conductor), 5; G. Bailey, 6. First 720 on the bells by an entire local company. On Sunday, March 31st, for Divine Service in the morning, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, standing as before.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, March 26th, for practice at the parish church, 546 Grandsire Triples. F. Chapman, 1; E. Dyson, 2; H. N. Horton, 3; G. Head, 4; C. Viggers, 5; T. Tabrett, 6; J. Dyson (conductor), 7; A. Collins, 8. And 360 Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs), with 6-8 covering. F. Chapman, 1; E. Dyson, 2; G. Head, 3; A. J. Dyson, 4; C. Viggers (conductor), 5; W. Ansell, 6; T. Tabrett, 7; A. Collins, 8.

HERNHILL (Kent).—On Saturday evening, March 30th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. G. Foster, 1; H. Foster, 2; R. Staines, 3; A. Biggs, jun., 4; E. E. Foreman, 5; C. H. Drake (conductor), 6; H. Foreman, 7; T. Philpott, 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor. And 168 Grandsire Triples (six singles). H. Foreman, 1; H. Foster, 2; G. Foster, 3; A. Biggs, jun., 4; C. H. Drake, 5; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 6; R. Staines, 7; T. Philpott, 8.

CANTERBURY.—On Thursday evening, March 28th, for practice at the church of St. Alphege, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. G. Jenkins (first 720), 1; F. T. Marriott, 2; E. H. Beney, 3; A. Saxby, 4; M. W. Pierce (first 720 as conductor), 5; P. H. Pierce, 6.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, March 28th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). S. Beach, 1; E. Day, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; F. Shedd, 5; H. Wood, 6. First 720 in the method by all the band. On Sunday, March 31st, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). \*E. Perkess, 1; J. G. Grensted, 2; \*S. Beach, 3; J. Dixon, 4; \*E. Day, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. On Tuesday, April 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). G. Coast, 1; E. Day, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; F. Stedd, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 180 Oxford Bob, and a course of College Single.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.**

BACUP.—On Monday, February 4th, 720 Symphony Treble Bob Z. Lord, 1; E. J. Cockcroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 10th, 720 College Single (forty bobs two singles). L. Holt, 1; E. J. Cockcroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And the same night, 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs two singles). Z. Lord, 1; E. J. Cockcroft, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 17th, 720 Primrose Treble Bob. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockcroft (conductor), 6. And in the evening, 720 Tulip Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; E. J. Cockcroft (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 3rd, 720 Merchant's Delight. E. J. Cockcroft, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And same night, 720 Braintree Treble Bob, standing and conductor as before. On Sunday, March 17th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockcroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 31st, 720 Imperial Treble Bob. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

HALSTRAD (Essex).—On Sunday, March 10th, for evening service at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. H. Whiffen, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Warren, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; L. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. And 720 New London Pleasure. W. Ward, 1; the rest as before, conducted by C. H. Howard. First 720 in each method on the bells. Moore, Warren, Grimwade, and Sargent hail from Bocking; Howard from Braintree; the rest are local men. Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

BISHOP STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, March 21st, for practice at St. Michael's church, 210 Darlaston Bob Triples. H. J. Tucker, 1; G. Prior, 2; T. Newman, 3; H. Prior, 4; G. Church, 5; W. W. Tucker, 6; W. Swallow, 7; J. Sampford, 8. Also 350 Oxford Bob Triples, 503 Grandsire Triples, 384 Grandsire Major, and 224 College Single Major. T. Newman, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Prior, 3; J. Knight, 4; G. Charge, 5; W. W. Tucker, 6; H. Prior, 7; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, March 26th, being the first anniversary of the first peal of Royal rung on these bells the following rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 48 mins. T. Newman, 1; G. Prior, 2; C. Prior, 3; W. Prior, 4; H. J. Tucker

(composer and conductor), 5; J. Knight, 6; G. Charge, 7; W. W. Tucker, 8; H. Prior, 9; J. Sampford, 10. This is the longest touch on ten bells by the ringers of 6-7-8.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BEDFORD**—On Tuesday, February 11th, at the church of St. Mary, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Chasty, 1; I. Hills, 2; F. Hull (first 720 in the method), 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Tysoe (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court. D. Thompson, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Smith, 6. On Tuesday, February 26th, 720 Bob Minor. D. Thompson, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; F. Hull (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Tysoe (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob. D. Thompson, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Hull (first 720 in the method), 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Hull, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. On Saturday, February 16th, at the church of St. Peter, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Keech, 1; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 2; H. Sharp, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. The following taking part: Rev. W. W. C. Baker, C. W. Clarke, 1. Hills, S. J. Cullip, F. Keech, C. Chasty, H. Sharp, A. Lowe, J. Dickens, and J. Gardner. On Tuesday, February 19th, at the church of St. Mary, 720 Kent Treble Bob. I. Hills, 1; F. Smith, 2; F. Hull, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. And 720 Double Court. F. Hull, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Tysoe, 6.

**SANDY (Beds.)**—On Saturday, February 23rd, 5040 in seven different methods was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 720 each of Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, through the 5th rope breaking. F. Hull, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; I. Hills, 4; P. Howard, 5; H. Sharp, 6. Afterwards 720 Double Court. F. Hull, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Sharp, 3; I. Hills, 4; P. Howard, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**MITCHAM (Surrey)**—On Wednesday, April 3rd, for practice at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 28 mins. R. Sewell, 1; J. A. Lambert, 2; G. Welling (conductor), 3; W. S. Smith, 4; A. Calver, 5; J. Fayers, 6. \*First 720 with a bob bell, and rung at the first attempt. Meeting short for Stedman the above was rung instead.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**PENARTH (South Wales)**—At St. Augustine's church, on Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). J. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Vinnicombe, 5; C. Smith, 6. On Tuesday, March 5th, for practice, 720 of Kent (nine bobs). D. Thomas, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; W. Biss, 3; T. Northey, 4; J. Vinnicombe, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 10th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). J. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; T. Northey, 4; C. Smith, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. This makes J. Jones's 50th 720. On Tuesday, March 12th, for practice, 720 of Kent (nine bobs). G. Watkins, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; D. Thomas (conductor), 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith, 6. On Saturday, March 16th, for practice, 168 of Plain Bob. R. Evans, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; C. Smith, 3; T. Northey, 4; J. Cox, 5; D. Thomas, 6. A 168 with R. Evans, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 6; D. Thomas, 1. An attempt for a 720 was lost through a change-course in the fifth part. The practice was arranged to meet Messrs. Evans and Cox, who hail from Bridgend. First attempt at Minor by R. Evans. On Sunday, March 17th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; C. Smith, 4; J. Cox, 5; T. Northey, 6. First 720 with a bob bell by J. Cox. This makes W. Biss's 150th 720. On Tuesday, March 19th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). H. G. White, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; C. Smith, 4; W. Biss, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. A plain course of Oxford Treble Bob with H. G. White, 1; the rest as above. First attempt in the method by H. G. White. On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). G. Watkins, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. This makes F. Bartlett's 150th 720. On Saturday, March 30th, with the bells half-muffled, a 720 of Grandsire and 720 of Kent in 56 mins. D. Thomas, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; W. Biss, 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. Rung as a token of respect to the memory of the hon. Mrs. Sweet-Escott, Norwood, Somersetshire, widow of the late Rector of Brompton Ralph, and mother of the Rector of Penarth, the Rev. W. Sweet-Escott, who was interred at Brompton Ralph, on Wednesday, March 27th. On Sunday, March

31st, for evening service, 720 of Plain Bob (thirty bobs and two singles). C. Smith, 1; D. Thomas (conductor), 2; W. Biss, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**GORING (Sussex)**—On Saturday afternoon, March 23rd, the ringers of St. Leonard's church, Aldington, paid a visit to Goring, when three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung. F. Dearing, 1; J. Dearing, 2; G. Steele, 3; R. Stredwick, 4; F. Tindall (conductor), 5; F. Steele, 6. And a touch of 480. F. Wadey, 1; R. Stredwick, 2; G. Steele, 3; J. Dearing, 4; F. Tindall (conductor), 5; —. Dray, 8. The ringers thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

**CHICHESTER (Sussex)**—On Tuesday, March 26th, at the cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's original, in 45 mins. J. H. Falconer, 1; G. T. Farley, 2; G. Attfield, 3; F. B. Tomkins, 4; J. H. Blake, 5; H. P. Harman (conductor), 6; C. Blackman, 7; W. Spurlock, 8. Harman hails from Bromley; Blackman from Arundel; the rest belong to the local band.

**ST. LEONARD'S (Sussex)**—On Tuesday evening, April 2nd, for confirmation service, 350 Grandsire. F. Mathis, 1; C. J. Hyland, 2; W. Franks (conductor), 3; J. Curtis, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; H. Elliott, 7; C. Carter, 8. And before service, another 350. W. Eastland, 1; C. J. Hyland, 2; J. Curtis, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; W. Thomas, 5; S. Saker, 6; J. Mathis, 7; H. Elliott, 8. And after the service, 350. F. Mathis, 1; J. Mathis, 2; J. Curtis, 3; T. Hunnisett, 4; C. J. Hyland, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; H. Elliott, 7; W. Thomas, 8. And 504. F. Mathis, 1; H. Elliott, 2; W. Franks (conductor), 3; J. Curtis, 4; S. Saker, 5; T. Hunnisett, 6; W. Thomas, 7; J. Mathis, 8. Six of the bells were afterwards fallen in peal.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire)**—On Sunday, March 3rd, 720 Oxford Single. J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence, 5; J. W. Booth (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 5th, 720 Canterbury (eighteen bobs two singles). J. Mainwaring, 1; H. T. Mostyn, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; G. Lewis, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Sunday, March 10th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis, 2; C. R. Greenall, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; T. Burrows, 5; F. T. Spence (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 12th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; F. T. Spence, 4; J. W. Booth, 5; C. R. Greenall (conductor), 6. On Friday, March 15th, 720 Canterbury. F. T. Spence, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; C. R. Greenall (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth (conductor), 6; the rest as before. And on Sunday, March 17th, 720 College Single. C. R. Greenall, 1; T. Burrows, 3; F. T. Spence, 5; the rest as before. And 720 Oxford Single. J. Mainwaring, 1; the rest as before. On Monday, March 18th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). H. T. Mostyn, 2; F. T. Spence, 4; G. Lewis (first 720 as conductor), 5; the rest as before. On Thursday, March 21st, 720 Canterbury (eight bobs six singles). J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; C. R. Greenall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. And on Saturday, March 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob, standing and conducted as before. First 720 in the method by the 1st, 2nd, and 6th. And on Sunday, March 24th, 720 Kent (nine bobs). T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; C. R. Greenall (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Thursday, March 28th, 720 College Singles (eighteen bobs two singles). J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Mostyn (first in method), 2; G. Lewis, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence, 5; C. R. Greenall (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, March 30th, 720 Kent (nine bobs). W. Walmsley, 1; G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; R. T. Holding, 6. On Sunday, March 31st, 720 Kent (nine bobs). J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis, 2; C. R. Greenall (conductor), 6; rest as before. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs.

#### STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**CHEDDLETON (Staffordshire)**—On Sunday, March, 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob (twenty-six singles), in 26 mins. W. Gilbert, H. Birch, J. Gilbert, H. James, G. Sheldon (conductor), E. Ridgway. On Sunday, March 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 26 mins. T. Turner, H. Birch, G. Sheldon (conductor), \*H. Shuker, \*E. Ridgway, E. Spooner. \*First 720 of Treble Bob. Turner, Sheldon and Ridgway hail from Leek.

**NORTON (Staffordshire)**—On Sunday, January 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, in 27 mins. J. Naylor, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; J. Gibson, 3; T. Johnson, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Bradley, 6. On Friday, January 25th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. E. Johnson, 1; A. Ryles (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; J. Naylor, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. On Saturday, February, 2nd, 720 Grandsire Minor and 720 Duke of York, in 53 mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J.

Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 3rd, 720 Woodbine, in 28 mins. J. Naylor, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 12th, 720 Grandsire, 720 Duke of York and 720 Woodbine, in 1 hr. 20 mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; J. Gibson, 3; T. Johnson, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley, 6. On Sunday, February 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. J. Naylor, 1; J. Gibson (conductor), 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. H. Naylor, 4; T. Johnson, 5; J. Brindley, 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 27 mins. A. Ryles, 1; T. Johnson, 2; E. Johnson, 3; E. Glover (conductor), 4; S. Johnson, 5; J. Gibson, 6. On Monday, February 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 28 mins. W. Scragg (first in the method), 1; T. Johnson, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. H. Naylor, 4; J. Gibson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. W. Scragg, 1; A. Ryles, 2; J. H. Naylor, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 26th, in 2 hrs. 15 mins, 720 of each of the following methods: Grandsire, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. A. Ryles, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; J. Gibson, 3; T. Johnson, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley, 6. On Sunday, March 3rd, 720 Oxford Bob, in 26 mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. Gibson, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. H. Naylor, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley, 6. On Sunday, March 17th, 720 Duke of York. A. Ryles, 1; J. Gibson, 2; E. Wheelton (conductor), 3; J. H. Naylor, 4; E. Glover, 5; J. Brindley, 6. E. Wheelton hails from Bucknall. On Friday, March 22nd, 720 Plain Bob, in 27 mins. W. Scragg, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; J. Gibson, 3; E. Johnson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 28 mins. A. Ryles, 1; J. Gibson (conductor), 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. H. Naylor, 4; T. Johnson, 5; J. Brindley, 6. And for evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. J. Naylor, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; E. Johnson, 3; D. Bradbury, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley, 6. D. Bradbury hails from Horton.

#### RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

KETTERING (Northants).—On Sunday, March 31st, for morning service, 518 of Grandsire Triples. G. Joseland, 1; J. Julian, 2; W. Hensher, 3; J. S. White (conductor), 4; E. Underwood, 5; J. D. Matthews, 6; G. Lewis, 6; J. Spence, 8. For evening service, 574 of Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. Rev. W. H. Abbot, 1; J. Julian, 2; W. Hensher, 3; T. Hensher, 4; E. Underwood, 5; J. S. White (conductor), 6; J. D. Matthews, 7; J. Spence, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

#### RESULT OF THE "COLLINS" DRAW.

WINNING NUMBERS.—First, 303; second, 2950; third, 3484; fourth, 3052; fifth, 4687; sixth, 1449; seventh, 3731; eighth, 4769; ninth, 5227; tenth, 4327; eleventh, 354; twelfth, 4491; thirteenth, 2473; fourteenth, 3260; fifteenth, 462; sixteenth, 101; seventeenth, 3908; eighteenth, 1008; nineteenth, 2938; twentieth, 5152.

Claims must be made on or before Saturday, May 4th, 1895, or same will not be entertained. Apply to Secretary, Pack Horse Tap, Huddersfield. The committee tender their best thanks to all ringing friends and others who have helped in above.

#### Obituary.

##### MATTHEW LONG.

We regret to have to record the death of the above named-ringer, which took place at his residence, St. Nicholas Road, on Good Friday evening, in his 52nd year. He commenced ringing when quite a lad on a peal of six, tenor 22 cwt, at Worstead, where he became master of the belfry. In 1871 he came to reside in Yarmouth, and in 1873 was elected a member of St. Nicholas company. In 1888 at the request of the Vicar and churchwardens, he formed the best company of change-ringers Yarmouth ever had. In less than twelve months under his able conductorship the company rang two 5000s, one of Grandsire Caters and one of Bob Royal, thus beating all past records upon the bells by a local company, and it may be safely said that St. Nicholas company of change-ringers was never more united than while the deceased was master. The funeral took place on Thursday, April 18th, and he was borne from the hearse to the grave by his brother-ringers. The Vicar, assisted by the Rev. S. Woods, officiated at the service. A floral wreath from the company was placed upon the grave, and similar tokens of respect were shown by other friends. After the funeral a 503 of Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled. Owing to the bells going so badly it was impossible to ring more, even in this touch it took two good men to keep the tenor going. In the evening muffled touches were rung at Gorleston, by the Gorleston company as a mark of respect.

D. H.

#### 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."

MARVEN'S 6000 OF BOB MAJOR AT DEBENHAM.

SIR,—In your issue of March 30th, there is a record of a peal of Bob Major, 6000 changes, composed by John Marven, of Copdock, Suffolk, rung at Debenham, in the footnote of which it states, "This peal has not been rung for over seventy years." I beg to inform Mr. Wightman that this peal has been rung as follows: Helmingham 1820, Stowmarket 1822, Hadleigh 1847, and Sudbury 1869.

Sudbury.

C. SILLITOE.

REPLY TO MR. ROGERS.

SIR,—I am obliged to Mr. Rogers for his explanation, and correction of the peal of Grandsire Caters. I did not suppose for a moment that Mr. Rogers journeyed to Walthamstow, and "set up" his own compositions, but it is nevertheless his bounden duty, in justice to his fellow-ringers, to correct an error should it have crept in. This was especially necessary in the case in point, as all the course-ends were pricked in "THE BELL NEWS," and a conductor would merely take the changes he required from them without putting pen to paper. In his attempt to be witheringly sarcastic, Mr. Rogers has got hopelessly mixed up, and I have tried in vain to sort the various points of his letter out. Does Mr. Rogers call into question the truth of any of the peals rung by the St. Peter Mancroft society? If so, I should like him to state more fully what he alludes to. We may have faults here, but ringing false peals certainly cannot be classed amongst them.

C. E. BORRETT.

FALSE PEAL.

SIR,—The peal of Stedman Caters composed by John Carter, and published in your issue of 16th March last, is false in the second part.

R. HASTED.

CORRECTION.

SIR,—I was surprised to read in the report of the Essex Association's meeting at Kelvedon, that the fourth bell was badly cracked. No such thing has yet happened. It was the fourth at Feering that was cracked, and has been recast by Messrs. Warner and Co. It was also stated that the tenor at Feering weighs 20 cwt., its proper weight being 18 cwt.

WM. KEEBLE.

Kelvedon, Essex.

SENSIBLE BEQUESTS. — Mr. Henry Powell, of Hampton Villa, Esplanade Gardens, Scarborough, who died on March 25th, by his will and codicil directs the purchase of £4000 2½ per cent. Consols in the names of the vicar and churchwardens of Pocklington, the interest to be appropriated in the payment of £5 per annum to each of five ringers of the parish church, who, among other services, shall ring a dumb peal on the anniversary of his death; £20 per annum to the organist if his services are satisfactory to the vicar and churchwardens; £5 per annum each to five choristers for the parish church, and £3 per annum to the vicar for the time being for holding a special evening commemoration service, and preaching a sermon on the anniversary of his death, and the sum of ten shillings annually to the parish clerk for assisting in that service. The testator also desires that the vicar and churchwardens shall, out of annual dividends, expend a sufficient sum for repairing and keeping clean the brass tablets and the two windows erected by him in the church to the memory of his deceased parents and wife, and two windows to be placed in the church to the memory of himself by his executor and trustee. The residue of the dividends are to be applied by the vicar and churchwardens as follows:—For such of the poor people of the parish of Pocklington as shall regularly attend the services of the said church, or being regular attendants, are, through illness or infirmity, unable to attend such services, and shall, in the opinion of the said vicar and churchwardens for the time being, be deserving recipients, to receive hot-cross buns on Good Friday morning, plum loaves on each Christmas Day, each Easter Day, and Each Whit-Sunday, and the sum of one shilling each after the said annual commemoration service, and the balance, if any, to be distributed amongst the said poor people in bread or money, as the vicar and churchwardens shall think proper, after the morning service on the first Sunday in each month; and the testator further directs that the said vicar shall, out of the annual dividends, retain to himself for his trouble in the matter thirty shillings annually. This legacy is to be paid free from legacy duty.

#### LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

To-day, Saturday, the 27th inst., at St. Michael's, Cornhill, twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths will attempt to ring the peal of 10,000 Stedman Cinques, which was unavoidably postponed on Easter Monday. The meeting time will be two o'clock.

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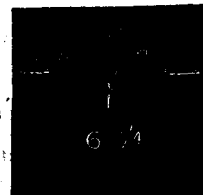
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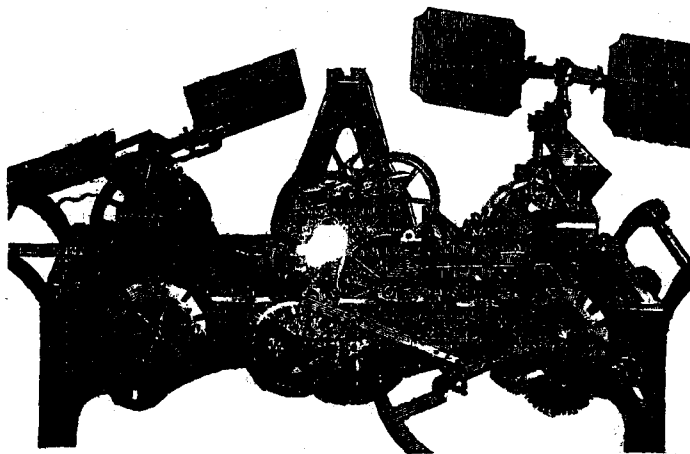
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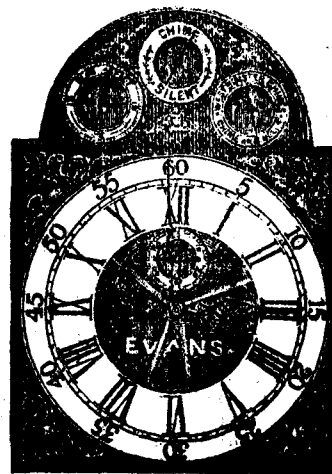
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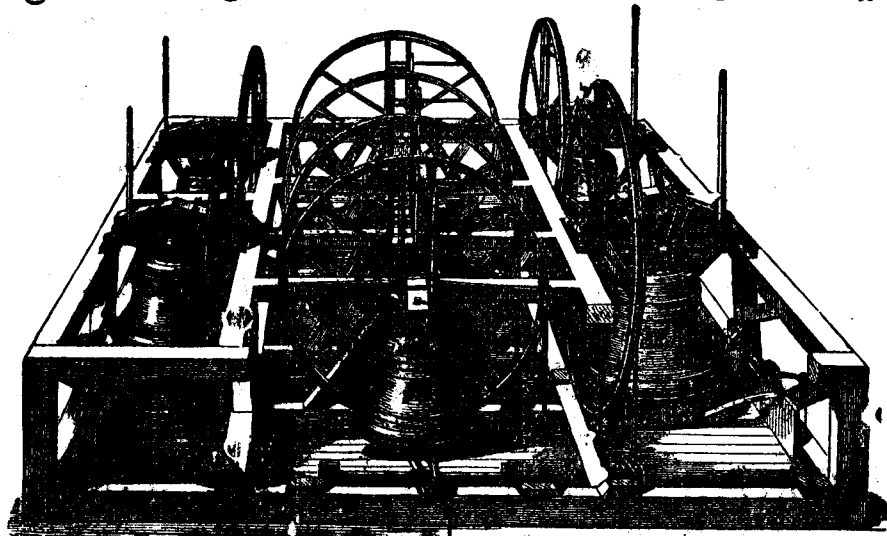
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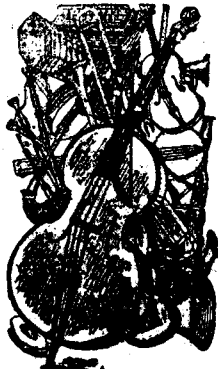
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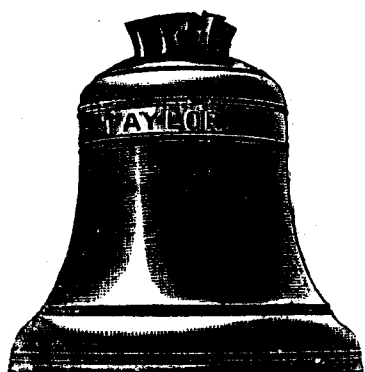
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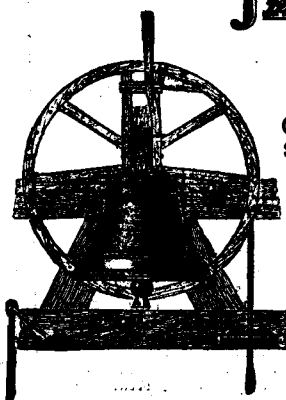
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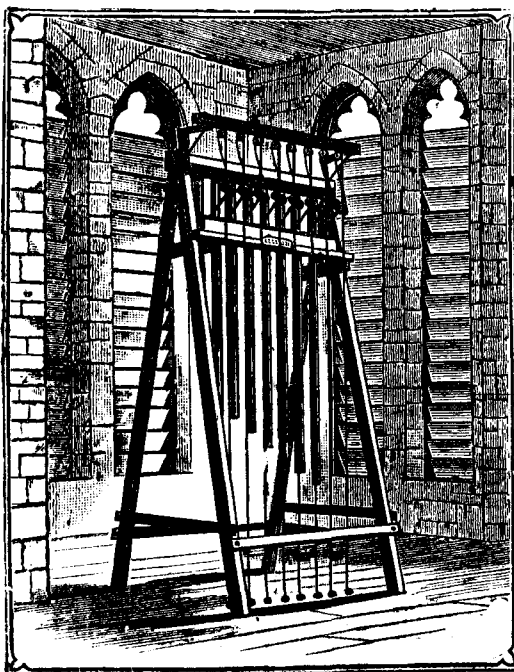
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 586.)

## REPORT OF THE HANDBELL COMMITTEE.

The Secretary read the following report, which he had received from Mr. Buckingham:—

*"Report of the Committee elected by the Central Council of Change-Ringers as to the necessity of Umpires for handbell peals, and their duties."*

"1.—This Committee considers that no peal on handbells is worthy of record unless vouched for by one or more umpires.

"2.—An umpire should be one who understands the method being rung. That is to say he should be able to either ring the said method, or write it out.

"3.—The duties of an umpire should be to watch the progress, as closely as he possibly can, of the peal being rung, from a manuscript previously given him by the conductor for that purpose; he should mark all calls made, but must not communicate in any way with the ringers while the ringing is progressing all right. The manuscript should be full enough for the umpire, so he can properly follow the ringing (some umpires, of course, would not need so full a copy of the peal being rung as others of less experience). All calls made should be ticked. In Stedman, or methods where the treble and every other changing bell goes through the same work, an extra witness to the peal should be obtained if possible. If a change-course occurs the umpire should stop the peal, if the conductor does not do so; If a witness be the first to notice a change-course, he should immediately inform the umpire of same. Umpire and witnesses should sit together and behind the conductor, so as not to attract his attention from the peal he is calling. When a peal is accomplished, the manuscript should be signed by the umpire, and any trips in the ringing should be noted by him. The manuscript should be open for inspection if desired, and should be kept by the Secretary of the Society in which the peal is rung, for that purpose. If a non-Society peal, the manuscript to be retained by the conductor.

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"Mr. Newson says although umpires are advisable, he does not think they should be absolutely necessary.

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The President remarked that it was rather difficult to know how to discuss the report. The object with which the Committee was appointed was to decide upon what umpires, if any, should be necessary. The report of the Committee was very valuable. It went beyond the matter that was referred to them, and there was no reason why it should not. He was rather doubtful however how far they would be able to discuss at that meeting all the points that had been dealt with by the Committee, interesting though they were, and he would suggest that they confine themselves to the question of the umpires first, and having agreed upon that any further detail that might be necessary might be discussed at another Council meeting.

Mr. Newson said he could not conscientiously sign the committee's report. In his opinion it went a little bit too far. By all means have umpires where they were available, but he did not think a peal should be condemned because no umpire was present. They might just as well condemn a peal in a tower because there was no one outside to listen to it.

Mr. Snowdon, as President of the Yorkshire Association, said that body never doubted any peals sent in by the members, but it was a very common and a very good custom to have them authenticated. If they thought they had a company amongst them who would patch up a peal, they would be drummed out by public opinion.

Mr. Washbrook supported Mr. Newson to a certain extent. As a rule ringers would not do such a thing as patch up a peal. He had rung perhaps forty or fifty handbell peals, and he thought they had been rung better than any he had ever rung in a tower.

Mr. Attree said the Committee appeared to have given a considerable amount of attention to the matter, and had made an

exhaustive report. They would not for a moment suggest that because an eleven playing at cricket were all men of great integrity they should have no umpires. That would be the very last thing that a cricketer would think of.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker argued that they should be careful not to lay down too strict qualifications for an umpire.

Mr. Winney remarked that Mr. James had the honour to take part in a peal of Double Norwich Major. One of the band told some friends of his that this peal was rung upon handbells, but it was not good enough to publish. The same band tried to ring a peal correctly, but they were not able to do it and fell back upon the original peal. That, he believed, was the reason that the umpire business was put forward by the Committee. One of the band used some very bad expressions about it, which perhaps he had better not repeat.

Mr. Pritchett said it was a matter of surprise that it should be suggested that it should be a rule not to have an umpire. The reasons why an umpire should be present were very obvious, and he cordially approved the report of the Committee. He proposed, in conclusion, that that portion of the report which recommended that there should be an umpire to every peal on the handbells be adopted.

Mr. Catchpole seconded the motion. He believed that handbell ringers as a rule would welcome an umpire.

Mr. Snowdon moved that the words "where practicable" be added to the motion.

Mr. Blackbourn, although it appeared to him to be desirable that there should be an umpire, thought it would be ridiculous to enforce it. He had rung several handbell peals without an umpire, which were as good as ever were rung. A peal rung without an umpire was quite as good as one rung with one.

The President thought the Council desired to treat the question as the seven-bell peal matter was treated, while they wished to record the fact that they considered it most undesirable that handbell peals should be rung without umpires when they could possibly be obtained, they did not feel prepared to condemn a peal rung without umpires. It might meet the wishes of the Council if a resolution were framed to that effect. Expressions of opinion could be made upon the resolution of the Council, and then would be the time to move forward and give attention to the very carefully drawn report of the Committee.

Mr. Attree moved, and Mr. Lockwood seconded an amendment in the terms suggested by the President.

Mr. Palmer contended that truth was the main thing which ought to be aimed at.

Mr. Hounslow said it had always been the rule in his district for ringers to have an umpire.

Mr. Snowdon pointed out that he had moved that the words where practicable should be added to the original motion.

Mr. Pritchett thought the Council should not adopt any half-measure.

The President remarked that the Council took a very definite line with regard to seven-bell peals. They admitted that a seven-bell peal was not a desirable thing, but they did not feel compelled to say it was not a peal. Just in the same way they might indicate that a certain course in regard to handbell peals was desirable, although it might not be made absolutely compulsory.

Mr. Washbrook said they always had an umpire in his district, where they could get one. He supported the amendment of Mr. Attree.

The amendment on being put, was carried by 23 votes to 12.

## TECHNICAL TERMS.

The subject of technical terms then came up for discussion. The Secretary moved, and Mr. Washbrook seconded, the adoption of the preliminary report of the Technical Terms Committee.

Mr. Snowdon contended that the matter dealt with in the report was most valuable. He did not quite know whether their old friend "in and out" ought to be chopped off at once. It could be condemned, but he thought they must stay their hands. On page 4 the Committee expressed an opinion that it would be desirable to add an appendix to the glossary, consisting of a classified list as complete as it could be made of the names of all known methods of change-ringing. This was a very big order.

The Hon. Secretary: Perhaps we shall not get any further.

Mr. Snowdon: I hope so. Proceeding, he stated that if they simply took names it would not be worth while doing. If they dealt with names they must go into them and try to get to their origin, and they must have some very short descriptions. If three or four lines were devoted to each method they would get a very valuable collection. They were taking a very large order in hand in going into the question of names. In the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" they had had some interesting discussion upon odd and even methods. In the report it was suggested "that in-course and out-of-course, as used to express the nature of rows or changes, should be abandoned in favour of *even* and *odd* respectively; as used to express the position of the bells, and generally in ringing that they should be replaced by *right* and *wrong* respectively." They already had *right* and *wrong* spoken of. He did not think he would like the word *right*, although he was not raising serious objection to it. He did not like the word *minus* for four-bell peals. They knew what *maximus* meant, but what did *minus* mean? If *minus* were the least, where did the three-bell peal come in. He had sketched out this amendment: "Having regard to the assistance that the glossary will give to the proper understanding of ringing terms, it appears inexpedient to condemn and alter the terms *in* and *out of course* at present in use. That the Committee be instructed to proceed with its work, and print and distribute a limited number of copies to members of the Council. This preliminary glossary, to be printed at the Council's expense shall contain a classified list of the technical terms on which Committees cannot agree, and upon which the representatives shall individually vote by post, in order to complete the work at the earliest possible date; the classification of methods to follow as a separate work."

The President said the Council would have to be careful that they did not embark upon Committee work. They should not enter into a discussion of whether "in" and "out" is desirable or not, but leave it to the Committee. They were a new body, comparatively speaking, and if time were allowed them he thought they would arrive at the proper conclusion. It was desirable that every one present should have the opportunity of expressing an opinion upon every point in the report. He suggested that they ask the Committee to proceed with their labours, to be careful to reject no phrases that were likely to be useful, and at the same time to introduce nothing that they did not think really of service. This would have the Council's best attention if it was put before them in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" some time before the next meeting.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that the object of putting forward that preliminary report was not to decide the matter in any way, but simply to put it before the members of the Council in order that they might have time to consider it before the next meeting. In his opinion the next step to take would be to make their list of terms with explanations, and have it ready by the next Council meeting. It appeared to him, from the opinions expressed in the paper that had been circulated amongst the Committee, that the report contained all really that they wished to bring before the Council in the way of emendations or alterations of the written language of the Exercise.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson thought it was desirable that what the Committee had done and were going to do should run the gauntlet in "THE BELL NEWS."

Mr. Attree concurred in this expression of opinion.

The President said he was afraid their excellent honorary secretary was a little bit disappointed, owing to their not viewing the matter from his standpoint. They must, however, be content to go slowly. They were not altering the practical ringing terms, but simply those in use in the literary work of the Exercise.

The Hon. Secretary stated that he was not complaining of the delay, and he was willing that the report should be before the members of the Council and discussed in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" for the next twelve months. The Committee wanted to get on with the next stage of their work—the preparation of the Glossary.

The President remarked that it would be more formal if some one would move that the matter be referred back to the Committee for further consideration, and that the suggested changes should be published in "THE BELL NEWS."

The Rev. F. E. Robinson moved, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded the motion, which was adopted.

#### RAILWAY FARES.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey reported that he had nothing definite to tell the Council on the subject of railway fares. All the managers of the principal railway companies, with the exception of the London, Tilbury and Southend, had promised to bring the matter up for consideration at their next meeting of Directors, and he hoped that they would shortly have some favourable announcement to make on the subject.

The President said the railway managers were very much more approachable than the Church Congress, because they were amenable to financial considerations. As soon as they could show the railway managers conclusively that it would bring a largely increased traffic on to the lines, so surely would they grant the concessions required.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A party of fourteen members of this Association (including representatives of five different towers, viz., Manchester, Penton, Worsley, Pendlebury, and Flixton), left the Central Station, Manchester, by the 9.38 a.m. train on Easter Monday morning for Northwich, Cheshire, the land of salt and subsidences. After an uneventful journey of an hour's duration, we arrived at our destination, and were very courteously received by Mr. Foster and other brother-strings of that briny town, by whom we were conducted to their hostelry and plentifully supplied with substantial refreshments. The inner man having had every attention without any attendant cost on the part of the visitors, our Cheshire brother-strings then conducted us to the Witton church tower, which is situated in a beautiful position for giving out the musical changes of sweet Treble Bob over a wide area of low lying land. We had intended to have had sixteen ringers together in all before leaving Manchester, but were unsuccessful. We had previously got permission for the use of the peal of eight bells at Great Budworth (three miles distant from Northwich), through the kindness of Mr. Foster. Had we had the full complementary number, a peal of Grand-sire Triples was to have been attempted on the latter bells, and Treble Bob on the former, which was a success, and which was duly recorded in the peal columns. The short set were first made up by others of the company for a touch of Grand-sire on the Witton bells. The touch over, this part of the company journeyed to Budworth, accompanied by some of the Witton men, to make up for touches on those bells, while the time away while the peal of Treble Bob was in motion. The peal being accomplished, we were again taken in hand by our old guides and kindly shown through the salt works, they kindly explaining all the processes of manufacture to us as we wended slowly along from place to place. We eventually came to a great land subsidence, which our chief guide told us had taken place more than half a century ago, and which now has the appearance of a lake of no small dimension, and is dotted over with small steamers and pleasure boats, rowing and sailing. After gazing upon this pleasant scene for some time, we hear the word march. Tea is ordered for 5.0 p.m., and we are now well beyond that hour, so onward we go to the Northwich Coffee Tavern Company's premises in the High Street, where we were shown upstairs, and found tea awaiting us, which for quality and quantity left nothing to be desired. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, a vote of thanks was accorded unanimously to the Witton ringers for the kindness and hospitality shown to the visitors on that occasion, whereupon Mr. Foster replied by saying that the Witton ringers always tried to entertain ringing visitors to the best of their ability. Touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples were afterwards rung on the bells, the visitors shortly after leaving for their train with a hearty good-night. W. B.

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**A** DIAGRAM OF A SYSTEM OF PEALS OF UNION TRIPLES: In imitation of Shipway's peal, with the bobbing of three hundred peals of the system, and directions for getting from the diagram the bobbing of fifteen hundred more peals of the system.—By W. H. THOMPSON, Member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

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## A YORKSHIRE VISIT.

ON Saturday, March 30th, as previously arranged, Messrs. Jacob, Newson, and Dams left London at 3 p.m. via Midland Railway for the hardware town (Sheffield), the purpose being peal-ringing prior to the fifth annual meeting of the Central Council. About sixteen miles this side of the destination there is a curious church spire, said never to appear perpendicular, no matter from whatever point of the compass observations are taken. There the latter two of the party alighted, discussed the question, and arrived at the conclusion that a very great discrepancy existed between statements and facts, and they thus lost the train. However this was only a delay of half-an-hour, and arriving at their journey's end, they found Messrs. T. Hattersley, Mulligan, Jacob, and other friends awaiting their arrival at Sheffield. Mutual greetings followed, and expressions of welcome were numerous during the evening at the meeting-house.

Sunday morning for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, the bells were set going to Treble Twelve, and the "go" of the tenor was all that could be desired, without an application of St. Jacob's oil, and it was well maintained in the afternoon in a good touch of Stedman Cinques.

In the evening the visitors and friends paid a visit to the celebrated church of Rotherham, where for Divine Service some Treble Bob Royal and Stedman Caters were brought round, some of the local ringers taking part and welcoming their Sheffield and other friends.

Monday morning at half-past nine, saw a good muster at the parish church, and just at 10 a.m. the twelve bells left rounds, and a successful attempt for Treble Bob Maximus was under weigh, and the middles, wrongs, and homes rolled up in rousing form; tenor 41 cwt. in C. To those who have not had the pleasure of hearing this ring, let them fancy they do so when listening or ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, London. At ten minutes past two the bells ran round, and a capital performance was finished, which has already been reported in these columns.

Upon descending the tower the ringers found a large and appreciative audience awaiting them, and congratulations followed. During the afternoon there was quite a levee at The Queen, quite fifty persons being present. The brothers Bugar highly amused the visitors by their clever manipulation of twelve bells to such popular airs as "Buy a broom," etc.

According to promise, the trio, with the veteran Thomas Hattersley, paid a visit to "John Brown," and after a minute inspection of the principal objects of interest of this elaborately fitted church, attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, with the local ringers, but the eighth course brought grief. Afterwards a very pleasant evening was spent with quite a host of Sheffield ringers and friends and others from the neighbouring towns.

During the evening other London visitors arrived, and a band was made up for a peal of Stedman Cinques next morning. This came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. owing to a change-course.

The Council meeting was duly attended, and the return journey accomplished, reaching home by 11 o'clock on Tuesday night. It only remains to thank most cordially the Messrs. Hattersley for their kindness in getting everything ready, and making up the band for the peal, and also the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells on this occasion.

CHESTERFIELD.

## CREWE, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday afternoon, April 6th, the President and most of the members of the Crewe Society assembled in the belfry for the purpose of wishing Mr. W. Evetts (who is leaving Crewe on purpose to take up a two years' course at Mason's College, Birmingham) farewell, and also to present to him a watch chain appendage in the form of a gold bell.

The President (the Rev. G. J. Howson), in the course of an excellent speech, spoke of the qualities necessary to the making of a good ringer, his duties in the tower, and also in the church. He said it was indeed a great loss to the local company to lose a member who had always taken so much interest in the work of the tower as Mr. Evetts had done; and he had great pleasure in asking him to accept the small present as a token of the esteem in which he had been held by his fellow-ringers.

Mr. Holding, the conductor, said he could heartily endorse all that had been said by the president, and gave the names of all the members who had subscribed to the presentation. He also

said he should be pleased to form a band to attempt a peal at Crewe at any time Mr. Evetts came over to visit them.

Mr. Langford said that he had had the pleasure of twice visiting Mr. Evetts' home at Tackley, near Oxford, and he was very sorry indeed to lose Mr. Evetts' company. He also spoke of the various gifts to the tower, given by Mr. Evetts, among others being the linoleum on the floor; also a peal-board to commemorate his first peal. He at the same time presented each ringer with a large card with the peal printed on for framing, and other gifts.

Mr. John Wright also testified to the great pleasure it had been to subscribe to and get up the testimonial, and said how pleased they should all be to see Mr. Evetts at any time he could make it convenient to come over to Crewe.

Mr. Evetts made an excellent reply, in the course of which he spoke of the many very pleasant hours he had spent up in that tower, and the pains they had taken to instruct him in the rudiments of change-ringing, and hoped he should long be spared to continue in the Exercise. It would always be a pleasure to have a run down to Crewe for the purpose of attempting a peal. He should always cherish that bell as one of his most precious presents, and he was sure his father and mother would be greatly pleased when they heard of the event.

The inscription on the bell was "Presented to W. Evetts, Esq. by the Crewe ringers," with the date. There was no ringing done on account of serious illness near the church. On Sunday evening as a farewell touch, Mr. Evetts called two touches of Grandsire Triples, viz., 350 and 168. W. Evetts (conductor), 1; A. Jarvis, 2; A. Harding, 3; G. Harding, 4; R. Langford, 5; A. Dudley, 6; R. T. Holding, 7; J. Edwards, 8.

## THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, HULL.

On Saturday, April 20th, the members of the above society paid a visit to Thornton Abbey, Lincolnshire. Arriving at their destination, a visit was made to the ruins of the old Abbey, which was extremely interesting. Leaving the Abbey, a start was made for Thornton Curtiss, which was reached after a pleasant walk of two miles; where, after slight refreshments had been partaken of, a visit was made to the church of St. Laurance, where a grand peal of five bells, tenor about 18 cwt., hangs in the tower. By the time the bells were raised the company were joined by the Vicar of the parish, who gave them a hearty welcome to Thornton. The company then rang a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, and after this a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. At the kind invitation of Mr. Farrow the company then adjourned to Frogmore Farm, where a splendid tea was kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. Farrow, to which the company did full justice. After a walk round the farm, the company returned to the church, where the first 720 was rung upon the bells, consisting of two 6-scores of Bob Doubles, two 6-scores of Stedman, and two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, by the following members. W. Southwick, 1; H. W. Needham (conductor), 2; H. Jenkins, 3; D. W. Brown, 4; J. W. Stickney, 5. After lowering the bells, the company, being joined by three of the Thornton ringers, adjourned to the vicarage, where a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by the above upon the handbells. After thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells and partaking of his hospitality the company began their homeward journey, landing at the Corporation pier, Hull, at 10.15 p.m., well pleased with their afternoon's outing.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15th, the members of this society held their annual meeting at Eckington, only a small number of members being present. The meeting was held at The White Hart inn, the President, Mr. C. Severn in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following officers were elected: Mr. C. Severn, President; Messrs. H. Madin and J. W. Brothwell, Vice-Presidents; Mr. G. Marsden, Treasurer; E. James, Hon. Secretary; and a Committee of nine. It was resolved that the next Quarterly Meeting be held at Norton on the first Saturday in July. Several well-struck touches were rung during the day by Messrs. Hunt, Brooke, Rolley, Thicket, Marsden, Hancock, Bettison, Brothwell, Daffin, Smedley, Worthington, Severn, Shaw, Atkin, Price, Turton, and Norman.



## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6th, the monthly meeting of the above was held at Kids Grove, when the following towers were represented, viz.: Alsager, Bucknall, Burslem, Kids Grove, Kingsley, Leek, Norton, and Tunstall. Mr. J. Mason, representative of the tower, had everything in readiness for 3.30, when Mr. E. Glover (Norton), arrived with his band, and by 4 o'clock a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob had been accomplished by the following. A. Ryles, 1; T. Johnson, 2; J. H. Naylor, 3; J. Gibson, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; H. Carnwell, 6. This was followed by a 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Dean (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Mason, 2; A. Archer, 3; E. Glover, 4; H. Carnwell, 5; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 6. Several short touches were rung at intervals, and at 5.30 a 720 Duke of York was rung. An adjournment was then made to Joynson's refreshment rooms to replenish the inner man, where a bountiful repast had been provided by the local ringers. Through the unavoidable absence of the Rev. R. W. B. Moore (vicar), and the churchwarden (Councillor E. H. Griffiths), Mr. Joseph Mason presided.

Mr. W. Twigg (Hon. Secretary) in a few remarks said he was pleased to state that the Association was in a prosperous condition. Newcastle with a peal of eight bells recently rehung, had joined the Association, and it had been arranged to hold the annual meeting of the Association in the ancient and loyal borough on August 5th, when he felt sure they would receive a hearty welcome from the ringers and burgesses of Newcastle. He also wished to thank his brother-ringers of Kids Grove for the excellent repast provided for them, and hoped they would all meet together for many years to come.

Mr. E. Glover (Norton), seconded the vote of thanks, and said that he was always pleased to come to a meeting at Kids Grove, and could truthfully say that he had never come to one in vain.

Mr. J. Mason in reply said they were very pleased to welcome the members to Kids Grove, but considered they needed no thanks, for when they travelled from tower to tower, he and his fellow-ringers of Kids Grove were always treated with the utmost courtesy, and it was only their duty to receive others the same. He also wished to say that as the Clough Hall Pleasure Grounds were now open, and were very near the tower, any ringers visiting there and wishing to have a pull before returning, if they sent word to Mr. G. Siddons or himself, they would do their best to oblige them.

Mr. E. Wheeldon (Bucknall), proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for their attention at the tea tables, which was seconded by Mr. Rigby (Tunstall).

Mrs. M. Smith in reply stated she hoped they had all had a good tea, as to know that they had all enjoyed their tea was the best thanks they could have.

The ringers then returned to the tower and rang touches of Grandsire Minor, Violet Treble Bob, and City Delight, which brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.—The first monthly meeting of this branch was held at Poynton on Saturday, April 13th, when twenty-eight members put in an appearance from Disley, Bollington, Prestbury, Poynton, Macclesfield, Wilmslow, and Swinton. Ringing was commenced shortly after three o'clock with touches of Bob and Grandsire Minor, and Grandsire Doubles. At 5.30 the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where an excellent free tea was partaken of. After tea the bells were again set going, and a course each of Bob and Canterbury Minor, and a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Norbury, 1; J. Minshall, 2; J. Gratrix, 3. W. W. Steele, 4; W. Walmsley (conductor), 5; J. Woods, 6.

## CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The peal of twelve bells which have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have also recast the 9th and added a fire bell, will be re-opened on Saturday, May 11th, when a peal will be attempted by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

## PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Easter Monday, the Hereford branch of the Diocesan Guild were invited by the Rev. W. F. Lambert to open the recently restored peal of six bells in the tower of St. Peter's, Peterchurch, where they found a pleasing peal of six bells awaiting their manipulation. The bells were raised in peal, and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, after which the chamber containing the bells were visited to inspect the work which had been done. A large part of the old and decayed frame had been removed, and new substantial English oak timbers fitted in place of the old, and the whole of the old and new parts of the framework strongly bolted vertically through the braces, which, together with strong angle plates bolted to all the joints and corners, has made the frame steady and strong. All the bells have been fitted with new stocks and iron-work, and the wheels re-trimmed, and all the other fittings renewed. Credit is due to the contractor, Mr. W. Greenleaf, of Hereford, for the manner in which the work has been done, and the easy running of the bells made the ringing enjoyable. After partaking of a substantial meat tea, kindly provided by the vicar, the ringers proceeded to the ringing-chamber and rang several more 6-scores of Doubles, when the bells were left in the hands of the local ringers, and the visitors had the pleasure of hearing the music of the bells as they journeyed homewards. R. Chamberlain, 1; S. Hobby, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; J. Jones, 4; W. Lewis, 5; H. Ganes, 6. Calling on their way homewards at Madley in the hopes of having a pull on the beautiful ring of six bells there, they were sorry to find them quite unringable, owing to the bad state of the ropes and the dilapidated state of the bell-fittings.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, April 23rd, St. George's Day, falling on the monthly practice night at St. Giles', Cripplegate, the following members rang at that church three courses of Stedman Cinques. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; F. S. Bayley, 2; R. Jameson, 3; C. F. Winney, 4; W. E. Garrard, 5; W. Burkin, 6; E. Taffender, 7; F. M. Butler, 8; W. Prime, 9; W. Pye, 10; T. Hibbert, 11; W. T. Cockerill, 12. Also three leads of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and afterwards a plain course of Superlative Surprise Major by eight of the above members.

The attempt for the 10,000 at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Saturday, April 27th, came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 7 mins., through the boss to the 10th coming down the rope from the ceiling, an accident unprecedented as far as is known in peal-ringing history. It is hoped that another attempt will be made before the very hot weather sets in, due notice of which will be given in this paper.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## RINGERS IN SORE TROUBLE.

SIR,—Is there any reader of "THE BELL NEWS" that could inform me if anything can be done to learn rope-sight. We have been ringing at Wortley nearly two years and cannot ring anything but a plain course of Bob Triples with our own local company. Of course some of our company have accomplished a peal, with the help of the ringers of the neighbouring village, who are so kind to assist us. We have been ringing the plain course for eighteen months, but to no purpose, twice on a Sunday and two practices every week up till lately, till we are tired of it. Fancy ringing plain courses for eighteen months. There is no encouragement for any ringers to take any interest in us. We have all had bought for us a copy of Mr. Snowdon's *Rope-Sight*, but it does not make any difference. The book is all learnt off by heart, which is no use to anybody. Will they ever make anything of it or not? If there is any way please inform us through your valuable columns, as we are completely tired of it.

Wortley, near Sheffield.

T. W. M'KEGE.

[Perhaps the infusion of some new blood might create a welcome change.—Ed.]

## Notices.

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Cheltenham and District Guild.—The annual meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held at Cheltenham tower to-day, Saturday, May 4th, at 7 p.m.  
A. W. HUMPHRIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The South and West Middlesex Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Heston, Middlesex, to-day, Saturday, May 4th, 1895. Ringing at 5 o'clock.  
E. J. WALSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
1, *Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The monthly meeting of this branch will be held at St. Peter's, Woolton, to-day, Saturday, May 4th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6 o'clock in Parochial Hall.

ALFRED G. NICHOLSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
30, *Upper Stanhope Street, Liverpool.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held in the schoolroom, Bromborough, to-day, Saturday, May 4th. Tea at 6 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3 p.m. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, April 29th, to  
F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Braeside, West Kirby.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Leek to-day, Saturday, May 4th.  
REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. TWIGG, }

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Bowdon Branch.—This Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild will, with the kind consent of the Vicar, hold their next meeting at Marple, to-day, Saturday, May 4th, at 4 p.m.  
H. LEIGH MALLORY, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at the Guild's meeting house, The Tamworth Arms, Moor street, on Tuesday evening, May 7th, at 8.30. It is requested that every member will make it possible to attend, as there will be special business for consideration.  
W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, *Roland Road, Handsworth.*

Sussex County Association.—Eastern.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on Saturday, May 11th. A meat tea will be provided at 5 o'clock by the kindness of the vicar (Rev. A. Hodges, M.A.), and other friends, for all who send their names to the undersigned by May 7th. Towers open for ringing:—Christ Church, St. Leonards (8), and All Saints, Hastings (5), 2.30 to 4.30; St. Clement's, Hastings (8), and Christ Church, Blacklands (6), 2.30 to 9.  
S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*  
101, *Braybrooke Road, Hastings.*

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting for 1895 will be held at Warminster, on Monday, May 13th. Divine Service in the Minster at 11.30 a.m. Meeting for election of officers and general business at 12.30. Dinner at 2 p.m.  
J. R. JERRAM, *Gen. Sec.*

Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh, on Thursday, May 16th, 1895. Dinner at The Dog inn, at 1.30, 2s. Hon., 1s. 3d. company members. Nearest railway station, Woodbridge (4 miles). Conveyances to and fro at 8d. per head, each way, will be arranged. Notice to be sent to the Hon. Secretary, by Saturday, May 11th, with name of station.  
H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn. April 29, 1895.*

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Lytham, on Saturday, May 18th. Particulars in due course.  
J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*  
A. E. WREAKS, }

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly general meeting will be held at Yeovil, on Saturday, May 18th. Particulars in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 11th.  
HY. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*  
*The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.*

DEFECTIVE NOTICE.—MR. G. HOYLE has omitted date in the notice forwarded.

## Compositions.

### TWO PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

By WALTER S. WISE, *Salisbury.*

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Three times repeated. Single at the second and fourth part-ends. First rung on handbells, February 25th, 1895, by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, conducted by its composer.

5376.

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Repeated. These peals never have the 2nd and 3rd in 6th's place at a course-end.

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By WILLIAM PAGE, *Worcester.*

5376.

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Five times repeated. Contains the 5th and 6th each twenty-four times in 6th's place.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Owing to ill-health, the address of Mr. E. E. Bewick will be 15, Parliament Street, Gloucester, until further notice.

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1895.

THE Liberation Society, as it is called, met together last Wednesday to beat their drum. A daily paper says that those attending this meeting were "in high spirits," which we interpret as being controlled by animal excitement, not by anything else. The Secretary of this Society—a Mr. ROBJOHNs (ominous name)—read the triennial report, which really did not fetch one single cheer from the audience. The treasurer's annual financial statement showed the receipts during the year to have been £5659 11s. 7d., and the expenditure £5348 18s. 3d. (no farthings), leaving a balance of £310 12s. These amounts remind us of Mr. BELLEW's famous sketch, where the income of a concern was swallowed up by expenses, leaving a ludicrously small balance to continue its operations.

The chairman of this meeting was that doughty Welshman, SIR OSBORNE MORGAN, who was singularly felicitous in the expression of his belief that the Church, not only in Wales but in England, was doomed. "They must," he said, "keep pegging away until they had the Church disestablished in every part of the country." And he delightfully added that "the Local Government Act had deposed the country parson. In this language can be

seen the charity of one who wishes to "relieve" religion from State patronage and control.

Amid all the opposition the Church has met with, among the whole of its opponents, this Society appears to be the most ferocious. Its reputed objects, should disestablishment be gained, we cannot define as anything less than savage. We should not be surprised to hear that a Liberationist had suggested penal servitude or indeed something worse for the Church's defenders.

Every honest man will hope that such evil machinations will prove futile, and that this bitter opposition will meet its own reward. The race is not always to the swift; and we have heard something about the miner being hoisted with his own petard. If the Church is to be robbed of its endowments, by what reasoning can Nonconformists be allowed to hold theirs? The rank injustice of would-be Church despoilers is patent. And yet men who affect to live in the odour of righteousness and fair-dealing are to be found who either look on calmly at such confiscatory designs, or take part in them. But perhaps we have said enough. The Ringing Exercise has had the question of Church Disestablishment and Disendowment put clearly before them. The effects of such heinous measures upon ringing have been made plain, and it only remains for our brethren to act accordingly, while fulfilling one of the most important duties of their citizenship.

Mr. JOHN CARTER wishes to tender his apologies for allowing a peal to escape him which owing to the reception of a flood of correspondence from many quarters, went forth for publication without proving.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, April 30, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER J. SORRELL* .. Treble.	SAMUEL ANDREWS .. .. 5.
JAMES NICHOLLS .. .. 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 6.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 3.	†HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 4.	EDWARD O'MEARA .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRED CLAYTON and Conducted by WALTER J. SORRELL.

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

### The Provinces.

#### KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1895, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

E. GREENWOOD .. .. Treble.	T. BANCROFT .. .. 5.
A. SMITH .. .. 2.	H. HORNER .. .. 6.
W. LAWRENCE .. .. 3.	W. BILLOWS .. .. 7.
W. BARTLE .. .. 4.	W. D. HILLARY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

Messrs. Horner, Billows, and Hillary hail from Skipton, the rest are local men. The peal has the 5th and 6th their extent each way.

#### CRAYFORD, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 25, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN TURNER* .. .. Treble.	JAMES SAKBY .. .. 5.
HERBERT J. CASTLE† .. 2.	ARTHUR PHILL .. .. 6.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 4.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. J. SEVIER and Conducted by JOHN TURNER.

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

#### OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 25, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN CARTER .. .. Treble.	*THOMAS COLLINSON .. .. 5.
JOHN JENNINGS .. .. 2.	CHARLES SPARKES .. .. 6.
GEORGE WALKER .. .. 3.	GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 7.
JOHN PRICKETT .. .. 4.	JAMES JONES .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

\*First peal in the method with a working bell. This peal has the 6th twenty-two times wrong and twenty-three right, and was rung as a birthday peal for C. Sparkes, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

#### WELLS, SOMERSET.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 25, 1895, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

REV. H. A. COCKEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. PATES .. .. 6.
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 8.
WALTER S. WISE .. .. 4.	JAMES HINTON .. .. 9.
CHARLES FOWLER .. .. 5.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the heaviest peal of bells ever rung single handed for a peal. The ringers of the 3rd, 5th, and 10th belong to Oxford; 4th and 8th to Salisbury; 2nd and 6th to Cheltenham; 1st and 9th to Bristol; and 7th to Drayton, Berks.

#### WELLS, SOMERSET.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 26, 1895, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
CHARLES FOWLER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. PATES .. .. 6.
WALTER S. WISE .. .. 3.	*GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 7.
ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

\*First peal in the method.

#### PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1895, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED MILLIS .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM .. .. 5.
JOHN BUTTERY .. .. 2.	EDWARD ROBINSON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 3.	MORACE ABBOTT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 4.	EDWARD READER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON

It was intended to go for a long peal in the method, but meeting short-handed, Mr. Reader kindly stood in to make up a band. E. Robinson and H. Abbott hail from Nottingham.

## BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 26, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRED HOWORTH .. .. Treble.	JOHN SHEPHERD .. .. 5.
JOHN A. BROWN .. .. 2.	*THOMAS LORD .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WHITWORTH .. 3.	JOSEPH SUTCLIFFE .. 7.
JAMES T. STANDRING .. 4.	WILLIAM ASHWORTH .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, of ILKLEY, and Conducted by JOHN SHEPHERD.

\*First peal in the method.

## HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MAURICE STEER* .. .. Treble.	BARZILLA HAWKINS .. .. 5.
GEORGE HAWKINS .. .. 2.	*WALTER FILMORE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK FRANCIS .. 3.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. FREAKES* .. 4.	EDGAR COLLINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Major. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 6th twenty-two courses wrong and twenty-four courses at home. M. Steer, late of Lower Beeding, Sussex, was elected a member of the Guild in the belfry.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

ALPHAUS PERKINS .. .. Treble.	JAMES GARRATT .. .. 5.
CLIFTON NEWMAN .. .. 2.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 6.
ANDERSON YORK TYLER .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. 7.
WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. W. CLARKE and Conducted by J. HOUGHTON, JUN.

This peal has the 3rd never in 6th's place, and the 2nd never in 5th's or 6th's place at a course-end. It is the quickest peal on the bells. A. H. Martin hails from Higham Ferrers, the rest belong to Irlthingborough.

## MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 29, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT ALCOCK .. .. Treble.	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. 5.
JOHN H. JONES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM NEWTON .. .. 6.
RICHARD FENWICK* .. 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. 7.
FRED A. MELLANBY .. 4.	JOHN W. PASSMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by JOHN H. BLAKISTON.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

## OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 30, 1895 (no time mentioned),

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-IN-THE-EAST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Treble.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. .. 5.
C. EXON .. .. 2.	PERCIVAL A. HIND .. .. 6.
JOB HOWES .. .. 3.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 7.
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW .. .. 4.	JAMES MOGRIDGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Rung in honour of the marriage of the daughter of the Rev. J. R. King, Vicar.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1895, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## SEVEN 720s OF MINOR,

In the following methods:

College Single, Double Court, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

STEPHEN W. MARTIN .. Treble.	*FREDK. E. W. MEADOWS .. 4.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. 2.	JAMES DURRANT .. .. 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

\*First 5040 in seven different methods, and first of College Single and Double Court. This 5040 was rung two hours after a confirmation service held here by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, F. E. W. Meadows being one of the candidates. It is also the quickest 5040 on the bells.

## BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR,

In the following methods:

College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANK HULL .. .. Treble.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. 4.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 2.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 3.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

First 5040 in seven Treble Bob methods by all except the conductor, and also by the Association, and was rung at the first attempt. The callings were taken as given in Standard Methods.

## MAXEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1895, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## SEVEN 720s OF MINOR;

In the three following methods:

One 720 of Grandsire, one 720 of Canterbury, and five different 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. S. COX* .. .. Treble.	C. HARPER .. .. 4.
E. POPPLE .. .. 2.	F. DENNISON .. .. 5.
R. WYCHE .. .. 3.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

\*First 5040. This is the first 5040 of Minor on these bells, and the first in three methods by the Association.

## Date Touches.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THATCHAM (Berks).—On Thursday evening, April 4th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Minor, comprising 720 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Bob, 360 College Single, and 95 Grandsire, in 1 hour 10 mins. T. Hill, 1; E. Witts (conductor), 2; F. Denness, 3; S. Quinton, 4; C. Wheeler, 5; A. W. J. Bird, 6. S. Quinton hails from Newbury.

BALDERSTONE (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, April 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins., with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to Louisa, the widow of the late Rev. J. R. Parr, former vicar of Balderstone. W. Butterworth, 1; S. Kershaw, 2; T. Buckley (conductor), 3; T. Jackson, 4; J. Dyson, 5; A. Dearnley, 6; J. Kershaw, 7; E. Chadwick, 8. This is the longest length by the ringers of the treble, 4th, and 5th.

Low Moor (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, April 7th, at Holy Trinity church for evening service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins., with the bells deeply muffled for the late Wm. Dalby, sexton of the above church. H. Simpson, 1; T.

Simpson (conductor), 2; F. Wood, 3; H. Jones, 4; J. Pratt, 5; A. Wilkinson, 6; J. W. Emmett, 7; C. Dracup, 8. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield.

PENDLEBURY (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, April 2nd, for weekly practice, at Christ church, the local company rang a date touch of 1895 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Hall, 1; W. Cottrill, 2; J. Hindley, 3; W. Pyle, 4; T. Lingard (conductor), 5; J. Chapman, 6; J. Briscoe, 7; T. Rushton, 8. Composed by G. Preston, of Christ Church, Hants.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FEERING (Essex).—On Easter-Monday, on the occasion of the district meeting of the above Association being held at Kelvedon, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Grimwade, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; F. L. Bumpstead, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt. First 720 on the bells, which have recently been augmented to six.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On Sunday, April 14th, at St. Mary's church, three 720s of Plain Bob Minor. H. Pye, 1; H. Elliott, 2; J. Elliott, 3; J. Frost, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. On Easter Monday, at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Edwards, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; F. Rudkin, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Also 720 New London Pleasure. W. Chalk, 1; F. L. Bumpstead, 2; A. Edwards (conductor), 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard, 6. Also 720 Oxford. W. Frost, 1; H. Nevard, 2; H. Whiffen, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. J. Nevard, 6. First 720 of Cambridge on the bells, which have been recently augmented to six.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ELHAM (Kent).—On Monday, March 25th, 504 Bob Triples. G. Shepherd, 1; H. Pitcher, 2; J. Andrews, 3; E. Bush, 4; C. Richards, 5; A. Brett, 6; A. Castle (conductor), 7; E. Smith, 8. And a short touch conducted by E. Bush. On Monday, April 1st, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) on the back six. G. Shepherd, 1; E. Bush, 2; J. Andrews, 3; C. Richards, 4; A. Brett, 5; A. Castle (conductor), 6. And a 216. G. Shepherd, 1; A. Castle, 3; E. Smith, 4; A. Brett, 5; C. Richards, 6; E. Bush (conductor), 7; A. Hogben, 8.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, March 16th, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). E. Laker, 1; J. Andrews, 2; A. Castle, 3; E. Cheeseman, 4; W. Fordred, 6; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 26th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Prebble, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Castle, 3; A. Beer, 4; A. Brett, 5; J. Andrews (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 30th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). L. Finn, 1; E. Bush, 2; J. Andrews, 3; E. Cheeseman, 4; W. Fordred, 5; A. Castle (conductor), 6. And three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. E. Laker, 1; J. Prebble, 6. Conducted by J. Andrews.

RAINFHAM (Kent).—On Friday, April 5th, for practice at the parish church, 240 Grandsire Doubles. E. Bishop, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; E. Vaughan, 3; E. Dunster (conductor), 4; J. Champion, 5; H. Clout, 6. And 120 in the same method. E. Bishop, 1; H. Clout, 2; A. Vaughan, 3; E. Dunster, 4; F. Ockwell (conductor), 5; J. Champion, 6. On Saturday, April 6th, 360 Bob Minor. H. Clout, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; J. Champion, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; G. Denniss, 5; E. Dunster (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 7th, for Divine Service, two 720s of Grandsire Doubles. E. Bishop, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; E. Dunster (conductor), 3; H. Clout, 4; J. Champion, 5; A. Vaughan, 6.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, April 2nd, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Chapman, 1; E. Dyson, 2; H. N. Horton, 3; J. Reckenburg, 4; C. Viggers, 5; T. Tabrett, 6; H. J. Dyson (conductor), 7; W. Ansell, 8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).—On Sunday, March 31st, for morning service, 720 Yorkshire Court. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, standing as before. On Sunday, April 7th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. And for afternoon service, 720 New London Woodbine. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. And for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; W. Ingham, 5; J. Robertshaw, 6.

RAWMARSH (Yorks).—On Monday, April 15th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made for 5056 Bob Major, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2768 changes. H. Bunce, 1; J. Hawkins, 2; W. Coates, 3; T. Whitworth (conductor), 4; J. Ensor, 5; W. Hawkins, 6; T. Wild, 7; J. Schofield, 8. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. H. Bunce, 1; T. Whitworth (conductor), 2; W. Coates, 3; W. Hawkins, 4; J. Farmerv, 5; T. Wild, 6. Coates hails from Rotherham; Whitworth from Treeton.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHEPHERD (Hants).—On Thursday, March 28th, after confirmation service, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor. C. Privett, 1; W. Cooper, 2; W. Linter, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; A. Millard, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. Pearce (first in the method), 1; G. Chequer (first in the method), 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; S. Cummins, 4; W. Linter, 5; J. W. Whiting (first in the method as conductor), 6.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, April 6th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Tribe, 1; G. E. Chappell (first in the method), 2; J. E. Warren, 3; A. Millard (first in the method), 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And a course of Double Oxford Bob Minor. J. Grafham, 1; G. E. Chappell, 2; J. E. Warren, 3; A. Millard, 4; C. Tribe, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. First course by all except C. Tribe.

#### YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

TREETON (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 10th, for Divine Service 720 Primrose. A. Woofenden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; J. H. Brothwell, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, February 17th, for evening service, 720 College Treble Bob. A. Woofenden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; J. H. Brothwell, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 24th, for evening service, 432 Tulip (nine bobs). A. Woofenden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; J. H. Brothwell, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, 360 and 180 Plain Bob. J. Tinkler, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; W. J. Nicholson, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; A. Woofenden, 5; J. H. Brothwell (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 216 Plain Bob. A. J. Plowman, 3; W. J. Nicholson, 4; the rest as above. On Sunday morning, March 10th, for service, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles). J. Tinkler (first 720 in any method), 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; J. H. Brothwell, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. On Friday, March 15th, 360 Plain Bob. J. Tinkler, 1; W. Lambert, jun., 2; J. H. Brothwell, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, sen. (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford. A. Woofenden, 1; the rest as before. On Sunday, March 24th, for service, 720 College Treble Bob. A. Woofenden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; J. H. Brothwell, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. On Friday, March 29th, 720 Brothwell Surprise. A. Woofenden, 1; T. Whitworth (first in the method), 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 31st, for service, 240 each of College Treble Bob and Tulip. A. Woofenden, 1; T. W. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. On Friday, April 5th, for practice for a peal, 360 Primrose, 240 each of College Treble Bob and Violet. A. Woofenden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. And 240 each of Duke of York and Woodbine, and 120 each of Oxford and Kent. J. H. Brothwell (conductor), 6; the rest as above. On Sunday, April 7th, 720 Tulip. A. Woofenden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker (first in the method), 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; J. H. Brothwell (first as conductor), 6.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING.—On Sunday, April 14th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Lawrence, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. G. Foxell, 1; H. Tucker, 2; C. Foxell, 3; W. Goseltine, 4; C. Giles (conductor), 5; A. Watmore, 6; W. Newell, 7; R. Sawyer, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rugby.

SONNING (Berks).—On Monday, April 15th, at the parish church, 2520 changes in 1 hr. 30 mins. J. Tucker, 1; G. Foxell, 2; C. Giles (conductor), 3; H. Tucker, 4; L. Rolfe, 5; A. Watmore, 6; W. Newell, 7; R. Sawyer, 8. Longest length by G. Foxell, and longest length as conductor. It was intended to go for a peal, but there being service in the church the above was rung instead.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, March 11th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Howard, 1; W. Argent, 2; F. T. Hoad, jun.,



(conductor), 3; G. Hoad, 4; T. Brown, 5; F. Linter, 6; E. Moses, 7; J. Stedman, 8. On Monday, March 25th, 336 Bob Major. J. Howard, 1; P. Knight (first of Major with a bob bell), 2; E. Moses, 3; G. Hoad (first touch of Major), 4; E. Kenward, 5; F. T. Hoad, jun., 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Reeves (conductor), 8. And 546 Grandsire Triples. E. Devey, 1; E. Kenward, 2; H. Reeves (conductor), 3; P. Knight, 4; T. Brown, 5; E. Moses, 6; F. T. Hoad, jun., 7; J. Stedman, 8. On Monday, April 8th, 1120 Bob Major, in 47 mins. J. Howard, 1; G. Huggett, 2; G. Croucher, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; F. Linter, 5; E. Moses, 6; E. Kenward, 7; H. Reeves (conductor), 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Howard, 1; E. Dewey, 2; P. Knight, 3; G. Hoad, 4; F. T. Hoad, jun., 5; E. Kenward, 6; H. Reeves (conductor), 7; E. Moses, 8. G. Huggett hails from Betchworth.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**BIDSTON (Cheshire).**—On Sunday evening, March 24th, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen singles four bobs). J. Povall, 1; J. Griffiths, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joynson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday evening, March 31st, 720 Kent (fifteen bobs). J. Walter, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. The above were conducted by W. Wilcox.

**BIRKENHEAD (Cheshire).**—On Tuesday, March 26th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joynson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. And 720 Canterbury (eighteen singles three bobs). J. Griffiths, 4; the rest as before. Also 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs twenty-six singles). W. Joynson, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; C. Lowe, 5; W. Wilcox, 6. The above were conducted by W. Wilcox. C. Lowe, late of Oxford, is one of the voluntary ringers of the local band, the others hail from Bidston.

**NORTHWICH (Cheshire).**—On Monday, April 8th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. S. Johnson, 1; W. Sutton, 2; S. Forster, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Tells, 5; W. Forster, 6. First 720 by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, and 4th. On Thursday, April 11th, on the tower bells, 636 Bob Minor. S. Johnson, 1; W. Sutton, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Tell, 5; W. Forster, 6. All conducted by S. Johnson.

#### ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

**EXETER.**—On Sunday morning, April 14th, for Divine Service at St. Sidwell's church, 1260 Grandsire Caters in 50 mins. E. Sergeant, 1; W. Drake, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; C. Carter, 4; F. Davey, 5; F. Shepherd (conductor), 6; B. Mundy, 7; T. Mudge, 8; J. Moss, 9; J. Martin, 10.

#### THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

**ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, April 7th, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. Scott (first quarter-peal), 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; W. Foster, 3; J. Basden (conductor), 4; A. H. Taber, 5; F. Coulson (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 6; F. Goddard, 7; T. Beadle, 8.

#### NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**EAST RETFORD.**—On Friday, April 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Miss Mary White, who died recently. G. Clayton, 1; T. Spurr, 2; G. R. Winter, 3; H. Warburton, 4; J. T. Bottomley, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; J. Swannack, 7; H. Haigh (composer and conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; R. Potter, 10. This quarter-peal has the 6th ten courses behind the ninth.

**ORDSALL (Notts).**—On Sunday, April 14th, for children's service, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob. W. Preston, 1; H. Blagg, 2; C. Crawford, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. Messrs. Blagg, White, and Lambert are members of the local company; W. Preston hails from Worksoy; Crawford from East Markham; and H. Haigh from East Retford.

**Misson (Notts).**—On Monday, April 15th, at the quarterly meeting, 720 Plain Bob Minor. D. Russon, 1; J. Swannack, 2; H. Haigh, 3; H. Blagg, 4; W. Jackson, 5; C. Crawford (conductor), 6. This is Messrs. Swannack and Jackson's first 720 in the method, and the first in any method by Jackson, who belongs to Misson. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Swannack, 1; H. Blagg, 2; C. Crawford, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. Messrs. White, Lambert, and Blagg hail from Ordsall; Crawford from East Markham; Russon from Shireoaks; and Haigh and Swannack from East Retford.

**AMBERLEY (Sussex).**—On Saturday, April 6th, at the parish church, 720 Stedman Doubles. A. Smith, 1; O. Ratley, 2; G. H. Lee, 3; T. Searle, 4; W. Searle (conductor), 5. First 720 of Stedman Doubles by the local band.

**BANGOR (North Wales).**—On Tuesday, April 2nd, at St. David's church, 532 Grandsire Triples. R. J. Hughes, 1; Rev. T. L. Jones, 2; J. Gayton, 3; S. Taylor, 4; W. Owen, 5; M. J. Morris (conductor), 6; P. W. Davies, 7; W. Crane, 8. Also 168 with J. M. Rowlands, 1. On Wednesday, April 10th, an attempt for Penning's one-part peal came to grief after ringing over 40 mins. A quarter-peal was afterwards brought round in 45 mins. R. J. Hughes, 1; Rev. T. L. Jones, 2; S. Taylor, 3; J. Gayton, 4; W. Owen, 5; P. W. Davies, 6; M. J. Morris (conductor), 7; W. Crane, 8. On handbells 168 Grandsire Triples (six singles). W. Crane, 1; Rev. T. L. Jones, 2; S. Taylor, 3; P. W. Davies (conductor), 4; M. J. Morris (conductor), 5-6; J. Gayton, 7-8. On Thursday, April 18th, 168 and 532 of Grandsire Triples.

**HAVANT (Hants.).**—On Monday, April 1st, on handbells, retained in hand, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Shirley, 1-2; A. P. Goddard, 3-4; G. Instral, 5-6; J. Staples, 7-8.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).**—On Thursday, March 14th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). J. Horner, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Tyler, 3; J. Houghton, sen., 4; W. Pettit, 5; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6. And 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Horner, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Perkins, 3; J. Garret, 4; A. Tyler, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; W. Pettit, 7; H. Sharp (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, March 19th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Newman, 1; H. Sharp (conductor), 2; W. Pettit, 3; J. Garret, 4; A. Tyler, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Sharp, 1; J. Houghton, 2; W. Pettit, 3; J. Garret, 4; C. Newman, 5; A. Tyler (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 23rd, 576 Bob Major. J. Horner, 1; J. Houghton, sen., 2; J. Houghton, jun., 3; C. Newman, 4; W. Pettit, 5; J. Garret, 6; A. Tyler (conductor), 7; A. Perkins, 8. On Tuesday, March 26th, 720 Bob Minor. L. Horner (first 720), 1; J. Horner (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; C. Newman, 3; A. Tyler, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; A. Perkins (first 720 as conductor), 6. Also 336 Bob Triples. A. Tyler, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Seamark, 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. Houghton, sen., 5; W. Pettit, 6; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 7; J. Horner, 8. And 336 Bob Major. J. Horner, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Seamark, 3; A. Perkins, 4; W. Pettit, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. On Thursday, March 28th, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Horner, 1; A. Perkins, 2; H. Sharp (conductor), 3; J. Houghton, jun., 4; W. Pettit, 5; C. Newman, 6. And 1680 Bob Major. J. Horner, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Tyler, 3; A. Perkins, 4; H. Sharp, 5; J. Garret, 6; W. Pettit, 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. And 464 Bob Major. J. Horner, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Tyler, 3; J. Houghton, jun., 4; W. Pettit, 5; J. Garret (conductor), 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; A. Perkins, 8. On Saturday, March 30th, 112 Grandsire Triples. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Houghton, sen., 3; W. Pettit, 4; J. Garret, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 7; J. Horner, 8. And on Tuesday, April 2nd, 480 Grandsire Major. J. Horner, 1; C. Newman, 2; H. Sharp (conductor), 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. Garret, 5; A. Tyler, 6; W. Pettit, 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. First touch in the method by all. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Horner, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Garret, 3; A. Perkins, 4; H. Sharp, 5; J. Seamark, 6; W. Pettit, 7; A. Tyler (conductor), 8. On Thursday, April 4th, 720 Bob Minor. L. Chapman, 1; J. Garret, 2; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 3; W. Pettit, 4; H. Sharp, 5; J. Houghton, sen., 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs two singles). J. Houghton, sen., 1; J. Garret, 2; W. Pettit, 3; A. Tyler, 4; H. Sharp (conductor), 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

**LAVENHAM (Suffolk).**—On Saturday, March 23rd, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a 5088 of Kent Treble Bob with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Leonard Proctor, Esq., of Benington, Herts., but after some excellent ringing in 3 hrs. 7 mins. the bells got into hopeless confusion and the conductor called "stand." W. Howell, sen. (Sudbury), 1; H. Thompson (Cavendish), 2; H. Smith (Lavenham), 3; F. Wells (Glemsford), 4; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 5; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 6; O. Garwood (Glemsford), 7; S. Slater (Glemsford), 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

**SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).**—On Sunday evening, April 7th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. J. Tidy, jun., 1; H. E. Simpson, 2; W. Mills, 3; G. H. Kite, 4; T. W. Jarrett, 5; G. A. Ransom, 6; F. Shedd (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; W. J. Walker, 8. And on Sunday morning, April 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. H. Scattergood, 1; G. H. Kite, 2; E. J. Bottle, 3; J. G. Elliott, 4; F. Shedd, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. F. Shedd, 1; W. Mills, 2; G. H. Kite, 3; H. J. Tidy, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; J. G. Elliott, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; W. Walker, 8.

**SUDBURY (Suffolk).**—On Saturday, March 30th, touches of Bob Major, Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples was rung on the

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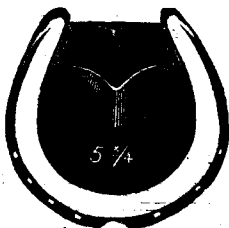
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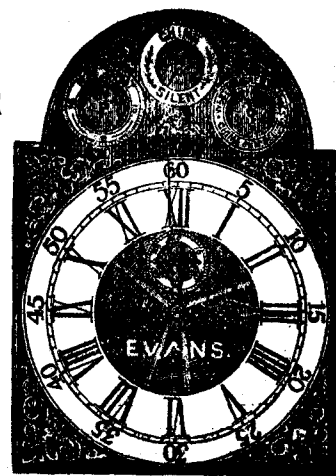
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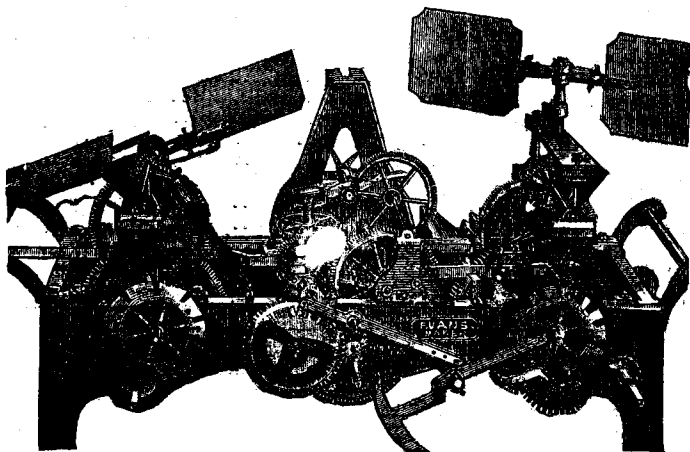
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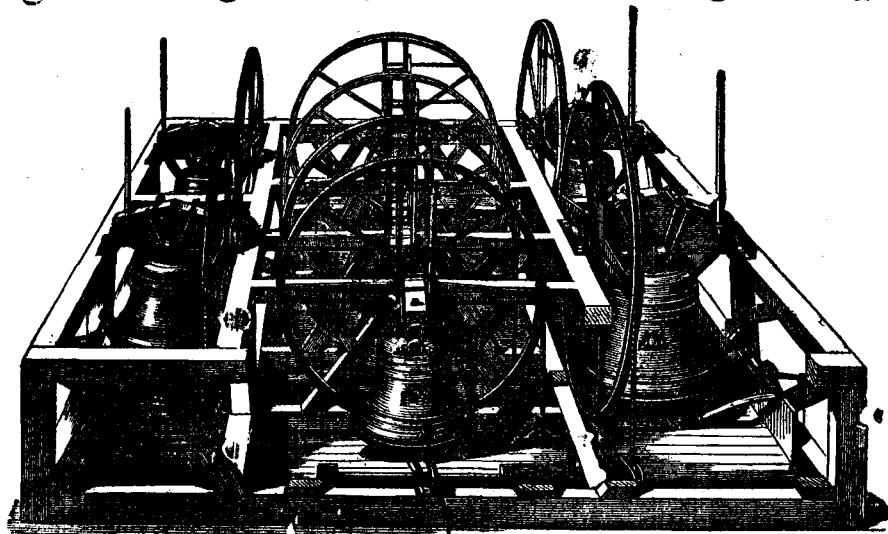
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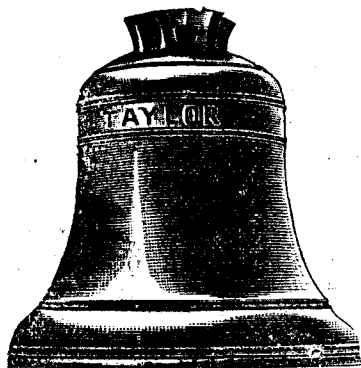
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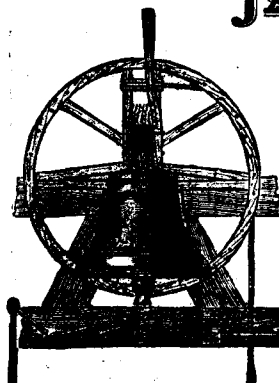
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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## PROPOSED BENEVOLENT FUND.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett (Worcestershire Association), brought forward the question of establishing a Benevolent Fund. He apologised for not being able to bring it forward at the meeting after his election to the Council. At the outset he desired to correct a misapprehension. He did not propose anything in the nature of a friendly society. In the case of a friendly society the members subscribed certain sums when in health and strength, in the hope that they would receive assistance when weak and ill. That was not what he proposed. His suggestion would be limited to voluntary contributions to a fund from which donations might be made from time to time to meet emergencies, and raise a few annuities to give to veteran ringers in old age and poverty. Those were two objects for which he urged the fund should be established. The money he suggested should be collected by means of voluntary contributions. The collection of a certain sum should confer a vote or votes, and the system he advocated would be similar to that obtaining in such matters among Freemasons with regard to their benevolent institutions. The Freemasons contributed at all their social gatherings, subscribing individually and collectively through their lodges. The fund in each province was administered by a Committee which provided help in both ways he had mentioned. He would suggest that they should work the benevolent fund in much the same way. At their social meetings a box could be sent round, and the small sums collected sent to the Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. Each society after subscribing a certain sum would be entitled to a vote in the election of annuitants, the subscription of a fixed amount conferring a life vote and so on. The administration of the fund he proposed should be through a Committee of the Council, which should be asked through proper officers to undertake the collection and administration. The number of annuities of £10 or thereabouts would be of course dependent on the amount of subscriptions received, but they might be increased as time went on, and money came in. The voting qualification could be fixed, and each society contributing could vote through its master or head for the time being, and individual subscribers could purchase votes individually. They would see that there was nothing at all of the nature of a friendly society about his proposal. If an applicant for a grant had himself been a man who had subscribed liberally, that would be a circumstance to be taken into next in the election, and in the same way a member of a society which had subscribed would have a strong qualification for election. He contended that his proposal was practicable. If it had been in existence it would have been able deal with several deserving cases which had come under their notice within recent years. He moved "that a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of veteran ringers in poor circumstances, and to report as to the best means of carrying such a scheme into effect." If they passed this resolution, they would not commit themselves to any definite scheme or any scheme at all. They would simply give a Committee—possibly the Standing Committee of the Council—an order to consider the matter, and then if that Committee brought up a definite scheme, they could decide whether or not they would agree to it. He had merely outlined a scheme which existed in his own mind, and he had no desire to pledge the Council to anything definite.

Mr. J. W. Washbrook seconded the resolution.

As no one appeared anxious to speak,

The President said he would like an expression of opinion from the members.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said the general opinion in his Association was that it was not practicable to form a fund to be of any real use. The amount of the subscriptions would be too small to meet the applications which would be made for relief. It was difficult enough to get funds to carry on the ordinary work of the Association. He thought that the present method of appealing to the ringers of the neighbourhood and their friends, answered the purpose.

The President said it was no use appointing a Committee to decide a question the Council could just as well decide themselves. They should decide whether such a scheme were

advisable, and if so decided, then appoint a Committee to deal with the matter.

Mr. Pritchett said he was in a position of some difficulty. He had hoped that the subject would have elicited discussion.

Mr. W. Snowdon objected to the idea that questions could not be referred to Committees for further information. He thought there was cause to at any rate appoint a Committee.

The President said Mr. Pritchett had put the matter in a much more practical form than they had it last year. He gathered, however, that there was a general opinion that no such fund was required, but that local effort of the insertion of an appeal in "THE BELL NEWS" were sufficient to meet cases which arose.

The motion was then put, and lost by a large majority.

## THE PUBLICATION OF PEALS.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davis brought up the report of the Committee on the publication of peals. There was he said very little to say on the subject of the peal collection. They got a great many together, Mr. Hattersley, Mr. Pitstow, and himself divided the work. The matter had progressed considerably when they discovered that the expense of printing them was considerable, and they did not feel justified in undertaking it. They had altogether sixty-four pages of peals set in type. The Standing Committee had that morning, however, authorised them to get printed those which had been set up in type. The opinion had been expressed that they should have a large collection of peals printed. At Oxford he had said that it could not be done—that the collection must go on from year to year. The sale of the peals had not hitherto justified the Council in publishing them, and there was now an opportunity for those who believed in the publication to encourage the Council by promoting their sale.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley said he was of opinion that the expense was rather too great for the object to be achieved. Many of the peals were not worth the paper they were written upon, and he did not see any good to be served in publishing them in book form.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies: I thought when Mr. Hattersley forwarded his that he had passed them.

Mr. Hattersley: I could not very well pass the peals when I wrote that some were not worth the paper they were written on.

Mr. G. F. Attree asked whether these peals were all tried and had been proved.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies: It is not our business to prove the peals. I made that clear at the last meeting.

The President said a great many of these peals it was felt would prove a great help to conductors, and it was not a valid objection to say that many of them had already been published in "THE BELL NEWS."

## ELECTIONS IN THE TOWER.

Mr. G. F. Attree brought forward a resolution on the subject of election of members in the tower. He moved "That, owing to the very unsatisfactory manner in which members are now frequently elected, it is desirable that the elections for the future be only made at some recognised annual, general, or district meeting duly called by such Association." He urged that elections should be carried out in a regular and proper manner. He knew of instances where people had been proposed as members of an Association just before starting for a peal, and as the peal never came off, they never took up their membership. Such a practice obtained in no other Association or club that he knew of except those of ringers. A member was always properly elected before he entered into any of the privileges of membership. The evil was, he said, largely due to the loose way in which members were elected in the belfry. In his own Association in Sussex no peal was booked unless all those who took part were duly elected members.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded. He said he should however be sorry to think that any peals should be lost to the general record.

Mr. Pritchett thought it would do away with the evil if it were necessary to send the names of those composing the band, and the proposed member, to some authorised member of the society.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said that in their case every election

in the belfry must be ratified by the Committee at the next General Meeting following.

Mr. Roland Cartwright did not see any difficulty if they secured the subscription and enrolled the member properly. A safeguard to elections in the belfry might be arranged by giving timely notice in writing before the peal was started.

Mr. Parker, Mr. Newman, Mr. H. Dains, and Mr. Snowdon joined the discussion, the last-named moving as an amendment to Mr. Attree's resolution "That it is undesirable to suggest to the members of the various Associations that the Central Council thinks they are unable to manage their own affairs."

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded.

The President said he thought Mr. Snowdon's purpose could be as well achieved by a direct negative.

Mr. S. Reeves said that in his society the proposer and seconder were made responsible for the subscription of a man elected.

Mr. Lucas and Mr. Eachus having spoken,

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said he saw no great danger in leaving the question to individual Associations to manage as they thought best.

Mr. Attree having replied,

The President said as time went on the annual record of peals became more and more interesting, a result largely owing to Mr. Attree's extraordinarily careful labours in that matter. It was therefore essential that all the Associations should be on an approximately equal basis. It was manifestly an unfair thing and in his opinion a mean thing that a man who was proposed as a member and elected before a peal was started for should, if the peal was not rung, never pay his subscription nor have his election ratified. It reflected on those who elected him, and was a disgrace to those who proposed and seconded him.

For the motion nine voted; against twenty-eight. The resolution was therefore lost.

#### PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The president said he was now (4 o'clock), obliged to leave in order to attend a funeral, and he desired to express his sense of the very great energy and interest shown by so large an attendance of the members of the Council. He regretted that he was unable to stay to the dinner, but he wished them a very pleasant gathering, and trusted that next year's meeting would be equally successful and interesting as the present one. Before leaving, however, it was suggested they should decide the place of meeting for next year. It was practically understood that when they came north this year they should go south next year.

The Standing Committee suggested Brighton.

Mr. Porter moved, and Mr. Hounslow seconded a proposition to meet at Brighton.

Mr. Snowdon and the Rev. H. A. Cockey opposed, and the latter suggesting Bristol.

Mr. Attree supported the proposal for Brighton, and assured the Council that they would be able to get plenty of accommodation.

The proposal was agreed to.

The President then retired, and the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer took the chair.

#### THE DEFINITION OF MINOR PEALS.

Mr. Snowdon moved an addition to the definition of six-bell peals. "Nevertheless, when a multiplicity of methods of which no two are the same is rung, peals of Doubles and portions of true 720s embracing bobs and also singles when the extent requires them, shall be admissible, provided that the 720 changes be first rung in their entirety." His Association, he said, thought so strongly on this matter that he was bound in honour to bring it up once more. Mr. Heywood had hit them hard when he pointed out that there might be many changes still un-rung, and Mr. James's contribution on the subject of the possibilities of changes in plain methods was very interesting. Mr. Heywood had pointed out that they might ring a great many plain courses when the company could not ring a peal, and therefore they included the words "true portions of 720s embracing bobs and also singles when the extent requires them." He contended that the proposal was calculated to do away with the feeling on the part of the public which would be raised if they rung the bells so frequently. Five-bell peals were allowed to ring Stedman Doubles, and why should not six-bell peals be allowed to do so? He really could not see what harm could

be done by passing his resolution, which he contended was only justice to six-bell peal men, who desired intellectual treats, and yet had only six bells to ring.

Mr. Lockwood seconded. He said it was a question very keenly felt in Yorkshire and Lancashire. A great many of the village churches had only six bells. It would be a great boon if they were allowed to ring 720 in one method, and then be permitted to ring as many methods as they thought fit to make up the 5000.

Mr. Attree said he had not heard any new view introduced into this subject.

Mr. Snowdon: Stedman is new.

Mr. Attree: But Stedman is only for five.

Mr. Snowdon: Will you bar us ringing Stedman?

Mr. Lockwood: I had no idea of mixing Stedman Doubles amongst the peal methods. I cannot second that.

Mr. Snowdon said he was willing to withdraw the reference to Stedman Doubles.

Mr. Attree: Then the resolution goes off the agenda.

Mr. Lockwood: There appears to be some quibbling. I will second it as it is.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer urged that they should take as high a standard as possible from a technical point of view, and not, merely for the sake of giving intellectual treats, lower the standard for legitimate performances. When he saw the resolution in writing he thought Mr. Snowdon had slain himself by admitting peals of Doubles.

The resolution was lost by a large majority.

#### PROXY VOTING.

Mr. W. Snowdon moved "That some mode of admitting proxy voting under certain circumstances is desirable, and that a sub-committee be formed to report on this question to the next meeting of the Council. He urged that the expense of sending representatives to the meetings of the Council made a great hole in the subscriptions obtained from members, and if they could send one or two instead of four it would be a great saving, those who went being furnished with proxies.

Mr. Lucas, Dr. Carpenter, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Mr. Attree all opposed the resolution.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee thought some modification of the principle might be admitted.

Only four voted for the proposition, which was lost.

#### THE SCHEDULE OF POINTS.

Mr. Attree moved "that the present schedule of points used in ascertaining the respective value of peals rung by the Association be considered, altered if found necessary, and in future issued by the authority of the Council." He suggested that the Council could appoint a committee, and suggested the names of the President, Mr. H. Dains, Mr. J. W. Washbrook, Mr. E. B. James and Mr. J. Carter as a Committee.

Mr. Pritchett seconded the proposition, and alluded to the very valuable work Mr. Attree had performed for the Exercise in this connection during the past few years.

The Rev. J. H. Pilkington, in commending the work of Mr. Attree, suggested that the position of Associations should be determined by the average value of peals, and not by the number of peals rung. He said that Norwich, instead of standing first, would then stand twentieth. The Association which stood first was St. Martin's, of Birmingham, with 30.5 points, while Norwich had only 13.41.

Dr. Carpenter said that under this suggestion the Association which rang one peal of London Caters would stand infallibly at the top of the list.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge suggested the addition of Mr. Attree's name and that of Dr. Carpenter to the Committee.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, expressed the obligation under which the Exercise stood to Mr. Attree for his valuable work. They could not be too thankful for the work Mr. Attree had accomplished.

The resolution was carried.

Mr. Attree replied, and gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that they meet annually in Whitsun week rather than in Easter week.

A vote of thanks to the President and Secretary concluded the proceedings.

The members afterwards dined together.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual gathering of the members of this Association was held at Bedford on Easter Monday, and during the day various changes were rung on the bells of St. Paul's, St. Peter's, and St. Mary's churches. In the afternoon a service was held at St. Paul's church, an appropriate address being given by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer (Secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association) from the text, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel," which is inscribed on the big bell of St. Paul's. At four o'clock a capital meat tea, provided by the Sisters of the Ely Deaconess Home, was partaken of at the All Hallows Mission Room, and this was followed by the annual meeting. Mr. G. Hurst was in the chair, and among those present were the Revs. H. Earle Bulwer, Canon Haddock, J. Copner, A. E. Love, J. M. Walker, A. C. Downer, and W. W. C. Baker (Hon. Sec.), Messrs. T. Bull, E. Ransom, T. G. E. Elger (Hon. Treasurer), and about fifty members.

At the close of the tea the Rev. E. Bulwer had to leave to catch a train, and in reply to a vote of thanks for his attendance and address in church, said he should always be pleased to be of any service to the members individually or collectively.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker then read the thirteenth annual report, which stated that they could offer congratulation on the continued restoration of rings of bells in the county. Since their last meeting the old bells of St. Peter's, Bedford, had been recast and rehung, and a new tenor added, making a very pleasing ring of six. The members of the Association rang several 720s in various Minor methods on the opening day. The bells of Westoning church had also been rehung, but it was much to be regretted that the money spent upon the Todington bells should have produced so little result in making them ringable. They required thorough overhauling by competent bell-hangers. The feature of the year's work to which the Committee especially drew attention, was the number of peals rung, which was again in advance of anything hitherto accomplished by the Association. In all fourteen peals had been rung on tower bells—four of Kent Treble Bob Major, four of Bob Major, three in seven methods on six bells, and last, but by no means least, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the first by the Association, and by all the members of the band. Two peals had also been rung double-handed on handbells, one at Bedford and one at Woburn (the first). The peal of 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Irthlingborough on December 29th, 1894, was the longest yet achieved by the Association, and it was worthy of note that the ringer of the treble was sixty years of age. The Committee, in concluding their report, welcomed any suggestion that would tend to unite all the ringers of the county in one body, while at the same time relaxing none of the efforts of the Association towards the promotion of scientific change-ringing.

The statement of accounts was presented by Mr. Elger and showed a balance in hand of £28 3s. 5½d.

Canon Haddock said the report was an interesting one in many respects, and he proposed that that and the statement of accounts be printed and circulated. He also proposed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary for drawing up such an excellent report, saying that in Mr. Baker they had the good fortune to possess a secretary whose heart was in his work, and who thoroughly understood what he was about, the earnestness with which he devoted himself to the work of the Association having gained the sympathy and respect of every member.

The motion was carried with applause.

The Committee having been re-elected,

The Rev. J. Copner proposed the re-election of Mr. Elger as Treasurer, which was seconded by Mr. Chasty, and carried.

Mr. Elger thanked the members for the honour they had done him for the thirteenth time, and he should always continue to take a lively interest in the Association. There were two matters he would like to say a word about, the first being that many of them were anxious to see two new trebles added to the peal at St. Paul's. A few years ago there was a great deal of prejudice against bell ringing, but that had now almost died

away. That prejudice was due in a great measure to bad ringing, but now he pleased to say there was no district in England which had a better set of ringers than Bedford. As an old Bedfordian he should like to see a ring of ten in the metropolitan church of the county, and he did not think the cost would be very great. The other matter he would like to mention was the chimes. These were put up in 1879, but the machinery had now got out of order, and it was now a question of maintenance. He thought the Corporation ought to take up the matter. The Corporation paid for band-stands and those sort of things, and he did not see why they should not support the chimes, which were certainly a public matter. If they had two more bells, a great many more tunes could be played, but if they were going to have the bells they must get them first, and then put the chimes into order. He would propose that a small Committee be formed to obtain an estimate of the cost of two more trebles.

Mr. Clarke said an estimate had already been obtained, and it was now only a matter of finding the funds and giving the order for the work to be done.

Mr. Hills, in answer to enquiries, said the firm who hung the present peal had given an approximate estimate to provide two new trebles and hang them for £115.

As it was thought to be a matter more concerning the town members, a Committee consisting of the Revs. L. Woodard and W. W. C. Baker, and Messrs. Elger, W. G. Harter, T. Bull, and I. Hills was appointed to consider the matter.

Rev. A. C. Downer proposed the re-election of Mr. Baker and his assistant (Mr. I. Hills), saying the management of the Association was in good hands, and it that was not the case they would not see such a large gathering that day. He took the opportunity to mention that at some not very distant date he hoped to see a peal of bells in St. Cuthbert's tower.

The motion was carried with applause.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker said he was grateful for the honour done him. Alluding to the fact that St. Peter's bells had been ringing that afternoon during the time of their special service, he took that opportunity to say that the performers were not members of that Association, and he trusted that some agreement would be come to in future whereby no bells in the town should be rung during the time they were holding their special service. The Association was progressing and increasing in membership, and he was glad to see so many young faces among them, which gave promise of strength to the Association for years to come. He alluded to the useful work rendered by the assistant secretary, Mr. Hills.

Messrs. T. Bull and H. Thody were re-elected as auditors, and Mr. Bull said he was obliged for the confidence reposed in them, and he assured the members that during all the years he had acted as auditor there had never been any disagreement as to the state of the accounts. Mr. Bull drew a pleasing contrast between the accounts of the Association and those of the Liberator Society, and urged his hearers not to vote for any spoliation of the English Church.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Sisters for providing the tea, and to Mr. Hurst for presiding, and in his reply Mr. Hurst spoke in high terms of the Church of England as being one of the grandest institutions of the country, which had done a great work for the nation, and he trusted all those present would do their utmost to defend her in her present time of need.

SOLIHULL (Warwickshire). On Saturday, April 20th, at the parish church, after the dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 55 mins. W. Wall, 1; G. A. Martineau (conductor), 2; F. L. Martineau, 3; B. Wittchell, 4; P. N. Chatterley, 5; W. Kent, 6; C. H. Timms, 7; H. H. Mitchell, 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 5th, and 7th. First quarter-peal by second ringer as conductor.

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## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Association who attended the meeting at Camberwell on Easter Monday, may be congratulated on the successful united practice in which they were enabled to take part on the fine peal of ten bells, tenor 25 cwt., at the church of St. Giles. Although in point of fact, this meeting was not up to the usual Easter average, there were a few College Youths and Cumberlands who had been in the City, some to take part in, others to listen to the long peal of Stedman Cinques which had been announced to come off at St. Michael's, Cornhill. This being a very silent affair, or as some said it was "off," they thought it best to be off as well, and on getting down to Camberwell were soon engaged with friends who were pleased to meet them and indulge in the mysteries of Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Double Norwich Major, and Grandsire Caters, some of the touches being exceptionally good, considering the mixed companies.

Later on some thirty-seven were comfortably seated in the Surrey Masonic Hall to tea, which was followed by the usual business meeting.

The Rev. G. M. Drought (hon. member), Streatham, took the chair as on former occasions, and called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting. Some correspondence relating to the election of representatives on the Central Council was read. The Secretary drew the attention of the members to the following item on the agenda of the Central Council: "That owing to the very unsatisfactory manner in which members were now permitted to be elected by the majority of Associations, it is desirable that the election of members for the future be only carried out at some recognised Annual, General, District, or Committee Meeting."

After some discussion it was decided that the matter should stand over until the next, which is the annual meeting, to be held at Mitcham on or about the first Saturday in July.

Nine peals were reported to have been rung since the last meeting; 3 of Grandsire Triples, 2 of Oxford Bob Triples, 1 of Union Triples, 1 of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1 of Stedman Caters, and 1 of Grandsire Caters, this last peal being rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. J. Harding, late a member of the Beddington company.

It was decided that these peals be entered in vol. 2 peal-book. One ringing member was elected.

The Secretary gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that Rule 5 be amended so as to read as follows: "That the Annual Meeting shall be held in January for the purpose of electing officers, two representatives on the Council transacting business, and for united practice in change-ringing."

The reasons stated were that generally the Annual Meeting, which is now held at Midsummer, was attended by a very small number of members, and the election of officers has had to be postponed on that account; also the printing of the Annual Reports being done as soon as possible after the first meeting in the year, any alterations in the names of the officers, etc., could then be inserted.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. G. M. Drought for his kindness in attending and presiding at the meeting, who in thanking the members said how pleased he was to meet them, as he had on several former occasions, and thought it was very nice to have these meetings, not only for the practical good which they did, for he understood that change-ringing required a good memory, a lot of perseverance, etc., but also for the better ringing for the service of God in the church towers. He sometimes thought what a contrast it was, that at some churches where there were only one bell tolling for the service, it gave a somewhat melancholy feeling, whereas the bright and joyful peal which sends forth its music calling the people to the House of God, seemed to inspire them with new life, and had a tendency to elevate their thoughts to the Divine service and worship of God. He hoped they would not lose sight of this, and again thanked the members for their hearty appreciation of his services, hoping to meet them again on many more such occasions.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. F. F. Kelly for the use of the bells, and also to the Secretary, brought the meeting to a close.

## EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

On Wednesday, April 24th, some members of the Edenbridge company journeyed to the pretty village of Hartfield, Sussex, for the purpose of giving the locals an idea with regard to change-ringing. On their arrival they found the bells hard at work to the tune of of Churchyard Bob. A hearty welcome was the greeting the visitors received, who soon set to work, and a 216 of Plain Bob Minor was soon brought round, followed by two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A start was then made for a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, which proved successful after ringing 26 mins. J. Steddy, 1; J. Wallis, 2; T. Wallis, 3; J. Heasman, 4; J. Preston, 5; W. Collison (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by the band, and the first 720 ever rung on the bells. The concluding touch was a 360 of Grandsire Minor. G. Ballham, 1; W. Collison (conductor), 2; J. Steddy, 3; J. Wallis, 4; J. Heasman, 5; J. Preston, 6. It is to be regretted that a set of ringers like that at Hartfield, with a lot of anxious and willing members, should not have any means of learning the Art of change-ringing. What do the Sussex Association offer?

J. S.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, members of the above Association from Tenterden and Rolvenden visited Headcorn to erect a peal-board, to record the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. After the board was put up, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, one being a 504. E. Burden, 1; F. Burden, 2; J. Judge, 3; F. Edwards, 4; G. Cramp, 5; R. Edwards (conductor), 6; A. Hinds, 7; H. Holdstock, 8. On the return home they stopped at Biddenden and had a pull on the grand old peal, tenor 26 cwt., one of the ringers remarking that they went like houses, which we found to be true, but managed to ring 210 and 168 of Grandsire to the great delight of the natives. It is a great shame that this grand old peal should be allowed to go to ruin, for they certainly are a beautiful ring. The band wish to thank the Rev. A. C. Scott, vicar of Headcorn, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," for his kindness.

R. E.

## Central Council Correspondence.

SIR,—As a member of the handbell committee, will you allow me space in your columns to state how entirely I agree with the conclusion arrived at on the question. The only thing that I contended against was the right of the Council or any other body of men to condemn a handbell performance because there was no umpire. It is absurd to suppose that any four men would care to ring a peal unheard, if they could get any one to listen to it. I should not here take any notice of Mr. Winney's remark, as quoted in your last issue, but that he attempts to reflect on a peal in which I took part. I shall therefore content myself by stating that the peal was rung, and rung truly. That there were bungles in it I do not deny, but none of them were bad enough to spoil the performance, and the ringing in between was excellent. But the bells were never in wrong coursing order, and every course-end came up true. I could wish that there had been an umpire, but it was impossible to procure one. For the rest, the band that rang the peal have never since met to attempt a handbell peal, and the peal was posted off to "THE BELL NEWS" on the same night that it was rung.

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STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday, at 6 o'clock, at the church of SS. Peter and Mary, 672 Bob Major. W. Welham, 1; C. Souter, 2; C. Alderton, 3; E. Buckle, 4; E. Draper, 5; J. P. Wade, 6; W. Souter (conductor), 7; W. Rouse, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. For Divine Service in the morning, 1008 Bob Major, in 44 mins. W. Welham, 1; C. Souter, 2; C. Alderton, 3; W. Souter, 4; E. Draper, 5; J. G. Wade, 6; J. Souter (Diss, conductor), 7; W. Rouse, 8. In the evening several touches of Bob Major were rung. On the Monday previous 720 Bob Minor, in 31 mins. W. Welham, 1; E. Draper, 2; H. Gedny (first 720), 3; J. G. Wade, 4; W. Souter (conductor), 5; W. Rouse, 6. Tenor 24 cwt.



## Notices.

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**Sussex County Association.—Eastern.**—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, to-day, Saturday, May 11th. Towers open for ringing:—Christ Church, St. Leonards (8), and All Saints, Hastings (5), 2.30 to 4.30; St. Clement's, Hastings (8), and Christ Church, Blacklands (6), 2.30 to 9.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*  
101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

**The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, to-day, Saturday, May 11th. Meeting in schoolroom at 6 p.m. Method for practice, Stedman. G. HOYLE, *Branch Sec.*

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting for 1895 will be held at Warminster, on Monday, May 13th. Divine Service in the Minster at 11.30 a.m. Meeting for election of officers and general business at 12.30. Dinner at 2 p.m. J. R. JERRAM, *Gen. Sec.*

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh, on Thursday, May 16th, 1895. Dinner at The Dog inn, at 1.30, 2s. Hon., rs. 3d. company members. Nearest railway station, Woodbridge (4 miles). Conveyances to and fro at 8d. per head, each way, will be arranged.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn. April 29, 1895.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Lytham, on Saturday, May 18th. Particulars in due course.

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

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The quarterly general meeting will be held at Yeovil, on Saturday next, May 18th. Short service in the parish church (10 bells), at 2.30 p.m., to be followed by a tea and business meeting. Will those members who, at the Wiveliscombe meeting pledged themselves to form a band for Yeovil, kindly make a special effort to be present.

H. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*  
The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.

**Kent County Association.—Rochester District.**—The next quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Rodmersham on Saturday, May 18th. Tower will be opened for ringing at 3.30; Sittingbourne tower will be open in the evening.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. District Sec.*

**Sussex County Association.—Western Division.**—A meeting will be held at Fittleworth, on Saturday, May 18th. An 8-bell tower within reach if sufficient members attend, belfry opened at 2 p.m. Tea 5.30. Numbers who desire to attend to be sent to

REV. J. W. LODER-COTTER.

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**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Horbury, on Saturday, May 18th, at 5 p.m. (entrances closing for the six-bell contest). Meeting house, the King's Arms, The six-bell contest takes place at Thornhill, on Whit-Monday. All companies intending practising will please communicate with Mr.

Sam Booth, change-ringer, Thornhill. Upwards of £9 will be given in useful articles by the local band. GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The South and West Middlesex Association.**—The annual general meeting of the above Association for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at Hillingdon, Middlesex, on Whit Monday, June 3rd, ringing to commence at 10 o'clock. Full particulars will be published next week.

E. J. WALSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
1, Morrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

**Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Whit Monday, June 3rd. Ringing at 11 a.m., and at other churches in the afternoon. Business meeting at Mid-day.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*  
Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1895.

RE-OPENING OF RICHMOND (YORKS.) BELLS.

Those who have heard the bells of the parish church at Richmond, on a still summer evening, are not likely ever to forget the impression made by their silvery tones as they float on the air of the Swale valley. For some time past they have been silent owing to bell-hanging operations. They have now been completed, and on Easter Sunday the bell-ringers of St. Hilda's church, Middlesbrough, at the invitation of the Rector, Archdeacon Danks, re-inaugurated the ringing of the six lustric bells by 720s of Treble Bob Minor (both in the Oxford and Kent variations), Plain Bob, and Stedman Doubles. It may be interesting to many to know that the treble, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th bells were cast in 1697, and from the marks they bear it is plain they came from the foundry of Samuel Smith, of York, a great bell-founder at that time. The 4th, which only bears the following inscription, "Unus Deus sed Trinitas," is said to have been brought from Easby Abbey. The tenor bell was recast by Warner and Sons, of London, in 1862. Now that the bells have been re-opened it is sincerely hoped that the newly formed band, who have an efficient instructor in Mr. Borrows (late of Middlesbrough), will make rapid progress in the art of change-ringing, so that some day the authorities and townspeople will have the octave made up by placing two trebles in the spare pits, and thus make one of the finest peals in the district. The following are the ringers who took part in the re-opening. Messrs. Alcock, Blakiston, Borrows, Fanwick, McFarlane and Passman, who wish to convey through "THE BELL NEWS" their sincere thanks to Archdeacon Danks and the churchwardens, also to Madames Bullock and Borrows, for the manner in which they looked to the comforts of the visitors, and trust some day to pay them another visit. The following of the Richmond company

were put through their first 6-score of Bob Doubles on handbells. Messrs. Lawson, Briscoe, Phillips, Kirby, Hall, Master Bullock (age 11), and Mrs. Borrowes.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 3, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY HARMAN .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 7.
HENRY G. HILL .. .. 4.	*GEORGE CARTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

The above was rung after meeting short for Stedman, Mr. Harman kindly taking the vacant rope. \*First peal.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 4, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

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

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY† .. Treble.	*GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 5.
EDGAR CLARK .. .. 2.	FREDK. W. THORNTON .. 6.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 3.	WALTER PRIME .. .. 7.
I. G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK S. BAYLEY.

\*First peal in the method and first attempt. †First peal as conductor and first attempt.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1895, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.
HERBERT SKELT* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. 6.
HARRY WARNETT .. .. 3.	*HARRY BARRETT .. .. 7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. 4.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by WM. BEDWELL.

Rang in honour of the election of churchwardens, T. A. Warrington, Esq. (who has been elected churchwarden for the twenty-fourth time), and G. W. J. King, Esq. A peal was attempted on Easter Tuesday, but unfortunately came to grief. \*First peal in the method.

### The Provinces.

#### NORWICH.

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

On Thursday, May 2, 1895, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5104 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt. in C.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. .. 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. .. 2.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 8.
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. .. 3.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS .. .. 9.
GEORGE P. BURTON .. .. 4.	FREDK. DAY .. .. 10.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.	GEORGE SMITH .. .. 11.
EDWARD FRANCIS .. .. 6.	WILLIAM BALES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by C. E. BORRETT.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all. There has been but two peals of Cinques previously rung on this noted ring—Grandsire Cinques in 1775, and Stedman Cinques in 1844, in both of which the tenor was rung by two men. The late Mr. H. Hubbard rang the 11th on the last occasion. Curiously enough the peal just accomplished was the 18th anniversary of the first 5040 ever rung (Bob Triples), a board still hanging on the walls of the tower recording it. F. Day hails from Eye.

#### SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 1, 1895, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

SIDNEY MACEY .. .. Treble.	THOMAS GROVES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 2.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 7.
ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 4.	WALTER S. WISE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. S. WISE.

This peal contains the 5th twelve times wrong and right, the 4th and 6th each ten times wrong and eighteen times right, the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place at a course-end, and was rung to welcome the Bishop on his return from his journey round the world.

#### SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1895, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

J. GOODMAN .. .. Treble.	S. SPITTLE .. .. 5.
WM. MILLS .. .. 2.	JOS. DEVENPORT .. .. 6.
ROBERT SCHOFIELD .. .. 3.	JOHN GOODMAN .. .. 7.
W. MICKLEWRIGHT .. .. 4.	JESSE SCREEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late J. Fullwood formerly a member of the local band. This meeting was held to invite the Sedgley band to join the above Association, with the result that six members consented, and were proposed in the belfry before starting for the peal. Spittle, Goodman, and Micklewright hail from Dudley; the rest are members of the local band.

#### MITCHAM, SURREY.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 4, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT SEWELL .. .. Treble.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. 5.
JAMES D. DREWITT .. .. 2.	FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 6.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
SAMUEL GREENWOOD .. 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK M. BUTLER.

\*First peal in the method.

#### HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS ANDREWS .. Treble.	JOHN COOK .. .. 5.
CHARLES BLACKMAN .. 2.	ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. 6.
HENRY BURSTOW .. .. 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 4.	JOHN NETLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

First peal in the method with a bob bell by J. Cook, and first peal in any method by E. Boniface; also first peal on eight bells by J. Netley.

#### GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 6, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs. in Eb.

F. V. SINKINS .. Treble.	ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 5.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. 2.	W. H. FUSSELL .. .. 6.
W. H. DORAN .. .. 3.	HENRY DAINS .. .. 7.
JAMES HANNINGTON .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

Rung as a centenary peal to celebrate the opening of Godmanchester bells, a peal of eight, cast by Osborn of Downham, on May 6th, 1795. It is the first peal in the method rung in the county.

**TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**  
*On Monday, May 6, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,**  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOSEPH WINDRIDGE .. .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 5.
ALBERT EVERITT .. .. 2.	JOSEPH W. TIMMS .. .. 6.
CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 3.	ROBERT P. BRINDLEY .. 7.
JAMES PRATT .. .. 4.	JOSEPH H. CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES GEORGE.

J. H. Chapman was elected a member before starting. This is his first peal which was rung at his first attempt, and he struck the tenor creditably throughout.

**Performances on Five and Six Bells.**

**RODMERSHAM, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, May 1, 1895, in Three Hours,*

**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**

**SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY.**

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE COAST .. .. Treble.	JOHN DIXON, .. .. 4.
JOSEPH G. GREYSTED .. 2.	EDWARD DAY .. .. 5.
SYDNEY BEACH .. .. 3.	*HENRY WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. WOOD.

\*First 5040 as conductor. This is the first 5040 ever rung on the bells.

**OLNEY, BUCKS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, May 4, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,*

**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**

**SEVEN 720s OF MINOR;**

*In the following methods:*

**College Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent, Double Oxford, and Double Court.**

Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

FRANK HULL .. .. Treble.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. 4.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 2.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 3.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT SHARP.

First 5040 on the bells. This is believed to be the heaviest ring of six on which a 5040 in seven different methods has yet been rung.

**DEFECTIVE REPORTS.**—The peal of Treble Bob at Ramsbottom sent without any date. Also the peal of Treble Bob at Skipton sent without the number of changes.

**Date Touches.**

**THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.**

**BRIGHTON (Derbyshire).**—On Saturday, April 13th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., in the following methods: 95 Woodbine, 360 Violet, 720 each of Tulip and Primrose. T. Bettison, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; J. H. Brothwell, 4; C. Severn (conductor), 5; W. Lambert, jun., 6. C. Severn and T. Bettison hail from Killamarsh, the rest from Treeton.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**HEADINGLEY (Yorks.)**—On Sunday, March 3rd, at the church of St. Chad's a date touch, 1895 changes, of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. Stokoe, 1; L. Stokoe, 2; J. C. Walker, 3; J. Bennett, 4; R. Thomas, 5; W. Baines, 6; W. Child (composer and conductor), 7; D. York, 8.

**PUDSEY (Yorks.)**—On Tuesday, February 19th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1895 changes, of Bob Major, in 1 hr. 4 mins. R. Farrar, 1; W. Bateman, 2; S. Langstaffe, 3; J. Langstaffe, 4; W. Child, 5; F. Birks, 6; J. Smith (conductor), 7; S. Stott, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.**

**BIDSTON (Cheshire).**—On Wednesday, April 3rd, for practice, a date touch, 1895 changes, in the following methods: 720 of Oxford Single, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 120 Kent Treble Bob, 108 Plain Bob, 120 Canterbury, and 107 Grandsire. W. Joynson (first date touch), 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6. First 720 of Oxford Single by 1st, 2nd, and 6th ringers. First date touch in six methods by the band, also first on the bells, and by the Guild.

**MELBOURNE (Australia).**—On Sunday, March 3rd, a combined band of St. Patrick's and Victorian Societies met and rang for evening service at St. Patrick's Cathedral, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Nolan, 1; J. Murray, 2; W. Albinson, 3; W. Shenton, 4; J. C. Nolan, 5; J. Freeman, 6; A. Barnes (composer and conductor), 7; J. Sheehan, 8. Longest length by the tenor-man.

**MOSSLEY (Lancashire).**—On Friday, April 12th, at St. George's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1895 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins., in honour of the birthday of Mr. John Ansterberry, a friend of the ringers, and one who appreciated the music of church bells. R. Taylor, 1; W. Bentley, 2; J. Greaves, 3; H. Mayall, 4; S. H. Cooper (conductor), 5; J. Holden, 6; A. W. Holden, 7; S. Wrigley, 8. Composed by A. Sykes, Lindley.

**Miscellaneous.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Easter Day, at St. Michael's church, 720 Oxford and 240 Kent Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Rudkin, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; C. H. Howard, 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; W. Hammond, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; F. Bumpstead, 6. And 360 Double Court, with H. E. Hammond, 2.

**BOCKING (Essex).**—On Tuesday, February 5th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 College Single Bob. G. Melbourne, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 10th, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). W. Grimwade, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (composer and conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 12th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs two singles), composed by B. Annable. G. Melbourne, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 17th, for morning service, 720 Single Court. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, February 24th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, standing as before. And for afternoon service, 720 College Exercise. \*F. Radley, 1; W. Moore, 2; \*F. Warren, 3; \*C. Bearman, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. On Sunday, March 3rd, 720 Court Single. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. And for practice on Tuesday, March 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs), composed by S. Hammond. F. Radley, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, March 10th, for morning service, 720 Double Court Bob. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 12th, for practice, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. F. Radley, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Thursday afternoon, March 14th, on the occasion of the Lord Bishop of St. Albans holding a confirmation service in this church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Melbourne, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 17th, 720 Single Court. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 College Single. W. Grimwade ringing in the place of F. Radley, and conducted by C. Bearman. On Tuesday, March 19th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Sargent, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; W. Moore, 3; C. Bearman, 4; F. Warren, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Sunday, March 24th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. S. Sargent, 1; F. Radley, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Sunday, April 14th, for afternoon service, 720

Double Court Bob. F. Radley, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor, Romford), 2; W. Moore, 3; S. Sargent, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, March 7th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin for practice, 720 Bristol Surprise (nine bobs), in 25 mins., composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington. J. Cavill (first 720), 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Lichfield Surprise. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 10th, for afternoon service, 360 New London Pleasure. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 14th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; I. Jordan, (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 College Single, 5th the observation. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 17th, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 21st, for practice, 720 Lichfield Surprise, 5th the observation, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 London Surprise. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 24th, for morning service, 600 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, April 6th, 560 and 400 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Watson, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. H. Doran, 3; F. A. Nunn, 4; E. Pye, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye, 8. On handbells, retained in hand, 504 of Stedman Triples. W. Pye, 1-2; G. R. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. H. Doran, 7-8. On Wednesday, April 10th, 504 Stedman Triples with E. Pye, 7-8. And 288 of Kent Treble Bob Major.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Monday, April 15th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. H. Randall, 1; E. Clayton, 2; W. H. Dallimore (first 720 in the method), 3; F. A. Nunn (first 720 in the method), 4; E. Pye, 5; W. Pye (conductor), 6. And 360 of Double Court Bob Minor. H. Randall, 1; W. H. Doran, 2; W. Pye, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; E. Pye, 5; J. Dale (conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH (Shropshire).—On March 17th, at St. Leonard's church for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Overton, 1; J. E. Overton, 2; H. Hammond, 3; W. Richards, 4; H. W. Overton, 5; J. Howard, 6; J. Overton, 7; J. Maiden, 8. On March 24th, for evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Maund, 1; J. E. Overton, 2; H. Hammond, 3; W. Richards, 4; H. W. Overton, 5; J. Overton, 6; J. Howard, 7; H. Jones, 8. On March 31st, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Overton, 1; J. Howard, 2; J. E. Overton, 3; W. Maund, 4; H. Overton, 5; H. Jones, 6; J. Overton, 7; J. Maiden, 8. On Easter Sunday morning, for early communion service, 350 Grandsire Triples. T. Overton, 1; J. E. Overton, 2; H. Hammond, 3; W. Richards, 4; H. W. Overton, 5; W. Maund, 6; J. Overton, 7; J. Maiden, 8. For morning service, 548 Grandsire Triples. J. Jones, 8. For evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples, standing as above. On April 21st, for evening service, 672 of Grandsire Triples. J. Maiden, 8. For practice on April 27th, 1666 changes out of the first half of Holt's ten-part peal. H. Jones, 8; the rest as before. On April 28th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Overton, 1; H. W. Overton, 2; H. Hammond, 3; W. Richards, 4; J. E. Overton, 5; W. Maund, 6; J. Overton, 7; J. Maiden, 8. The whole conducted by J. Overton.

#### OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Friday, April 12th, at the parish church, 720 London Scholars' and 720 London Surprise. H. Greaves, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emson, 3; C. Severn, 4; H. Turton, 5; W. Lambert, jun., 6. Conducted respectively by W. Lambert, jun. and T. Bettison.

TREETON (Yorks.).—On Sunday, for morning service, 720 Violet. A. J. Plowman, 1; A. Slater, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, jun., 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; J. H. Brothwell (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent. T.

Whitworth, 4; W. Lambert, jun., 5; rest as above. S. Slater hails from Norton, near Sheffield. And for evening service, 720 Oxford. J. H. Brothwell, 1; A. J. Plowman, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, jun., 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, sen. (conductor), 6.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On a recent Sunday, after evening service at St. Werburgh's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. T. Anthony, 1; W. H. Poyser, 2; J. Howe, 3; J. Newbold, 4; R. Redgate, 5; A. E. Thompson, 6; L. Lomas (conductor), 7; J. Griffiths, 8.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—At the parish church, on Easter Sunday, April 14th, for Divine Service, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. G. Hodge, 1; J. Harris (first 720), 2; F. Butchers, 3; W. Lambert, 4; J. Beach, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. And 360. E. Lambert, 1; W. Lambert, 2; J. Wheadon (longest length), 3; F. Lambert, 4; F. Butchers, 5; J. Beach, 6. For morning service, 216. T. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Butchers, 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Lambert, 5; J. Beach, 6. After the afternoon service, 720 in 29 mins. (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Lambert, 1; W. Lambert, 2; F. Butchers, 3; G. Henley (first 720), 4; J. Beach, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. Messrs. Harris, Wheadon, and Henley belong to Brenchley.

HAYES (Kent).—On January 28th, for practice, 360 Canterbury Pleasure (twelve singles). A. Brazier (first 360 in the method), 1; G. Harwood, 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Brown, 4; J. Hack, 5; H. Reader (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 17th, for evening service, 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). J. Hack, 1; H. Brown, 2; F. Lacey, 3; H. Reader (conductor), 4; J. Harwood, 5; A. Killick, 6. On Sunday morning, April 7th, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs). H. Reader, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; F. Lacey, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six singles). J. Harwood, 1; H. Brown, 2; F. Lacey (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; J. Hack, 4; E. Stone, 5; H. Reader (conductor), 6. On Easter Sunday morning, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (eight bobs and six singles). A. Killick, 1; H. Brown, 2; F. Lacey, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). J. Hack, 1; G. Harwood, 2; H. Reader (conductor), 3; H. Brown, 4; F. Lacey, 5; E. Stone, 6. On Sunday, April 21st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). A. Brazier, 1; H. Reader, 2; A. Killick, 3; J. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, April 16th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 28 mins. S. Johnson, 1; W. Sutton, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster, 6. Rung at the second attempt. Tenor 16½ cwt.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WEST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 14th, for morning service, 360 Plain Bob Minor. S. Woolgar, 1; W. Pierce, 2; S. Woolgar, sen., 3; R. Summersell, 4; J. Blake (Chichester), 5; H. Tourle (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Blake, 1; W. Pierce, 2; E. C. Boniface, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. Also 240 Kent Treble Bob, standing as before. And 360 College Single. S. Woolgar, 1; W. Pierce, 2; H. Tourle, 3; S. Woolgar, sen., 4; J. Blake, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 15th, 720 Court Single Bob. S. Woolgar, 1; R. Summersell, 2; S. Woolgar, sen., 3; H. Tourle, 4; J. Blake, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6.

SHIPLEY (Sussex).—On Monday, April 16th, 360 Plain Bob. S. Woolgar, 1; R. Summersell, 2; S. Woolgar, sen., 3; H. Tourle, 4; J. Blake, 5; W. Denman, 6. A 360 of Court Single Bob and 720 of Oxford Single Bob, standing as before. A 720 of Canterbury. S. Woolgar, 1; S. Woolgar, sen., 2; H. Tourle, 3; J. Blake, 4; R. Summersell, 5; W. Denman, 6. A 720 of Plain Bob. S. Woolgar, 1; S. Woolgar, sen., 2; H. Tourle, 3; R. Summersell, 4; J. Blake, 5; W. Denman, 6. A 360 of College Single Bob. S. Woolgar, 1; S. Woolgar, sen., 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Tourle, 4; J. Blake, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 21st, for evening service, 840 Oxford Bob Triples. C. Vaughan, 1; W. Short, 2; G. Rapley, 3; H. Mance, 4; B. Bassett, 5; E. C. Boniface, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; J. Riee, 8.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, April 16th, at the church of St. Mary, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but

after ringing 2496 changes in about 1 hr. 30 mins., it suddenly came to grief. H. Warnett, 1; W. Taylor (Leiston, Suffolk), 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; A. R. Davis, 4; J. E. Davis, 5; H. N. Davis (conductor), 6; A. J. Neale, 7; T. Groombridge, 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TANFIELD (Durham).—On Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Bob Triples, but after ringing 3384 changes "stand" was called, the conductor omitting a bob. C. Elliott, 1; H. Tyson, 2; W. R. Brewis, 3; W. Brewis, 4; F. J. Harrison, 5; F. Lowe, 6; T. Brewis (conductor), 7; G. Arkless, 8.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

OTTERY (Devonshire).—On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. G. Godfrey, 1; S. Godfrey, 2; F. Godfrey, 3; Rev. M. Kelly, 4; J. Baker, 5; G. White, 6; A. Pike (conductor), 7; J. Lovering, 8.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, April 15th, at St. Helen's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, on handbells, retained in hand, in 15 mins. W. H. Smith, 1-2; J. Pagett, 3-4; W. Page (conductor), 5-8. Messrs. Smith and Pagett hail from Kidderminster, and it is the first 720 away from the trebles by J. Pagett.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WASHINGBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Wednesday night, April 10th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor in 30 mins. J. W. Ash, 1; J. W. Jackson, 2; G. W. Kettleborough, 3; F. G. Harwood, 4; J. W. Ash (conductor), 5; C. R. Lilley, 6. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. W. Walker, 1; F. G. Harwood, 2; G. W. Kettleborough, 3; J. W. Ash, 4; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 5; G. Croft, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. Messrs. Lilley and Jackson hail from Lincoln; and the rest are the local company.

#### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—Recently, for practice on handbells, in the tower of St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. H. Johnson, 1-2; E. Davis, 3-4; W. Page (conductor), 5-6; W. Cotton, 7-8. And in the Guild room, Edgar tower, 518 Grandsire Triples by the same members.

LEIGH (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, April 21st, for morning service at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. B. S. Hill, 1; W. Cotton, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; W. Page (conductor), 4; W. Bradford, 5; E. Davies, 6. And 720 Bob Minor. B. S. Hill, 1; W. Cotton, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; W. Page, 4; E. Davis, 5; W. Bradford (conductor), 6.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Thursday, April 18th, at the church of St. Alfege, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. I. G. Shade, 1; F. S. Bayley, 2; E. E. Richards, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; H. Hoskins, 5; T. Gwynne, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; W. Foreman, 8. During the day various other touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, etc., were rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Elsie Wire, daughter of Lt. Col. Travers Wire, with Philip A. Wilkins, Esq., of Dartmouth.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT.—On Saturday, March 23rd, at Holy Trinity church for practice, 216 Stedman Triples. A. Peckham, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; A. Stone, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; T. Burnett, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. On Saturday, April 6th, for practice, a course of Stedman Doubles. E. Reynolds, 1; A. Peckham, 2; R. Fuge, 3; R. Davies, 4; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 5; J. Nicholson, 6. And on Sunday, April 7th, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. H. Reynolds, 1; H. Westbrook, 2; R. Fuge, 3; J. Nicholson, 4; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 5; R. Davies, 6. On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service, 419 Grandsire Triples. R. Davies, 1; A. Peckham, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; R. Fuge (first with a bob bell), 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; J. Nicholson, 8. And on Saturday, April 20th, several courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Fuge, 1; H. Reynolds, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; H. Westbrook, 4; J. Gould, 5; A. E. Tomlins, 6. A. Stone and J. Gould hail from Portsea.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On April 9th, for Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. A. Barnett, 1; A. Smith, 2; A. Le Clercq, 3; H. Garfath (conductor), 4; A. White, 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Wright, 8.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LODDON (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, March 12th, at the parish church, 1008 Bob Major. A. Jermy, 1; A. W. Brighton (Norwich, conductor), 2; S. Smith, 3; H. Hall, 4; S. E. Goate, 5; R. Goate, 6; D. Walpole, 7; R. Dowe, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. Longest length of Major by the treble, 6th, and 7th men.

PULHAM MARKET (Norfolk).—On Sunday, March 24th, at the parish church, 720 College Exercise. A. W. Brighton (conductor), 1; F. R. Borrett, 2; D. Ruth, 3; W. Culham, 4; J. Boughton, 5; W. Roope, 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

DITCHINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, March 20th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Williams, 1; E. Lincoln, 2; C. Woods, 3; A. W. Baldry, 4; G. Alexander, 5; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, April 14th, 720 of Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs and two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks.).—On Sunday, April 14th, for morning service, 360 Yorkshire Court. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. And on Wednesday, April 17th, for practice, 360 Tulip Treble Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; W. Ingham, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. And 360 College Single and Canterbury Pleasure, and 240 Duke of York. And on Sunday, April 21st, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. For afternoon service, 360 Duke of York. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; W. Ingham, 5; J. Robertshaw, 6.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 10th, for Divine Service, in the morning, 720 Duke of York. R. W. Twigg, 1; H. Carnwell (Kingsley, first 720 in the method), 2; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 3; D. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg, 6. For evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob standing as before. On Tuesday, February 12th, 720 Imperial Treble Bob. R. W. Twigg, 1; D. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Sunday, February 17th, 720 Superlative Surprise. G. Hobbs, 1; R. W. Twigg, 2; the rest as before. For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise, standing as before. On Tuesday, February 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Clarkson, 1; R. W. Twigg, 2; D. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; J. E. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. Also same date 720 Bristol Surprise. R. W. Twigg, 1; D. Preston (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Sunday, February 24th, for morning service, 720 Court Bob. G. Clarkson, 1; R. W. Twigg, 2; D. Preston, 3; C. Preston, 4; J. E. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Yorkshire Court, standing as before. On Sunday, March 3rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise. R. W. Twigg, 1; D. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Sunday, March 10th, 720 Superlative Surprise, standing as above. And for evening service, 720 Duke of York. H. Alcock (Hanley), 1; C. Preston, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; R. W. Twigg, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 12th, 720 Bristol Surprise. G. Hobbs, 1; D. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Sunday, March 17th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. D. Preston, 1; R. W. Twigg, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 19th, 720 Double Bob. G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; J. E. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 24th, for morning service, 720 Double Oxford Bob, standing as before (first 720 in the method by all). For evening service, 720 College Single standing as before. On Sunday, April 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Alcock, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; H. Shuker (Leek, first 720 with a bob bell), 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 14th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; H. Alcock (first 720 of Minor in the method), 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Wheeldon, 3; J. Warren (formerly of Bucknall), 5; the rest as before. And after service, 720 Oxford Bob, standing as before.



**KINGSLEY (Staffordshire).**—On Monday evening, March 11th, at St. Werburgh's church, for practice, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob in 28 mins. E. Bradshaw, 1; I. Moreton, 2; A. Edwards, 3; J. Moreton, 4; H. Carnwell, 5; H. Booth (conductor), 6. And on Friday, April 5th, 720 Violet Treble Bob in 25 mins. E. Bradshaw, 1; I. Moreton, 2; E. Whieldon, 3; J. Moreton, 4; H. Carnwell, 5; H. Booth (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 22nd, 720 New London Pleasure Treble Bob in 27 mins. E. Bradshaw, 1; I. Moreton, 2; A. Edwards, 3; J. Moreton, 4; H. Carnwell, 5; H. Booth (conductor), 6. The above are the first in all the methods by all except the ringer of the 3rd in Violet, who hails from Bucknall, and the first in these methods on the bells.

**ARMLEY (Yorks.).**—At Christ Church, on Sunday morning, April 14th, 720 Duke of York. F. Blacketh, 1; Jos. Thackray, 2; B. Cowling, 3; John Thackray (conductor), 4; M. Broadbent, 5; T. B. Dicken, 6. T. B. Dicken belongs to Mossley, Lancashire, the rest are local men.

**CAPEL (Surrey).**—On Sunday, March 17th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. E. Holloway, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 14th, before the early celebration, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Holloway, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; C. Weeden, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; T. Fairs, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob by the same band. And for morning service, 360 Oxford Bob. W. Neal, 1; E. Holloway, 2; C. Taylor, 3; J. Akehurst, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; E. Jordan, 6. Also for afternoon service, 360 Kent. E. Holloway, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; C. Weeden, 3; E. Jordan, 4; T. Fairs, 5; T. M. Stedman (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 360 Kent. E. Holloway, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; C. Taylor, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; T. Fairs, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 8. On Sunday, April 21st, 720 College Pleasure. E. Holloway, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; R. Jordan, 3; E. Jordan, 4; D. Jordan, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. And 360 College Exercise. E. Holloway, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Jordan, 3; R. Jordan, 4; F. Wickens, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Taylor, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; C. Weeden, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; F. Wickens, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. F. Wickens hails from Charlwood.

**DARLINGTON (Durham).**—On Tuesday, April 9th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, 720 Double Court. E. Cox, G. J. Lungley, T. Lungley, R. B. Wilson, G. Park, G. W. Park (conductor). First 720 in the method by all, and first on the bells.

**EASTWELL (Kent).**—On Monday, March 25th, for practice, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. J. Sinden, 1; G. Henniker, 2; W. Sinden, 3; G. Sinden, 4; H. Martin (conductor), 5; F. Ladd, 6. First in the method by all the band. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Jones, 1; J. Martin, 2; J. Sinden, 3; G. Sinden (conductor), 4; W. Sinden, 5; H. Martin, 6. On Friday, March 29th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Henniker, 1; J. Martin, 2; W. Sinden (conductor), 3; J. Sinden, 4; F. Ladd, 5; G. Sinden, 6. Also two 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles. W. Sinden, 1; J. Martin, 2; J. Sinden, 3; G. Sinden, 4; H. Martin (conductor), 5; J. Jones, 6.

**EMBERTON (Bucks.).**—On Tuesday, April 16th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 25 mins. H. Lett, 1; J. Lovell, 2; C. Vale, 3; W. Freeman, 4; G. Valentine (conductor), 5. And two 6-scores of St. Simon's Doubles. C. Vale, 1; H. Lett, 3; the others as before. W. Freeman hails from Olney; C. Vale from Turvey; G. Valentine from Stony Stratford.

**HEADINGLEY (Yorks.).**—At St. Chad's church, for the Confirmation Service, on Monday, March 18th, 1008 of Bob Major. D. Swift, 1; A. Stokoe, 2; J. C. Walker, 3; J. Bennett, 4; R. Thomas, 5; L. Stokoe, 6; H. Baines, 7; W. Child (conductor), 8. After service, 720 in the same method, the ringers standing as above, conducted by W. Child.

**HULL (Yorks.).**—On Good Friday, April 12th at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 46 mins., was rung with the bells muffled. C. Jackson (composer and conductor), 1; T. Stockdale, 2; G. Marshall, 3; F. Merrison, 4; W. T. Verity, 5; G. T. Miller, 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. Dale, 8. This touch contains the twenty-four 6-7s at backstroke. On Easter Monday, for the election of churchwardens, another quarter-peal in the same method, in 45 mins. with the band as above. This touch contains the twenty-four 4-6s at backstroke, and was also composed and conducted by C. Jackson.

**KENNINGTON (Kent).**—At the parish church, on Wednesday evening, April 24th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), in 26 mins. W. Hills, 1; F. Phillpot, 2; G. H. Head, 3; J. Hover, 4; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 5; T. Tabrett, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

**ROMSBY (Hants.).**—On April 10th, for practice, on handbells, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. A. E. Perkins, 1; W. Giffard, 2; W. E. King, 3; D. C. Dunn, 4; J. Elcombe (conductor), 5-6. First by all except the conductor.

**STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).**—On Wednesday, February 27th, at St. Thomas's church, 168 and 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Wassal, 1; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 2; A. Chapman, 3; J. Pagett, 4; W. S. Pugh, 5; R. James, 6; J. Smith, 7; A. Witney, 8. On Friday, March 8th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. C. Dallow, formerly warden of the above church, and assistant overseer. W. A. Pugh, 1; A. Chapman, 2; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 3; E. Davis, 4; J. B. Pearson, 5; R. James, 6; W. W. Dykes, 7. On Monday, March 11th, with the bells muffled for the late Dr. R. L. Freer, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. W. Dykes, 1; A. Orford, 2; A. Chapman, 3; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 4; J. B. Pearson, 5; W. Pugh, 6; R. James, 7. On Easter Day, for morning service, 420 Bob Triples. H. Harris, 1; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 2; W. F. Hartshorne, 3; H. Brettel, 4; H. Davis, 5; R. James, 6; W. A. Pugh, 7; W. W. Dyke, 8. For evening service, on the back six, 720 Bob Minor. W. W. Dyke, 1; J. Reynolds (Areley Kings), 2; W. A. Pugh, 3; J. B. Pearson, 4; R. James, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6.

**WOBURN (Beds.).**—On Saturday, February 23rd, at 20, Bedford Street, on handbells, 840 Bob Triples, 168 Grandsire Triples and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. Chas. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7-8. A course of Bob Royal. S. Avis, 1; H. D. Harris, 2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; Chas. Herbert, 7-8; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 9-10. On Monday, April 1st, 560 Bob Major. S. Avis, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; F. Gilby, 3; H. D. Harris, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; E. Herbert (conductor), 7-8. On Saturday, April 6th, three leads of Kent Treble Bob Major and 224 of Bob Major. Chas. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; H. D. Harris, 7-8. Rung on the 18th birthday of E. Herbert.

### Correspondence.

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

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

#### REPLY TO MR. WINNEY.

SIR,—I see in last Saturday's "BELL NEWS" a report of the Central Council's meeting at Sheffield, and in it are some remarks made by Mr. Winney about a handbell peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major which I conducted on February 23rd, 1891. He says that the peal was not good enough to publish. If it had not been good enough to publish I should never have published it. He says also "the same band tried to ring a peal correctly, but were unable to do it, and fell back upon the original peal." Unfortunately the same band never were able to attempt another peal, otherwise no doubt we should have rung another. Lastly, if Mr. Winney will examine "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, 28th, 1891, I have no doubt he will find the peal which was sent up for publication the same day that it was rung. And if Mr. Winney will communicate with the Redenhall ringers in Norfolk, I have no doubt that some of them will remember being told about the peal the day after it was rung; which facts for ever quash the insinuation that it was kept back and not published until after another failure. The peal was rung without an umpire simply because an umpire was not to be had. The nearest ringers competent to act were at Saffron Walden, sixteen miles away. As conductor, I can tell Mr. Winney that the 5184 changes were rung in 2 hrs. 48 mins. in fifty courses, that the bells were never out of their proper coursing order from beginning to end, and that every trip was put right directly it occurred. After this statement I hope that these vague rumours which I have heard of from several people, but never been able to get at before, will cease. The peal was true and worthy of record; and I hope that we may be able to get the band together for a week's practice and ring another some day, and that Mr. Winney and any one else who wishes will be present to hear it.

H. LAW JAMES, Ringer of 5-6 and Conductor.

St. Martin's, Stamford, May 6, 1895.

#### THE RECENT HANDBELL PEAL AT OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

SIR,—I wish to draw the attention of Messrs. and Miss Meadows to the fact that their claim to be the first family to ring a peal on handbells is nearly four years too late. On the 3rd of June, 1891, my brothers and I rang a peal on handbells in seven different methods on six bells (a 720 each of Double Bob, Yorkshire Court, Plain Bob, Court Bob, College Single, Double Oxford and Oxford). The peal is recorded in "THE BELL NEWS," vol. x. page 139. At the same time I most heartily congratulate them on the performance of their peal, and trust that ere long their names, and especially that of Miss Meadows, may again appear in your columns in connection with more ambitious performances. JNO. C. MITCHELL.

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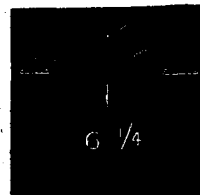


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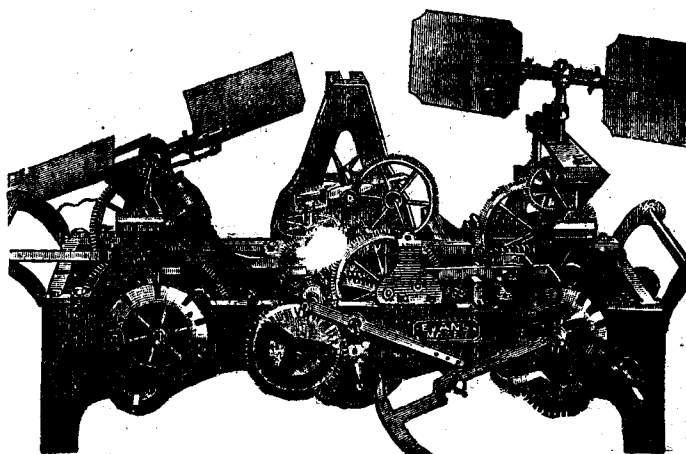
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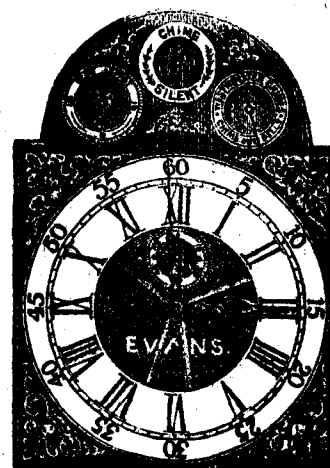
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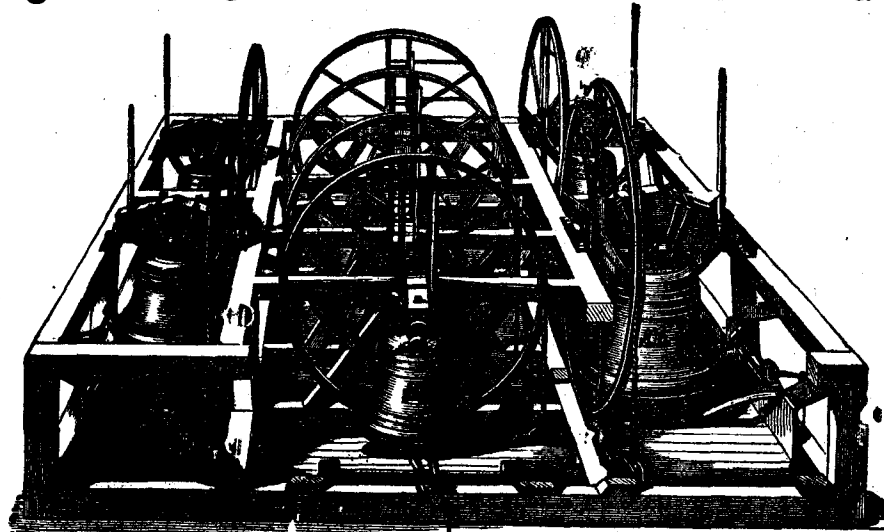
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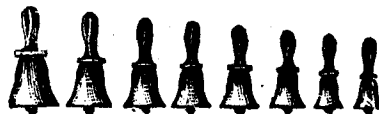
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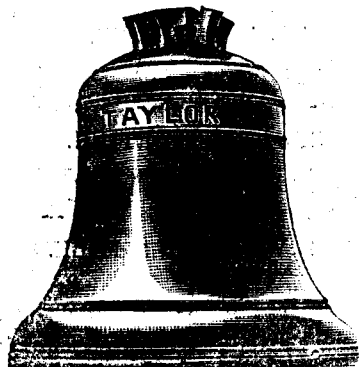
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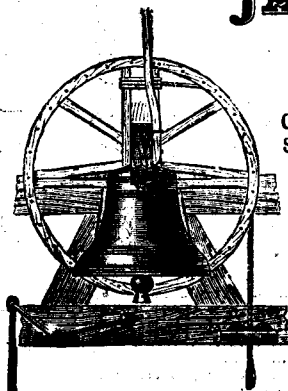
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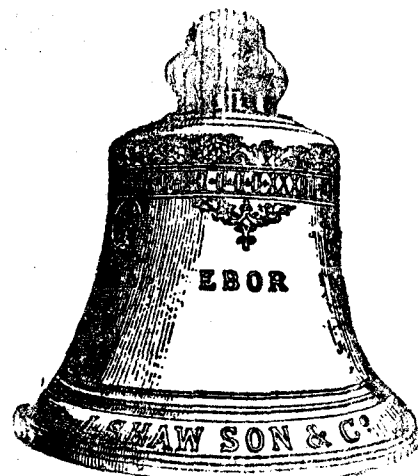
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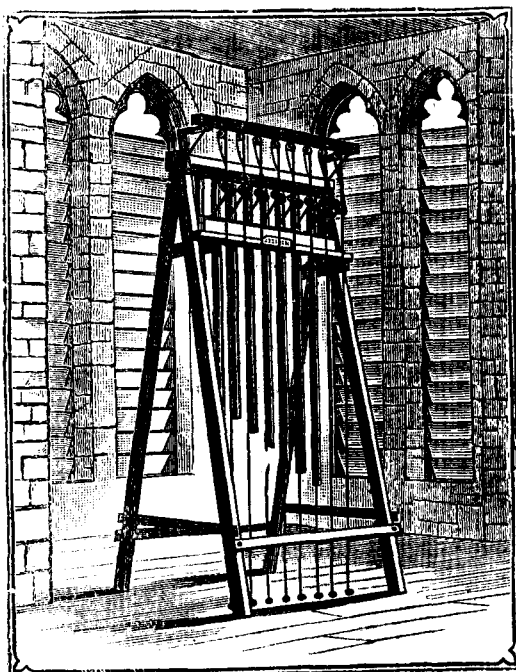
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## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association took place on Easter Monday, April 15th. At 12.45 a service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, when the Rev. G. H. P. H. Glossop gave an interesting address, pointing out the even greater privileges bell-ringers had than the clergy, because they were enabled to make their voices heard abroad, whilst the clergy could only speak to the people when they were inside the church. After the service an adjournment was made to the Justices' Room at the Town Hall, where a dinner was admirably served. The annual meeting followed, under the presidency of the Rev. Philip Deedes. Amongst those present were Messrs. Debenham (hon. secretary), Hull (2), Conley (St. Peter's, St. Albans), Buckingham, Hammond, Weatherley (Abbey), Wright (Aldenham), Lawrence, Headey (Little Munden), Huntley (Bushey), and Shepherd (Hatfield).

The first business was to elect new members, and the following having passed the ringing qualification, were admitted members of the Association: Messrs. Smith and Douglas (Bushey), Weddon (St. Peter's), Jones (Hatfield), Barnes and Samuels (Abbey).

Mr. E. P. Debenham having welcomed the Rev. Philip Deedes amongst them, proposed him as an honorary member.

The rev. gentleman said in common with all members of his class, he felt greatly indebted to the members of that Association. If there was one thing more than another which would recommend it to him, it was its close connection with his friend, Mr. Debenham. He was sure any association Mr. Debenham was connected with would be carried on sound business principles, and in the best possible way.

Mr. Debenham also proposed the Rev. R. T. de Carteret, curate of St. Peter's, as an honorary member, which was seconded by Mr. E. Hull, and carried.

Mr. Debenham, in a lengthy and satisfactory report, referred in touching terms to the loss the Association, and, in fact the whole ringing world, had sustained in the death of their late and highly-respected president, Mr. Leonard Proctor, who had been an active ringer for sixty-five years, and had been connected with the Bennington band since 1839. It was gratifying to note that although the Association had not gone ahead by leaps and bounds, it had fully maintained its position by carrying on a steady work, and promoting as far as possible the main objects for which it was formed. Last Easter the balance amounted to £9 6s. 11d., whilst this had now increased to £10 9s. 2d. The ringing members on the books at the present time numbered 121, and the honorary members 13. The report then proceeded to give a detailed account of the performances on the bells during the year, and referred to the unremitting energy Mr. Lawrence had shown in establishing a band of ringers at Little Munden. The balance-sheet showed receipts amounting to £17 18s. 11d., and expenses £7 9s. 9d.

Mr. E. Hull proposed that the report and balance-sheet be received and adopted.

Mr. R. E. Hammond seconded.

The Rev. P. Deedes, in putting the proposition to the meeting, said he was very much impressed by the amount of good this Association was doing in creating an enthusiasm in the matter of change-ringing in some of the country districts. This was particularly evident in the paragraph referring to the enthusiastic representative of Little Munden, whom they were glad to have amongst them that day. He sincerely trusted, as he was sure they all did, that Mr. Lawrence would be successful in bringing together a band who would ring the Little Munden bells as they should be rung. There was also the inevitable reference to the veteran bell-ringer—the pioneer as they might call him, of bell-ringing in modern times—the late Mr. Proctor, of Bennington. The last time he (Mr. Deedes) saw him, was at a cricket match, and he told him then that when he was at school he tolled the college bell to commemorate the sad event of the death of King George IV. It was no exaggeration to say that when the late president took the matter in hand, bell-ringing was at a low ebb in this part of England. He was unsparing of his time and of his substance, and his efforts were rewarded in collecting together the band, he might say, of unrivalled bell-ringers, with which the name of Bennington had been so long associated. He was sure it would

be long before his memory died out, and that his name would be handed down to succeeding bell-ringers, as one who was the father of modern ringing in this part of England. The rev. gentleman also referred to the satisfactory condition of the finances of the Association, and said that this would relieve both active and honorary members from any anxiety of being called upon for funds during the present twelve months. The society seemed to be excellently managed, and he hoped that the number of members would increase very largely, and that as they increased, so the desire to promote the charming art of change-ringing would spread in their county of Herts.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

Owing to the death of the late Mr. Proctor, the post of President is vacant. Mr. Debenham had been approached with a view to accepting this office, but he declined, and the appointment of a successor was left over to the next meeting.

Mr. R. E. Hammond had much pleasure in proposing the re-election of Mr. E. P. Debenham to the office of secretary, as he did not think they could find his equal if they tried.

Mr. E. Hull seconded, and this was carried with applause.

Mr. E. E. Huntley was re-elected auditor, and Bushey was fixed upon as the place for the next meeting.

On the proposition of Mr. E. P. Debenham, seconded by Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, votes of thanks were accorded the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance for the use of the Cathedral bells, and also to the Rev. G. H. P. Glossop for his address that day.

Various other matters were brought forward, and notices of motion placed upon the agenda for the next meeting.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding concluded the business.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

At the meeting of the above society at St. John's, Vassal Road, Brixton, on Tuesday, April 23rd, a very pleasing ceremony took place in the shape of a presentation to Mr. George Wild, the steeple-keeper, on his marriage. Mr. Wild has been known amongst London ringers for a good number of years, and at one time was a prominent member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, but chiefly he has been connected with the Waterloo Society, having held the position of Master for several years. Mr. Wild has also had charge of St. John's, Brixton, with its splendid peal of bells, ever since it was opened.

The present took the form of a handsome case of carvers and bread knife, which had been subscribed to by members and friends of the society. The Rev. A. Deedes, curate of the church, being a ringer acted as spokesman, and on behalf of the company congratulated Mr. Wild upon his marriage, complaining to him in a facetious way of having left everybody in the dark until it was an accomplished fact, so that the society were not able to signalise the event by a peal. He would however ask him to accept the present as a small token of their respect and esteem, and hoped it would be made good use of at many a family gathering in years to come.

The Master (Mr. H. N. Davis), added a few appropriate words, observing that it would be a great pleasure to see Mr. Wild oftener amongst the ringers than had been the case lately. He should certainly hope that now the duties of courtship were over, this would be so.

Mr. Wild, on behalf of himself and Mrs. Wild, then thanked the company for what they had done, saying they had taken him quite by surprise by their kind act, and in reply to the Master's remark, said he certainly should in future endeavour to attend the society's meetings as often as possible. He also said that as steeple-keeper, he should do his best to make the meetings at St. John's a success, and it is to be hoped that with this beautiful peal to practice on, every Waterloo member will make a point of attending the meetings, which have just been re-commenced on every alternate Tuesday.

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## THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

The members of this society held their annual meeting on Saturday, April 27th, at Ashton-under-Lyne. The bells were set going at the parish church, and during the evening touches were rung in the Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Treble Bob methods.

The business meeting was held at the society's meeting-house, The Old Church inn, at 7.30 p.m. and those who were present were sorry to see such a poor attendance of members; however what they lacked in numbers was made up in heartiness. The vice-president, Mr. T. Wroe, acted as chairman, and called upon the secretary to give the result of the election of officers at the parish church ringers' annual meeting. After this was done, Messrs. Chapman (Salford), and Ridyard (Worsley), were elected to serve on the Committee, Mr. W. Jakeman (St. Peter's, Ashton), being elected ringing-master; the officers for the ensuing twelve months being—President—G. Longden; Vice-President—T. Wroe; Hon. Secretary—J. Hopwood; Assistant-Secretary—F. Brown; Treasurer—S. Booth; Auditors—W. Booth and A. Adams; Committee—Messrs. Wood, Heap, Adams, Chapman, and Ridyard; Steeple-keeper, S. Wood. The balance-sheet was read and adopted, and showed a balance in hand of £2 5s. od. Mr. Daniel Heap was elected a member of the society. It was decided to hold the meeting at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on the last Saturday in July. The usual vote of thanks brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this society was held on Saturday, April 27th, at St. Paul's church, Wood Green, Wednesbury, and members attended from West Bromwich, Lichfield, Handsworth, Tipton, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Bloxwich, and other places. The bells (a fine peal of eight from the Loughborough Foundry), were kept going during the afternoon and evening by mixed hands, and some touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. A short service was held in the church at 5 o'clock, the Rev. H. Silvester officiating in the absence of the vicar, and in giving the address, which was very much appreciated by the members present, gave a very hearty welcome to the society. At a committee meeting held afterwards, several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting in June at Lichfield.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at Rawtenstall on Saturday, April 27th, and was attended by members from Accrington, Christ Church and St. Saviour's (Bacup), Bury, Helmshore, Newchurch, Ramsbottom, Rawtenstall, St. Anne's-on-sea, and Waterfoot. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Helmshore. Votes of thanks were given to the vicar for the use of the bells, the chairman, and the ringers for having everything in readiness. The bells were again set going to touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by the following: J. H. Banks (Helmshore), 1; J. B. Taylor (Waterfoot), 2; Z. Lord (Bacup), 3; T. Lund (Bury), 4; J. S. Lomas (Bacup), 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor, Bacup), 6. This brought the evening to a close.

## 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 PROPOSED BENEVOLENT FUND.

SIR,—Permit me to congratulate Mr. J. S. Pritchett upon the very able manner in which, judging from the report in "THE BELL NEWS," he appears to have dwelt with the question of a Ringers' Benevolent Fund, and to express my sincere regret that he did not secure greater encouragement from the Council as a body of ringers. As to a workable scheme, this undoubtedly could best be discussed if rules and regulations saw daylight by the aid of printers' ink. One need not therefore at present compare Mr. Pritchett's draft with the rough outline of a scheme recently given in these columns by myself. The necessity of the existence of such a fund so often shown was con-

clusively demonstrated at the Council meeting by one of the speakers who said "that the amount of the subscriptions would be too small to meet the applications which would be made for relief." Of course it will be pointed out that the same speaker said "the present method of appealing to the ringers of the neighbourhood and their friends answers the purpose." My intelligence does not, however, permit me to make the latter tally with the former. If subscriptions open to the whole body of ringers would not be sufficient to meet the applications of the whole country how can it be possible for an appeal in the district to be sufficiently responded to? This, however, is not the vital part of the question. The fund should exist to benefit those in the hour of need that not only try to help themselves but who are willing to help others. True there are a few old veterans who may not be in a position to become subscribers, yet would be worthy as recipients. By all means let them participate in the benefit of such a fund, which would have to be administered with care and according to its income. No voluntary fund which it was no one's business to look after or contribute to could possibly be successful. There must be an annual contribution of course on a limited scale, and those who contribute should not only have the right of appealing but their applications should be the first for consideration. I assume the Council is open to a little friendly criticism. If so I would respectfully ask what real benefit is there to the Exercise at large through its existence? I hope its decisions re elections in towers and the definition of Minor peals are not to be taken as examples. If so it will be a long time before the Council will become that recognised authority which it ought to hold in the ringing world. Of course the benevolent fund question is too big for the Council to deal with in its limited time at a sitting. There are many details to be gone into in order to establish such on a sound basis, many of which could only be arranged by a committee. The only conclusion that one can arrive at for rejecting the simple proposal made by Mr. Pritchett, is that a large proportion of the members are not in a position to grasp the desirability of such a fund. Some will say that it is a representative body containing a fair proportion of working men. That no doubt is true, but most of them come from large towns, where labour has far nearer its reward than is the case in smaller towns and villages; consequently they are not so well acquainted with the struggles of life in the latter.

Romford, May 13, 1895.

B. KEEBLE.

## THE CHURCH.

SIR.—The bold stand "THE BELL NEWS" takes in support of the Church will be agreeable to most of its readers. There are one or two matters I should, as a churchman, like to mention, in connection with this. We often read in defence speeches made by clergymen and laymen that "the Church is essentially a poor man's Church." Without contesting this for one moment, I emphatically assert that it is a rich man's Church also. I would ask, what share has "the poor" in Church government? A product of recent times is that body known as "The House of Laymen," but how many of "the poor" find admittance within its portals? Yet I am bold enough to say that numbers of Churchmen could be found among ringers who possess far more ability than many of those who form the House of Laymen, and much greater knowledge of Church polity. Again, when do we see "the poor" officiating at the lectern? Is it not generally some one in position, some man of wealth who is to be gratified by being asked to read the lessons, his ability for such duty being never considered at all? I could carry these points much further if you would allow me, but what I have said will, I hope, be the means of drawing attention to the fact that if "the poor" are to be kept within the fold, they must not see wealthy nonentities elected to offices in church government and control while they who are more able, though "poor," are denied admission.

A POOR CHURCHMAN.

## THE SIX-BELL PEAL QUESTION.

SIR,—The six-bell question has again been brought before the Central Council by the Yorkshire Association. This Association and several others in the north, I think, greatly need to reform their seven method peals before bringing up for discussion fourteen methods. The question I wish to bring forward is this. Does it constitute a true peal to ring a whole pull of rounds after each 720? This is done in almost all six-bell peals rung in the north, and in my estimation makes every six-bell peal false, rounds coming nineteen times to every other change seven times. Now rounds, like any other change, is one in the 720 and why should it occur more times than another? I should very much like to know what opinion others hold on the matter.

15, Knight Street, Lincoln.

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. T. Pates has removed from 33, Victoria place to Tudor House, Hewlett Road, Cheltenham. The address of Mr. Thos. Groombridge is Sunny Hill, Camden Wood, Chislehurst.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

According to announcement in our notice columns, the smoking concert for the benefit of Thomas Miller, who has been suffering for many weeks past from a dangerous illness, took place on Saturday, April 27th, at The Market hotel, Station Street. The meeting was presided over by the Hon. Secretary of the Guild, Mr. W. H. Godden, whom we are pleased to see so far recovered from his late serious accident, and he was supported in that office by Mr. John Day, the presiding ringing-master, and other prominent members of the Guild.

With her usual kindness, Mrs. Painter volunteered her valuable services at the piano, while Messrs. W. Kent (the secretary and manager of the movement), and W. Painter (one of the promoters), had so well packed the room with musical talent of a first-class order, as to ensure a high-class and attractive programme.

The proceedings were started by Mrs. Painter with a lively piece of music—"The Imps Revels," and the chairman in a few words having explained the object of the gathering, called upon Mr. Shenton, who then favoured the company with a comic song, and later in the evening with other songs, and a most amusing character and patter sketch called "The Recruiting Sergeant," which was received with uproarious merriment.

Mr. Maylott gave a good rendering of "The Bay of Biscay," and later in the evening evoked the breathless attention of his listeners by a superb rendering of that favourite song "Good Company."

Messrs. Kent, Russam, Witchell, and Buffery then gave a very smooth and effective two-course touch of Stedman Triples, and later on assisted by Mr. Bryant with a remarkably even and well-struck course of Grandsire Caters.

Mr. Michan's fine voice was heard to advantage in "The Arab Love Song," and later on in the ever popular "The Skipper," an effort which called forth an enthusiasm only to be pacified by a promise redeemed later on in the programme. One of Mr. Miller's factory mates—Mr. Lewis—then gave a comic song with telling effect, and afterwards with that richness of brogue, which always claims attention for Paddy, roused the enthusiasm of even the most Saxon of his hearers with "Erin go bragh."

Mr. H. Doody was responsible for two songs—in the ever popular "Mona" the tender expression lavished on the final verse gave full evidence of the painstaking and conscientious musician.

Probably the feature of the evening was a series of coster songs given by Mr. Bushell. We have heard Mr. Chevallier in his performances, which created and still create such a furor, but to our mind the various expressions of that type of human kind, whether in festive or pathetic mood, have never been presented with greater realism than on this occasion. Mr. Bushell started well in his first song "Tableaux Vivants," arousing so much mirth and jollity in his audience, as to cause them to tax his efforts to the utmost in his various re-demands. Like a virtuoso in a startling passage from gay to grave, Mr. Bushell shewed his grip on his audience by giving as an encore to an excruciatingly funny song, one of the most pathetic we have ever heard, and in coster character.

For this occasion the long missing tune-ringing section of the St. Martin's Guild had been got together, and looking at the success of their efforts and the evident pleasure they gave, we strongly urge the performers, Messrs. Russam, Witchell, Kent, Jackson, Hancox, and Morgan to continue the practice requisite for good performances when their services are in demand.

A message had been given to the chairman requesting him to tender the heartfelt thanks of Mr. Miller to every one who had assisted in this movement. Speaking on behalf of the officers and members of the St. Martin's Guild, the chairman mentioned the obligations they felt under to Mrs. Painter and the various gentlemen who had entertained them that evening; and, speaking personally, the extreme pleasure it gave him to find that while precluded from taking an active part in this movement on account of his late illness, his esteemed friend Mr. Kent had immediately volunteered to undertake the necessary secretarial work and management, and had thrown such an amount of energy and determination in the work.

As the ticket account is not yet closed, many gentlemen having

bought tickets who did not attend, it is not convenient as yet to arrive at the financial result, but it will be possible to hand over a few pounds for the assistance of a distressed brother-string who is in sore need of such relief.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20th, the members of the East Retford Branch of the above, accompanied by Mr. R. Potter, of West Retford, journeyed to Grantham to try for a peal of Grandsire Caters on the fine bells of the parish church. On arriving at the beautiful place of worship, the ringers spent a quarter of an hour in admiring the splendid fabric, and many were the comments passed upon it. The journey to the ringing chamber was next accomplished, and a few went higher up, above the bells, and had a look at the "Little Ting Tang," a very old bell, standing apart from the beautiful peal of ten. These were next attacked in the shape of raising. As none of the band knew anything about the "go" of the bells, some apprehension was felt as to undertaking the peal, but this was put on one side directly the bells were set swinging to a short touch of 398 by the following: G. Winter, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. M. Farr, 3; T. Spurr, 4; J. Bottomley, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; R. Potter, 10. And after another touch of 180 by a mixed company, consisting of J. Whetstone, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. Winter, 3; T. Spurr, 4; J. Bottomley, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; — Crawford, 7; R. Potter, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; W. Clayton, 10, the bells were at rest for the evening service. After this was finished they were again set swinging to the tune of Grandsire Caters, this time the peal being attempted by the same company who rang the touch of 398. A nice even speed was soon obtained, and some capital striking was kept up for 70 mins., when, unfortunately, the attempt had to be abandoned. After some further ringing, the same performers rang a splendidly-struck touch of 504 changes, standing as for the attempted peal. This finished the day's ringing, and after a grand drop, the Retford men and a few of the Grantham ringers adjourned to The Angel and Royal, where they were entertained at supper by Mr. T. H. Denman, of Retford. After this had been satisfactorily disposed of, the Grantham bells naturally came up for discussion. All agreed that the peal is a very fine one, going well, but making far too much noise in the ringing chamber, in fact, one of the Grantham men said, "you find a noise, don't you? you want to put some water in your ears, it will make it better." This could very easily be altered by putting in an additional floor of plaster or some other suitable material between the ringing-chamber and the bells.

The Retford men desire to express their extreme gratitude for the very kind manner in which they were received by their Grantham brethren, and also to thank the church officials for the use of the bells, and Mr. Parker, the steeple-keeper, for having them in such good going order. Although rather disappointed by not scoring the peal, they thoroughly enjoyed their outing, and hope to visit the town again in the course of a few months, when they trust to be more successful.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Drighlington on Saturday, April 27th, and was numerously attended. Members and other ringing friends were present from most of the adjoining churches. The peal arranged for was not attempted, one of the band being detained through unforeseen circumstances. Tower bell ringing was however commenced early to celebrate the marriage of a popular inhabitant, which was followed by touches of Grandsire, etc. The business meeting was held at The Spotted Cow, the President, Mr. C. Pratt, presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read. Other business of a formal character was next gone through, and votes of thanks were passed to the vicar, wardens, and local company for the use of the bells, etc. Touches of Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung on the tower bells, and touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire Triples and Caters, and Stedman were rung on the handbells at the meeting-house.

### THE LONG PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH AT ROMFORD, ESSEX.

Steps having been taken to secure a Peal Board to record the 13,340 Double Norwich Court Bob Major rang at Romford on April 18th, 1894, Saturday, May 4th, was the day fixed upon for erecting the same, for which purpose the whole of the band decided to pay another visit to Romford. The Board having been duly erected, ringing commenced, and four courses of Superlative were scored, the band standing as in the long peal, with the exception that the second rope was taken by Mr. Perkins, in place of Mr. Barnett, who put in an appearance later on. A touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Stedman Triples were also rung, some of the local band taking part in the same. In the evening, the whole of the company sat down at The Swan to a capital dinner, well served up by Host Norris. Well-known course-ends came up in grand style, enlivened at frequent intervals with the usual familiar musical (Hornchurch) changes.

In the absence of the Churchwarden, Mr. Foskett occupied the Chair, and Mr. Newson was, as usual, at the other end. In opening the after proceedings, the Chairman said he should always look back upon the ringing of the peal which had brought them together that evening as one of the events of his life, in fact, it would shine out as one of the chief events to the end of his days. He was sure that each of the band would look back upon that memorable occasion last year, when the peal was accomplished, with pleasure. Not only was this so, but he was sure that if the day should come when the peal was eclipsed, that each member of the band would be ready and willing to obey the call of the conductor, and ring another yet longer. It was well within their memory that on the previous Easter Monday a very unfortunate circumstance occurred at Brentwood, after ringing over eight hours, during which everyone had done his best, to his dismay he felt the rope of the treble coming down. At first he thought it impossible, but he soon found it was so. He looked round, and saw the conductor's face was not shining so bright as it did a moment previously. The 6th man had set his bell before anyone could give him the chance to be told, while the 7th appeared more inclined, before he really saw the disaster, to give the 6th man his toe. It was of course a misfortune, but they had the satisfaction of finding a large number of sympathetic friends outside, when the real facts were made known. Well, it was not long before a notice appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" that a band of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were going to ring this peal. It so happened on the same evening, at a meeting of the Society, Mr. Perkins put in an appearance and asked what they were going to do, were they going for the peal again, or did they intend to allow other people to ring it. It was decided, if possible, to make the attempt. Mr. Perkins came and made the necessary arrangements, and they, the band, were grateful to him for doing so. They met with the determination that, if possible, the peal should be rung. They did succeed, and he could say without the slightest shadow of a blush, that it was a good peal, one such that he should never be able to ring a better. The whole of the band could say that not only was the peal a good one, but a true one, and they were all pleased to see the tablet that had been put up to record the performance. He desired to take that opportunity of expressing to the Vicar and Churchwardens the thanks of the band and the Society for granting permission to ring. No doubt there was some reluctance to let them make the attempt, considering it was market day above all others. As the market was directly opposite the church, some of the band were able to have a look out and see what was going on, not however without a rebuff from the conductor to mind what they were about, and not to trouble about those outside. He could only express the hope that if ever the peal was eclipsed that some of them would be wherever it was rung to hear it. For one, he should be prepared to ring another to beat it.

Mr. H. Dains, in a nice little speech, proposed "Church and State," to which the Chairman replied.

Mr. B. Keeble, in proposing "The Cumberland Society and the Record Peal Band," remarked that it was a toast which required some-one with more ability than he possessed to do justice to, but he was sure that in such a company the manner in which it would be received would make up for his shortcomings. He need not refer to the past history of the Society,

or to any of those grand performances, records of which had been handed down to the present time, for these were all well-known, and it was clear that the Society still included those that could accomplish equal performances, one of which had brought those present together that evening. He would not attempt to set himself up as an expert, capable of criticism, but he would take that opportunity of mentioning that when seeking a rest at Bournemouth twelve months ago, the peal which had just been rung was referred to, and in reply to questions both at St. Peter's and at Christ Church, he was able to say that having had the opportunity of listening to the progress of the peal at frequent intervals, neither himself nor another who listened with him were able to detect the slightest hitch, and so far as he was capable of judging there was no variation of the time in the striking between the first quarter of an hour and that of the last quarter of an hour, or at any time during the day. This, he ventured to assert, would have been confirmed by the greatest critic that could have been present. With the toast he would couple the name of the Chairman as Master of the Society, and the Vice-Chairman as conductor of the peal. He would venture to say that at all times any of the band or those of any other Society would find a hearty welcome at Romford, but don't let them come again for a long peal on Market Day.

The Chairman having replied in a happy little speech, the Vice-Chairman said there had already been rumours of an attempt at a longer peal, but at present nothing further. If such should succeed, he should be willing to do his part to eclipse it, for he had no doubt he could have stood another three or four hours.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Essex Association," referred to the progress made in Essex in change-ringing since the formation of the Association, and expressed the hope that the Association would continue to flourish.

Mr. Perkins, who replied, pointed out how the Association had extended itself to all parts of the county, and included many prominent metropolitan ringers. Not only had the Association brought about belfry reform in the way of restoration in many places where needed, but it had greatly promoted the Art of change-ringing. He was pleased to say there was a local band practising Double Norwich, and it was hoped soon to score a peal.

"The Chairman," concluded the toast list, which was interspersed with songs and handbell ringing.

Mr. Churchwarden Hammond gave the Board; Mr. A. Money Wigram, M.P., and Mr. T. Bird, J.P., C.C., kindly contributed to the funds.

The whole of the writing is done in bold gold letters, and is the work of Mr. R. T. Rawlings, of Romford.

### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held at Sefton on Saturday, April 27th. The members and their friends assembled in the ancient parish church of St. Helen, when a short service was conducted by the rector, assisted by the Rev. G. F. Owen, curate of St. Thomas', Seaforth. Subsequently a substantial tea was provided in the schoolroom, presided over by Miss D. Wall, daughter of the rector, and Mrs. John Martin. The members present formed themselves into a business meeting. Mr. R. Musker, of Sefton, occupying the chair. The treasurer read a printed balance-sheet, showing, after all expenses were paid, a respectable credit in favour of the general and benevolent fund. The ringing secretary, Mr. W. Bentham, gave a detailed report of the proceedings at the general meeting of the ringing societies of all England, held recently at Sheffield, which he attended as the representative of the Liverpool Guild. An effort was made at Sheffield to establish a general benevolent fund, which was opposed. A pleasing feature in the meeting was the inauguration of lady honorary members, four being elected, and it is certain that their interest will be very beneficial to the Guild. A cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. G. W. Wall, rector of Sefton, Miss D. Wall, and Mr. Robert Musker, for their kind co-operation and support, terminated an agreeable meeting.

Several touches were rang on the old and sweet-toned bells, the only regrettable feature being that in consequence of the threatening nature of the weather, less than the usual number of ringers went out. The next meeting will be held at Hindley near Wigan, on the last Saturday in June.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Bridgend on Monday, April 15th. Ringers were present from Penarth, Aberdare, Chepstow, Cowbridge, Laleston, and Llandaff. The Penarth ringers visited Coity, and rang a touch of Bob Minor, but unfortunately a funeral put a stop to further ringing on these beautiful bells. On returning to Bridgend a visit was made to the tower of St. Illtyd's, when in the course of the afternoon and evening several touches were rung by mixed bands. At 3 p.m. the meeting was held in the Newcastle parish room under the presidency of the vicar (Rev. D. Davies, M.A.), who cordially welcomed the Association to Bridgend, and also expressed the hope that scientific change-ringing would be more universally taken up in the towers of the diocese.

The Hon. Secretary (Rev. Canon Downing), in the course of an interesting address, said that when the Association was started some eighteen months ago, there were those who prophesied that at the end of six months they would not have six members, but he was glad to say that the prophecy remained unfulfilled, as instead of decreasing, they had increased, with the result that they had now a membership of seventy, and a balance in the bank of about £10. The rev. gentleman also remarked that towers wishing an Instructor could be supplied with one on writing to headquarters, as he had been waiting to hear from them for some time. The rules provided that funds permitting, the Committee should assist any local band to secure the services of a change-ringing Instructor, and he hoped that ringers would embrace the opportunities offered. He also remarked that churchwardens had told him that since the Association had been in existence, bell-ringing had considerably improved, and the ringers seemed to have learnt that they were indeed church-workers, and regard ringing as an act of worship to Almighty God, and not one for self-glorification or amusement. In the course of further remarks the Canon said there were now eight towers belonging to the Association, and he hoped that the number would be speedily increased.

Applications were at once made for an Instructor for Aberdare, Bridgend, and Cowbridge, and Canon Downing promised to comply with their request.

A vote of thanks to the vicar of St. Illtyd's, Newcastle, for presiding, concluded the meeting.

At 4 o'clock a service was held in St. Illtyd's church, when all the ringers attended. The vicar of Newcastle read the shortened form of service, and delivered a most helpful address from the chancel. A sumptuous meat tea was subsequently partaken of in the parish room, the spread being generously provided by the vicar, who presided. The ringers were joined by Mr. T. Lloyd Edwards (people's warden), and Mr. S. H. Stockwood, who represented his father, Mr. T. Stockwood, who for over fifty years has been vicar's warden. The wants of the guests were admirably looked after by Mrs. and Miss Davies (the vicarage), Mrs. Bascombe, Mrs. Gregory, and Mrs. Evans.

After tea the toast of "Church and Queen" was most enthusiastically received.

The Hon. Secretary then proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting; also for the sumptuous repast he had entertained them to, and last, but not least, for the kindly and encouraging words he had spoken to them in the church. The vicar had exactly hit the main point of their Association when he spoke to them of the necessity of always keeping before them what their duty was. As the vicar said, their duty was not to ring for pleasure to please themselves, but their work must be done to the glory of God. He hoped the vicar's words would sink deeply into their hearts, and he thought how nice it would be if they had the words of the 150th Psalm printed and hung up in every belfry belonging to the Association.

Mr. Roberts (Aberdare), seconded the vote of thanks, and said he hoped all would take away in their hearts the earnest words of the vicar.

The vicar briefly returned thanks, and said he hoped the members of the Association would carry away with them pleasant memories of the beautiful little church on the top of the hill at Newcastle.

Mr. S. H. Stockwood, who humorously referred to himself

as the "deputy-assistant sub-churchwarden," addressed a few words to the ringers, and thanked them for the treat they afforded all by their splendid handling of the bells.

Mr. Thomas (Penarth), moved a vote of thanks to the local secretary (Mr. G. T. Hardwick), and paid a high tribute to that gentleman's energy, and to the local ringers for the progress they had made.

Mr. Biss (Llandaff) seconded, and Mr. G. T. Hardwick suitably acknowledged the compliment.

The bells were rung after tea in different touches, and later in the evening the ringers departed, taking with them, it is hoped, none but the most pleasant recollections of the first meeting at Bridgend.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The April meeting of this Association was held at Ossett on Saturday, April 20th, when members assembled from Ossett, Mirfield, Batley Carr, Dewsbury, Horbury, and Earlsbeaton. The meeting for business was held at The Red Lion, when it was proposed that the six-bell cup be handed to the Thornhill company on May 4th; that the judges for the six-bell contest be selected at Horbury; that the next committee meeting be held at Thornhill on May 4th; that the entrance to the six-bell contest close on May 18th. Other business being transacted, the meeting closed.

## STOCKLAND, DEVON.

On Easter Monday the St. Sidwell's (Exeter) ringers visited this place and rang several touches on the parish church bells, under the leadership of Mr. Ferris Shepherd. The occasion was the dedication of the church bells. The Axminster guild of ringers, under the leadership of Mr. W. E. Pitfield Chapple, was also present in addition to several other guilds. All expressed themselves delighted with the "go" and tone of the bells. The work was entrusted and carried out satisfactorily by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, Exeter.

## UPPINGHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.

At a vestry meeting held on a recent Tuesday, the Venerable Archdeacon Lightfoot presiding, Messrs. W. Compton and H. Kirby were re-elected churchwardens, and Messrs. A. Seaton, J. C. Guy, H. H. Stephenson, and R. Turner sidesmen. Mr. R. B. Watts, organist, was re-appointed. The Chairman read a report from Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, regarding the church bells, which were stated to be in a very bad condition, the fittings being old rickety. The probable cost of putting them in order would be about £300. It was decided to form a committee to act with the churchwardens in the matter.

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3 2 6 5 4 - s

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1895.

THE refutation of the statements volunteered by Mr. WINNEY at the meeting of the Central Council, relative to the performance of a peal of Double Norwich Court upon handbells will, it is hoped, act as a salutary deterrent upon those who accept mere gossiping recitals as facts. We are willing to believe the gentleman above-named was fully convinced that his impeachment of the peal was unanswerable, although his allusion to it was quite out of place at the moment. MR. WINNEY is well-known as a most clever ringer and conductor, both on handbells and in the tower; while his faculties of judging from the outside approach very nearly those enjoyed by such men as the late Messrs. HALEY and COX. But such attainments do not always accompany powers of logical reasoning, or the facility of making oneself clear in discussion and argument. As Mr. WINNEY has not, up to the time we write, ventured to traverse the statements made last week in letters by the REV. H. LAW JAMES, and his brother, MR. E. B. JAMES, it may be assumed that the facts connected with the peal in question remain with the latter gentlemen. The rectitude of the peal will certainly be established in the hands of all reasonable men, and we would indulge in the hope that its accuser will be among the number so convinced.

This case affords us another exemplification of the care



required in acting upon what we may call mere hearsay evidence. Unfortunately, the amusement of throwing doubt upon a performance somewhat out of the common is popular in some circles, and the slightest hint this way is very apt to merge into bold and strongly-worded assertions. This is a great evil, it must be admitted, and we can perhaps only trust to the steady march of intellect for its total removal.

A correspondent asked last week what the executive of the Sussex County Association offers in the way of instruction to young bands wishing to receive it. With commendable promptitude, Mr. S. SAKER, Hon. Secretary for the Eastern Division of this Association, writes: "Having noticed in your paper of 11th May, the paragraph ending with the query 'What do the Sussex Association offer?' I take this opportunity of thanking 'J. S.' for calling attention to the fact of there being a band of ringers at Hartfield willing and anxious to become change-ringers, and if 'J. S.' will kindly send the name and address of the captain or secretary of the band in question, I will at once do myself the pleasure of communicating with him, with the view of rendering what assistance I can on behalf of the Sussex Association. Presumably, the members of the Hartfield Society seldom see a copy of 'THE BELL NEWS,' or they would have gathered from the reports frequently appearing therein that the Sussex Association has a great desire to assist and encourage all ringers in the county to become change-ringers, and also to obtain their support. They would also have noticed that two very successful meetings of the Association have been held recently near to Hartfield, viz.: at Lindfield and East Grinstead." For the benefit of the correspondent who signs himself "J. S.," we may inform him that Mr. SAKER's address is 101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

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HORACE HOWLETT* .. .. . 4.	†JOHN C. SELF .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. Messrs. Wightman hail from Cratlingham, and the rest belong to the local company. This is a three part peal and has the 4th, 5th, and 6th twelve times each in 6th place at a course-end, and the 2nd never there, and is now rung for the first time.

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

On Thursday, May 9, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS .. .. Treble.	JAMES SAXBY .. .. . 5.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. . 2.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. . 6.
JOHN TURNER .. .. . 3.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. . 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. . 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

#### WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

##### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(WALTHAM ABBEY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 9, 1895, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE GREEN DRAGON INN, WALTHAM,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

FRANK JELF* .. .. . 1-2.	WILLIAM A. ALPS .. .. . 5-6.
DAVID TURLING .. .. . 3-4.	*GEORGE E. PEACE .. .. . 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. ALPS.

\*First peal on handbells. Referees, Thomas Colverd and Frank Carter.

#### CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

##### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Friday, May 10, 1895, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS .. Treble.	*WALTER T. BENNETT .. 6.
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 2.	†WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. . 3.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 8.
WILLIAM T. PATES .. .. 4.	HENRY ROBERTS .. .. . 9.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 5.	RICHARD TRIGG .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM T. PATES and Conducted by HENRY ROBERTS.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters †First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Austin, Bennett and Pegler hail from Gloucester, and J. W. Taylor, jun. from Loughborough. This is the quickest peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

#### WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.

##### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1895, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM G. HALL* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS HORTON .. .. . 5.
BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. . 2.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. . 6.
HERBERT KNIGHT* .. .. . 3.	*AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. . 7.
HENRY DAWKES* .. .. . 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. . Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Major, and first peal of Major on the bells. B. Dalton hails from Tettenhall; T. Horton from West Bromwich; W. Smith from Darlaston; and the rest from Wolverhampton.



## SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 5, 1895, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

W. BAILEY† .. .. Treble.	W. L. MASON .. .. 5.
J. BOOTHMAN .. .. 2.	H. HORNER .. .. 6.
S. DOUGHTY .. .. 3.	W. BILLOWS .. .. 7.
W. CLARKE .. .. 4.	W. D. HILLARY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

†First peal. Messrs. Clarke and Mason hail from Gargrave; the rest belong to the local company. This peal, in fourteen courses, contains the 6th the extent each way, and the 4th the extent in 6ths place.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1895, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

ALPHÆUS PERKINS* .. .. Treble.	JAMES GARRATT .. .. 5.
HERBERT SHARP .. .. 2.	ANDERSON YORK TYLER .. 6.
WILLIAM PETTITT* .. .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 7.
WILLIAM GILBERT .. .. 4.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

\*First peal in the method. Messrs. Clarke and Sharp hail from Bedford; Gilbert from Raunds; the rest belong to Irtlingborough.

## PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1895, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

ARTHUR STOKOE .. .. Treble.	EDWIN WHEATHER .. .. 5.
ROBERT THOMAS .. .. 2.	LEONARD STOKOE .. .. 6.
GEORGE HUNT* .. .. 3.	FREDK. W. HARGREAVES .. 7.
HERBERT ROWLEY* .. .. 4.	CHARLES DRACUP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by  
FREDERICK W. HARGREAVES.

\*First peal of Major and first attempt. Messrs. A. and L. Stokoe and Thomas hail from Headingley; Hunt and Rowley from Horbury; Wheather from Tong; Hargreaves from Drighlington; and Dracup from Low Moor.

## BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 14, 1895, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FRANK HULL* .. .. Treble.	*FRANK SMITH .. .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 2.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. 6.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 3.	†HERBERT SHARP .. .. 7.
PERCY HOWARD .. .. 4.	‡DONALD THOMPSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT SHARP.

\*First peal in the method. †First time as conductor of Holt's Original. ‡First peal. It was intended to start for Treble Bob Major, but meeting one who the above was rung instead. Great credit is due to Donald Thompson, age 17 years, for taking the vacant rope and ringing his first peal.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## AMBERLEY, SUSSEX.

On Sunday, March 3, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF DOUBLES;

In the four following methods:

Eleven of Burstow Doubles, eleven of Plain Bob, ten of Canterbury, and ten of Grandsire.

JOHN NETLEY .. .. Treble.	THOMAS SEARLE .. .. 3.
OLIVER RATLEY .. .. 2.	GEORGE HARRY LEE .. 4.
	WALTER SEARLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER SEARLE.

John Netley hails from Arundel, the rest belong to the local band.

## ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, May 11, 1895, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## SEVEN 720S OF TREBLE BOB MINOR;

In the following methods:

Primrose, College Treble, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY GREAVES .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. 4.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 2.	WM. HENRY TURTON .. 5.
JAMES EMMEN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LAMBERT.

This is the first 5040 that has been rung on the bells, which were cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, twenty-four years ago. The ringers of the 4th and 6th hail from Treeton; the rest from Killamarsh. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. W. H. Rigg and the local ringers for permission to ring on the bells, and to Mr. C. F. Fowler for having everything in readiness for them.

## BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 14, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## SEVEN 720S OF TREBLE BOB MINOR;

In the following methods:

Bristol Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Imperial, Duke of York, Violet, and Woodbine.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in A flat.

HENRY ALCOCK* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES PRESTON .. .. 4.
DANIEL PRASTON† .. .. 2.	†JOHN E. WHEELDON .. 5.
WILLIAM WHEELDON .. 3.	WILLIAM TWIGG .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

\*First 5040. †First 5040 with a bob bell. ‡First 5040 as conductor. The above was rung at the first attempt.

## Date Touches.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, April 17th, at Church House, a date touch of Doubles, 1895 changes, in 35 mins., being five 6-scores and 95 changes of Plain Bob, five 6-scores of Canterbury, four of Grandsire, and one of St. Simon's. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; P. P. W. Meadows, 5-6. First date touch by all. Also a date touch of Bob Minor in 37 mins. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. First date touch by S. M. W. Meadows.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service, and being the birthday of T. Faulkner, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 45 mins. H. E. Parker, 1; T. Faulkner, 2; A. Hardy, 3; E. Lucas, 4; F. Norris, 5; Y. Green (conductor), 6; A. Wright, 7; A. Deards, 8.

BOCKING (Essex). On Sunday, March 24th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, at St. Mary's church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. S. Sargent, 1; F. Radley, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Tuesday, March 26th, for practice, 720 New London Pleasure. G. Melbourne (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. For the afternoon service, on April 7th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Warren, 1; E. Carter, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. For the morning service, on Sunday, April 14th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. And for practice on April 16th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Grimwade, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Warren, 3; S. Hayes (first 720 in the method), 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Sunday, April 21st, after evening service at Holy Trinity church, Barking road, 720 Double Court Bob Minor.

C. Dempsey, 1; E. Pye, 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; W. Pye, 4; E. Clayton, 5; G. R. Pye (conductor), 6. And 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor. C. Dempsey, 1; H. Randall, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; E. Clayton (conductor), 6.

BRENTWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday, April 28th, for evening service, 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Watson, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. H. Doran, 3; F. A. Nunn, 4; E. Pye, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 21st, for morning service at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, and also the birthday of A. Deards, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. F. G. Bailey (conductor), 1; A. Deards, 2; J. Bonney, 3; T. Gwynne, 4; E. Clarke, 5; W. Prime, 6; J. Thompson, 7; W. Williamson, 8.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WISSETT (Suffolk).—On Thursday, April 11th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. S. Kerrison, 1; F. Lambert (conductor), 2; W. Kemp, 3; W. Durrant, 4; C. Kerrison, 5.

BRAMFIELD (Suffolk).—On Monday, April 22nd, 720 Bob, April Day, and Grandsire Doubles. J. Fenn, 1; F. Lambert, 2; J. Larter (conductor), 3; E. Thain, 4; J. Punchard, 5.

RUMBURGH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, April 17th, 720 Grandsire and Bob Doubles. G. Warren, 1; C. Kerrison, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; S. Bird, 4; W. Hunt, 5.

WESTHALL (Suffolk).—Recently, 720 Stedman Doubles. J. Woolnough, 1; J. Cole, 2; F. Lambert, 3; R. Lambert, 4; J. Larter (conductor), 5.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday morning for Divine Service, 672 Bob Major. S. Kerrison, 1; F. Lambert, 2; E. Easter, 3; J. Howard, 4; R. Howard, 5; T. Bell (Leiston), 6; C. Kerrison, 7; J. Larter (conductor), 8. And on handbells, 1260 Grandsire, April Day, and Plain Bob Doubles, in 38 mins. A. Took, 1; A. Lee, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3-4; Mrs. F. Lambert, 5-6. And 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Peck, 1; A. Lee, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3-4; Mrs. F. Lambert, 5-6. On Sunday, April 28th, at St. Mary's church, 360 and 180 Bob Minor. F. Lambert, 1; E. Easter, 2; R. Howard, 3; J. Larter (conductor), 4; E. Thain, 5; J. Punchard, 6.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, April 9th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles), in 15 mins. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. On Saturday, April 13th, 756 Bob Triples. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6; P. P. W. Meadows, 7-8. Longest touch in the method by all except the conductor. And 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 15 mins. Miss C. Meadows, 1; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. On Monday, April 15th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 15 mins. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. On Friday, April 19th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 14 mins. Miss C. Meadows (conductor), 1-2; S. M. W. Meadows, 3-4; F. E. W. Meadows, 5-6. Miss C. Meadows is believed to be the first lady who has yet called a 720. Also a course of College Single, standing in the same order.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Easter Sunday, April 14th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, for 8 a.m. service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Howard, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; P. Knight, 3; G. Hoad, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Moses, 6; F. T. Hoad, jun., 7; A. Moseley, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Howard, 1; E. Dewey, 2; G. Hoad, 3; P. Knight, 4; F. T. Hoad, jun., 5; W. Argent (conductor), 6; E. Moses, 7; A. Moseley, 8. Also for 11 a.m. service, 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Dewey, 1; P. Knight, 2; F. Linter, 3; G. Hoad, 4; F. T. Hoad, jun., 5; W. Argent (conductor), 6; E. Kenward, 7; A. Moseley, 8. And 504 Oxford Bob Triples. E. Dewey, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; G. Croucher, 3; T. Brown, 4; F. T. Hoad, jun., 5; E. Moses, 6; E. Kenward, 7; A. Moseley, 8. And for evening service, 448 Bob Major. P. Knight, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; G. Croucher, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; E. Moses, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Reeves (conductor), 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. E. Moses, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; G. Croucher, 3; F. Linter, 4; E. Kenward, 5; H. Reeves, 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8. And after service, 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Moses, 1; E. Dewey, 2; P. Knight, 3; T. Brown, 4; G. Hoad, 5; F. T. Hoad, jun., 6; E. Kenward (conductor), 7; A. Moseley, 8. On Monday, April 22nd, for practice, 672 Bob Major. G. Croucher, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; F. T. Hoad, jun., 3; G. Hoad, 4; T. Brown, 5; E. Moses, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Reeves, 8.

ASHTREAD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, April 23rd, at the church of St. Giles, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 4338 changes in 2 hrs. and 35 mins., it came to grief owing to a change-course. J. Wyatt, 1; W. E. Otway, 2; H. Newnham, 3; W. R. Crockford, 4; H. Wilkinson, 5; E. Hull, 6; G. Chantler (conductor), 7; D. Anscombe, 8. This is the longest length by the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

EWELL (Surrey).—On Thursday, April 25th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Ayling, 1; F. Grove, 2; W. Worsfold, 3; G. Chantler (conductor), 4; H. Beams, 5; C. Read, 6; W. Chantler, 7; J. Reid, 8.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Monday, April 15th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs six singles). G. Conn, 1; E. Edwards, 2; H. Edwards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; W. J. Battson, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of J. Marshall's daughter. On Thursday, April 18th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), standing as before. Rung on the occasion of the wedding day of the Rev. E. H. Bennett, vicar of St. James', Doncaster, formerly senior curate of St. John's, Penge, and most of the ringers at that time were members of his Bible Class, and retain very pleasant memories of his work amongst them.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, April 21st, 168 Stedman Triples. S. Perkins, 1; P. Brooker, 2; G. Smithers, 3; W. Worsfold, 4; E. Mankelaw, 5; H. Porter, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Mankelaw, 1; J. Muggridge, 2; S. Perkins, 3; J. Beams, 4; W. Worsfold, 5; G. Smithers, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. And 350 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Worsfold, 1; W. Latter, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; J. Beams, 5; H. Porter, 6; G. Smithers, 7; E. Mankelaw, 8. J. Beams late of Chelmsford.

GREAT CHART (Kent).—On Saturday evening, April 20th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hills, 1; F. Phillpott, 2; G. H. Head, 3; J. Hover, 4; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 5; T. Tabrett, 6. First in the method by all, first 720 by ringers of the 1st and 4th, and first with a bob bell by the ringer of the 2nd. Messrs. Dyson, Tabrett, and Head belong to the Ashford branch; and the rest to Kennington.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, April 23rd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), with 6-8 covering, in 27 mins. F. Chapman, 1; E. Dyson, 2; H. N. Horton, 3; J. Rechenberg, 4; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 5; A. Collins, 6; G. Head, 7; W. Ansell, 8.

#### THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, April 21st, for evening service, 910 Oxford Bob Triples. A. J. Scott, 1; G. Thompson, 2; J. Basden (conductor), 3; E. J. Walsom, 4; F. Goddard, 5; E. Harris, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; J. Steptoe, 8.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—On Saturday, April 27th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. G. Buchanan, Esq., 1; T. Barnes, 2; D. Williams, 3; J. Lloyd, 4; W. Jones, 5; W. Greenleaf, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; A. Grice, 8. And 168 Stedman Triples. A. Grice, 4; J. G. Buchanan, Esq., 8; the rest as before. On Sunday, April 28th, for morning service, 97 and 294 Grandsire Triples. A. Grice, 1; T. Barnes, 2; D. Williams, 3; J. Lloyd, 4; W. Jones, 5; W. Greenleaf, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; F. S. Jones, 8. And for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Lloyd, 1; W. Maddox, 2; D. Williams, 3; T. Barnes, 4; W. Jones, 5; W. Greenleaf, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; A. Grice, 8.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Stone, 1; W. Ward, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. Harper, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. Dover, 8. On Tuesday, April 16th, at the election of churchwardens, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Symons (conductor), 2; A. Stone, 3; W. Cornish, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. Harper, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. Dover, 8. On Tuesday, April 23rd, on the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. H. P. M. Lafone, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing 1 hr 35 mins. C. Groves, 1; Symons (conductor), 2; A. Stone, 3; W. Cornish, 4; J. Harper, 5; T. J. Matthews, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. Dover, 8. And on Sunday, April 28th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Drinkwater, 1; J. Symons (conductor), 2; C. Groves, 3; W. Cornish, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. Harper, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. Dover, 8.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRODSHAM (Cheshire).—At the parish church, on Saturday, April 20th, 720 College Single in 34½ mins. J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; C. R. Greenall, 5; F. T. Spence (conductor), 6. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob. F. T. Spence, 5; C. R. Greenall (conductor), 6; the rest as before. A 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Mostyn, 2; S. Lewis, 3; C. R. Greenall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. A 720 of Plain Bob. F. Webb (first 720), 1; F. T. Spence, 2; G. Lewis, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; C. R. Greenall, 5; J. W. Booth (conductor), 6. And 720 of Oxford Single. W. Bibley (first 720), 1; G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence, 5; J. W. Booth (conductor), 6. The ringers who with the exception of Messrs. Webb and Bibley hail from Grappenhall, wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, through this paper.

GAWSWORTH.—On Sunday, April 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-six bobs twelve singles). J. Armstrong, 1; F. Stanley, 2; W. Steel, 3; W. Matthews, 4; C. Postles, 5; W. Walmsley (composer and conductor), 6. All except the ringer of the 5th hail from Macclesfield.

## THE BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, April 27th, for evening service at St. Chad's cathedral (r.c.), Johnson's quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. H. Bluck, 1; J. Porter (conductor), 2; W. Brook, 3; W. Bryan, 4; R. Hunt, 5; R. Hackley, 6; A. Hackley, 7; W. Sanigar, 8.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, April 26th, at the parish church, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. Rev. R. Bond, 1; W. D. Tinker, 2; A. H. Wheeler (first quarter-peat with a bob bell), 3; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 4; W. W. Bust, 5; G. Wilsun, 6; F. T. W. Butler (composer and conductor), 7; H. W. Kirton, 8. The Rev. H. J. Elsee hails from Manchester.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

BARNET.—On Monday, April 15th, a half-peat of Bob Major, 2528 changes, in 1 hr. and 42 mins. J. W. Ginns, 1; E. E. Pratchett, 2; W. F. Meads, 3; F. Carroway, 4; F. Blondell, 5; J. D. Matthews, 6; H. Stubbs, 7; C. H. Martin (composer and conductor), 8.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, April 14th, after evening service, by six members of the St. Peter's Society, Wolverhampton, 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. W. G. Hall, 1; H. Knight, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; H. A. Hall, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 28th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Vaughan, 1; R. Dale, 2; H. Mance, 3; J. Brown, 4; W. Short, 5; H. Burstow, 6; E. C. Boniface (conductor), 7; J. Rice, 8. And 420 Court Bob Triples. C. Vaughan, 1; R. Dale, 2; H. Mance, 3; J. Brown, 4; W. Short, 5; E. C. Boniface, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; J. Rice, 8. Also 840 Oxford Bob Triples. C. Vaughan, 1; R. Dale, 2; J. Brown, 3; H. Mance, 4; W. Short, 5; E. C. Boniface, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; J. Rice, 8.

BATH (Somerset).—On Monday, April 23rd, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. H. J. Wyburn, 1; W. Bruton, 2; P. Charles, 3; J. Fussell, 4; G. H. Hill (conductor), 5; J. Higgs, 6; F. G. Beesley, 7; F. Verrier, 8. Rung on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of G. H. Hill's wedding. And 350 Grandsire Triples. H. J. Wyburn, 1; E. G. Dainton, 2; W. Bruton, 3; F. King (conductor), 4; G. H. Hill, 5; J. Higgs, 6; J. Fussell, 7; F. G. Beesley, 8.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, April 21st, for morning service, at the parish church of St. Mary, 360 of Plain Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. C. Heyling, 1; R. Thompson, 2; W. Freestone, 3; H. Morgan, 4; W. Andrews, 5; J. Morley (conductor), 6; W. Yandall, 7; W. Smith, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E. This is the longest length of Minor by ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th. C. Heyling, R. Thompson, W. Freestone, H. Morgan, J. Morley, and W. Yandall are members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association. A 240 of Plain Bob Doubles, on the back six. C. Heyling, 1; R. Thompson, 2; H. Morgan, 3; W. Andrews, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6. And for evening service, 252 of Plain Bob Triples. C. Heyling, 1; W. Freestone, 2; G. Williams, 3; R. Thompson, 4; S. Hopton, 5; W. Andrews, 6; J. Morley (conductor), 7; E. Williams, 8.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Monday evening, April 22nd, at the parish church, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Newman, A. E. Midmore, H. Cruttenden, T. Clarke, N. Cruttenden, T. Hunnisett, T. Lewis (conductor), W. Sharpe. Also 504 in the same method. J. Newman, H. Vernon, A. E. Midmore, T. Clarke, N. Cruttenden, T. Hunnisett, (conductor), E. Willoughby, H. Cruttenden. And 350. A. E. Midmore, C. Lewis, H. Cruttenden, N. Cruttenden, H. Vernon (conductor), T. Clarke, T. Lewis, J. Newman. Also 504. J. Newman, H. Vernon, N. Cruttenden, T. Clarke, T. Willoughby, T. Lewis, B. Hobbs (conductor), T. Deadman. And 210. J. Newman, N. Cruttenden, E. Willoughby (conductor), T. Clarke, W. Avann, T. Hunnisett, T. Willoughby, A. Hudson. Messrs. N. and H. Cruttenden, T. Clarke, and T. Hunnisett hail from Bexhill, the rest are local men.

MILTON NEXT GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Sunday, April 21st, for evening service at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Plain Bob. B. Skinner, 1; W. H. Royston, 2; J. Smith, 3; F. Hayes, 4; R. Nunn, 5; H. D. Davis (conductor), 6.

RAMSBOTTOM (Lancashire).—On Monday, April 22nd, at the church of St. Paul, 559 Grandsire Triples. R. Leach, 1; J. H. Haydock, 2; J. Wolstenholme, 3; A. Clegg, 4; J. Hanson, 5; J. S. Taylor, 6; Rev. C. A. Clements (conductor), 7; J. Booth, 8. Longest length with a bob bell by J. Hanson.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks.).—On Saturday, April 27th, at the church of St. Giles, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-six bobs and twelve singles). A. E. Gidman, 1; E. Herbert, 2; G. Cowley, 3; Charles Herbert, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; G. Valentine, jun. (conductor), 6. A 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). Charles Herbert, 1; G. Valentine, jun., 2; E. Herbert, 3; G. Cowley, 4; A. E. Gidman, 5; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 6. A 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). G. Valentine, jun., 1; E. Herbert, 2; R. W. Valentine, 3; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 4; G. Cowley, 5; E. Yates, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in F. Messrs. Herbert hail from Woburn, Beds.; the rest belong to Stony Stratford.

## Obituary.

## ABRAHAM MOULSON.

Another link between the past and present generation has been severed by the death of Mr. Moulson, which sad event took place on Saturday, May 11th. Nearly half a century ago he commenced ringing at Bradford parish church, and throughout the long period which has intervened since that time his honesty of purpose and amiability of character gained for him the highest esteem amongst his brother-ringers. When the Yorkshire Association was founded, he warmly supported the project, and his name was entered first on the books as a member, a circumstance which was always regarded by him with the greatest satisfaction. Old ringers could always depend upon him as an able executant—a safe ringer and good striker. Young ringers anxious to perfect themselves in the art ever found a warm friend in him. For a while back, advancing years and a physical infirmity compelled him to relinquish the active work of ringing, but his interest remained as keen as ever. He was confined to bed, through the result of a chill, on Monday, the 6th inst., from which he never rallied, and died as above stated on the Saturday following. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the 14th, at Undercliffe Cemetery, which was attended by a large number of relatives and friends, the Exercise being numerously represented. At the close of the burial service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. J. Wilson, J. H. Hardcastle, B. T. Copley and J. Angus, in accordance with a wish expressed by Mr. Moulson during his illness. That illness was short and painful, yet, verily, he rests in peace.

## GEORGE PROCTER.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. Geo. Procter, a member of the Hull branch of the Yorkshire Association, which took place in the Royal Infirmary, Hull, on May 1st. Mr. Procter joined the Yorkshire Association in 1885, and came to Hull from Leeds about the close of 1888. Since then he has followed a seafaring life, and on December 5th last, whilst off the coast of Gibraltar on a voyage to the Mediterranean ports in the s.s. *Bassano* he sustained severe internal injuries through accidentally falling down the coal bunker. On his arrival back in Hull he gradually became worse, and ultimately had to go into the hospital. Other complications setting in he passed away as above stated at the age of 45. He was interred at the western cemetery, Spring Bank, Hull, on Saturday, May 6th, being borne to his last resting place by the following Hull ringers: J. Dixey, F. Moulson, F. Merrison, and C. Jackson. Mr. Procter's mode of life necessarily prevented him from doing much ringing, but he always mixed freely with the ringers when in port, and his death is very much regretted by the Hull company.

## Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Lytham, to-day, Saturday, May 18th.

J. REDFORD, } Hon. Secs.  
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Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The quarterly general meeting will be held at Yeovil, to-day, Saturday, May 18th. Short service in the parish church (10 bells), at 2.30 p.m., to be followed by a tea and business meeting. Will those members who, at the Wiveliscombe meeting pledged themselves to form a band for Yeovil, kindly make a special effort to be present.

HY W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.  
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Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Rodmersham to-day, Saturday, May 18th. Tower will be opened for ringing at 3.30; Sittingbourne tower will be open in the evening.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. District Sec.

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Fittleworth, to-day, Saturday, May 18th. An 8-bell tower within reach if sufficient members attend, belfry opened at 2 p.m. Tea 5.30.

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The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Horbury, to-day, Saturday, May 18th, at 5 p.m. (entrances closing for the six-bell contest). Meeting house, the King's Arms. The six-bell contest takes place at Thornhill, on Whit-Monday. All companies intending practising will please communicate with Mr. Sam Booth, change-ringer, Thornhill. Upwards of £9 will be given in useful articles by the local band. GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Armley, Christ Church (six bells), on Saturday, May 25th. A peal will be attempted at 2 p.m. Meeting house, The Barley Corn inn, Town street.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

The Cheltenham and District Guild.—The annual dinner of this Guild will take place on Tuesday, May 28th, at The Sydney Arms hotel, Pittville street, at 7 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 3d. each, which can be obtained of A. N. Humphris, Uckington, near Cross Hands; W. T. Pates, Tudor House, Hewlett Road; F. Masty, 23, Princes Street; and W. Townsend, Leckhampton village. The tower of St. Mary, ten bells, will be open at 6 p.m., where all ringers will be cordially welcomed.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heath, on Saturday, June 1st. Tea at 5 p.m., business meeting afterwards. All members requested to attend, if possible, to arrange for September meeting. T. ALLIBONE, Sec.

The South and West Middlesex Association.—The annual general meeting of the above Association for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at Hillingdon, Middlesex, on Whit-Monday, June 3rd, ringing to commence at 10 o'clock. Full particulars will be published next week.

E. J. WALSOM, Hon. Sec.

1, Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Whit-Monday, June 3rd. Ringing at 11 a.m., and at other churches in the afternoon. Business meeting at Mid-day.

J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.

Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A meeting will be held at Consett, on Whit-Monday, June 3rd. Committee meeting at 12 noon, and Dinner at 1 p.m. at The Royal Hotel, Blackhill. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. each. The bells of Consett, Benfieldside, and Lanchester will be at the disposal of members during the day. Members intending to be present, please reply on or before May 30th, to

THOMAS HUDSON, Hon. Sec.

314, High Street West, Sunderland.

The North Notts Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Worksop, on Whit-Monday, June 3rd. The tower will be open at 10.30 a.m. Tea in the Town Hall at 5 p.m., members free, friends introduced 1s. Names to be sent to Geo. Barrowcliffe, School House.

H. T. SLODDEN, Secretary.

The Devon Guild.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 3rd, at Ilfracombe. Tea at Girls' schoolroom near the parish church at 4.30; meeting at parish church at 5.15; service at 6 p.m. Grants of 2s. 6d. per member attending the meeting will be made for travelling expenses. Excursion tickets for return journey, of 3s. 6d. each, will be issued from Exeter by trains leaving Queen Street at 8.35 a.m., and for bands living east of Exeter by that leaving at 9.32 a.m., if notice is given to Secretary by May 20th. Journey may be broken at Barnstaple, Braunton, and Morthe. Permission has been obtained to ring at Ilfracombe parish church (8 bells), Braunton parish church (8 bells), West Dower, four miles from Ilfracombe, 6 bells, and Berry Harbor, three miles from Ilfracombe, 6 Conveyances can be obtained at Ilfracombe for West Dower and Berry Harbor, but members must make their own arrangements for them. Please inform me at once if you intend to be present at tea.

MAITLAND KELLY, Hon. Sec.

Ottery St. Mary.

Kent County Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Faversham on Whitsun-Monday, June 3rd. Particulars next week. Application for Dinner Tickets to be made to the Hon. Sec. before May 30th.

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

The Yorkshire Association.—Owing to the Whitsuntide holidays, the next general meeting will be held at Saddleworth on Saturday, June 15th, instead of June 1st, as in the ordinary course. Circulars in due time.

B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

CORRECTION.—Mr. W. Page, of Worcester, writes: The peal of Canterbury Pleasure, published under my name in your issue of May 4th, should have a single at w in first course, making it read, single w, single m, bob H.

## BRAINTREE SURPRISE.

Mr. Eli Brooke writes: "The new method published in 'THE BELL NEWS' of May 11th, is false. Compare the third lead with the twenty-fourth, and the fourteenth lead with the twenty-third, twenty-two repetitions in each case. For the 720, the tenor is called when behind without the fifth."

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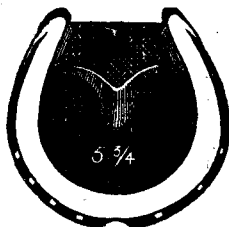
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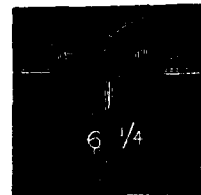


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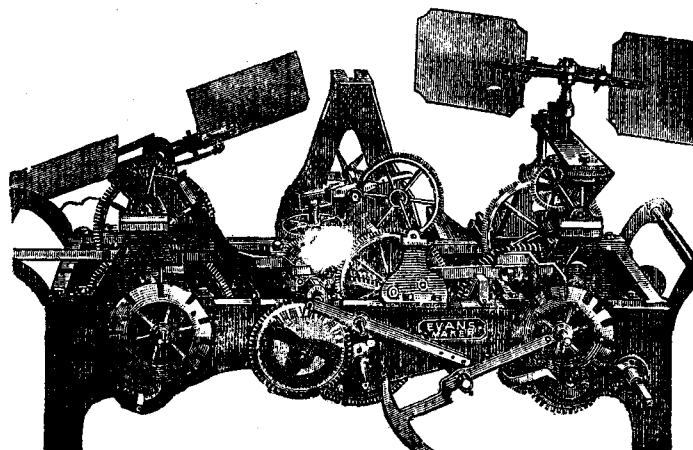
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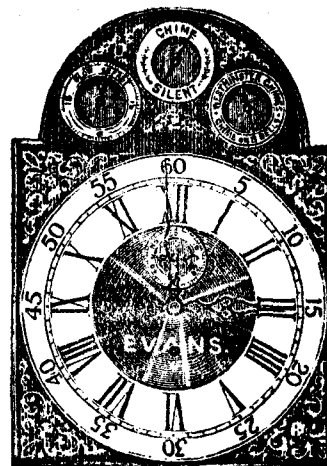
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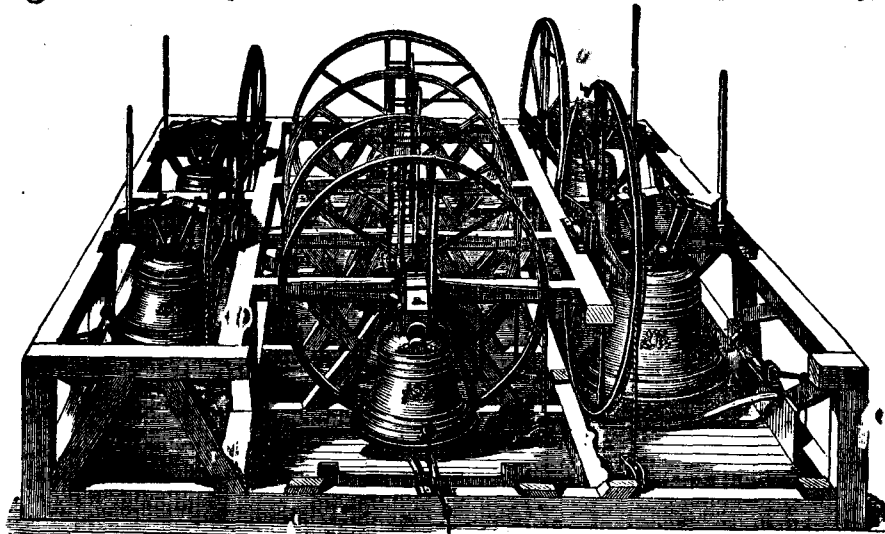


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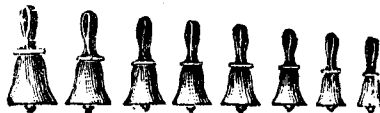
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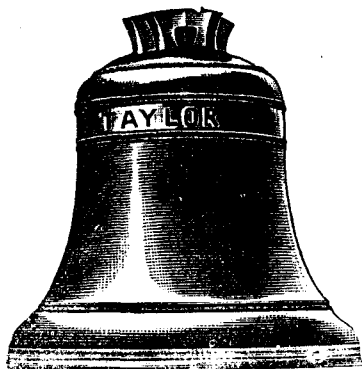
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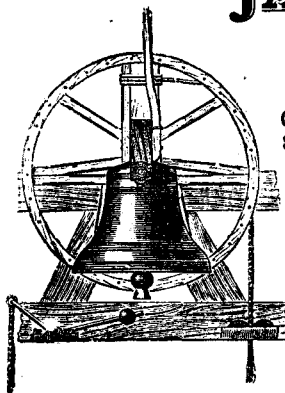
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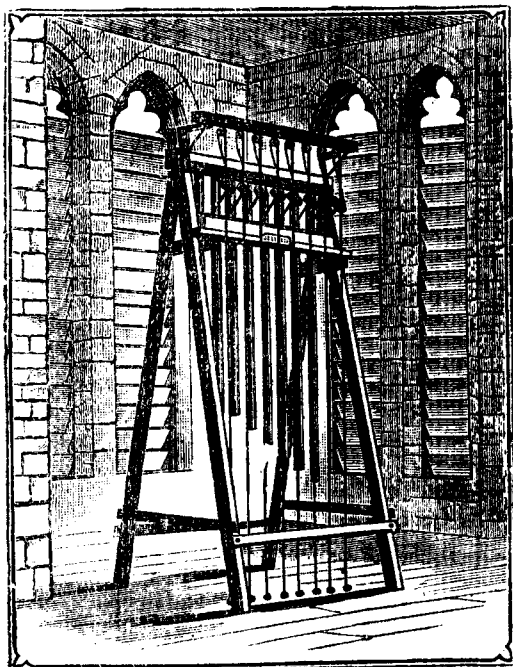
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## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

## OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Council was held at The Wharnccliffe hotel, Sheffield, on Tuesday, April 16th, the President, Mr. Percival Heywood, in the chair. Of representative members 40 were present out of 77, representing 21 out of 31 societies; and of Honorary members 3 out of 8. The minutes of the meeting of 1894 were read by the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and confirmed.

The President addressed the Council, referring to the lamented death of Mr. Proctor, and urging upon the members the importance of presenting a solid front against the attack of the Liberationists upon the endowments of the Church of England.

The Hon. Secretary stated that the year began with a balance of £40 3s. 0½d. in hand; subscriptions received, £9 7s. 6d.; sale of report on calls 14s. 8½d.; total, £50 5s. 3d.; Expenditure, stationery for three years, 5s.; postage, 12s. 8½d.; printing, £7 1s. 4d.; cost of reporting, £1; total, £8 19s. 0½d.; balance in hand, £41 6s. 2½d.

On the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the accounts were passed.

Mr. W. Snowdon moved, and the Rev. F. E. Robinson seconded, and it was carried unanimously: "That this meeting desires to place on record its high appreciation of the services rendered to the Exercise by the late Leonard Proctor, Esq., of Bennington, than whom no one has done more to encourage practical ringing in its highest branches."

The Rev. F. E. Robinson moved, and Dr. Carpenter seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Messrs. Thompson, Boughey, and Strange, be elected Honorary members of the Council, the two first-named and Captain Acland having retired by rotation.

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had duly placed in the hands of the Church Congress Subjects Committee the application of the Council to have the subject of ringing placed on the agenda for the ensuing meeting, but that he had little hope the appeal would be successful.

A letter was read from Mr. Strange reporting his advance with the Bibliography of ringing. It was decided to convey the thanks of the Council to Mr. Strange for his labours.

The report of the handbell committee was read, and Mr. Pritchett moved, and Mr. Catchpole seconded, that the recommendation of the majority of the Committee that there should be an umpire to every handbell peal should be adopted. This however was amended by the addition of the words "where practicable," and in this form the motion was carried by a large majority.

In regard to the report of the Committee on Technical terms, after some discussion it was moved by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and carried, that the report be referred back to the committee for further consideration, and that the suggested changes in terms be published in "THE BELL NEWS."

The Rev. H. A. Cockey stated that the Committee on reduced railway fares had not yet received a definite reply to their enquiries of the railway managers.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies reported the progress of the Committee for the publication of peals, and stated that a further selection would shortly be issued.

Mr. Pritchett, moved, and Mr. Washbrook seconded: "That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a benevolent fund for the benefit of veteran ringers in poor circumstances, and to report as to the best means of carrying such a scheme into effect." The motion was lost by a large majority.

Mr. G. F. Attree moved, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded: "That owing to the very unsatisfactory manner in which members are now frequently elected, it is desirable that the elections for the future be only made at some recognised annual, general, or district meeting duly called by such Association." The motion was lost by a large majority.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the next meeting of the Council be held at Brighton.

The president being here compelled to leave to attend a funeral, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer took the chair.

Mr. Snowdon moved, and Mr. Lockwood seconded the following additions to the Council's definition of a six-bell peal: "Nevertheless when a multiplicity of methods of which no two

are the same is rung, peals of Doubles and portions of true 720s, embracing bobs and also singles when the method requires them, shall be admissible, provided that the 720 changes be first rung in their entirety." The motion was lost by a large majority.

Mr. Snowdon moved, and it was seconded, "That some mode of admitting proxy voting under certain circumstances is desirable, and that a sub-committee be formed to report on this question to the next meeting of the Council" The motion was lost by a large majority.

Mr. Attree moved, and Mr. Pritchett seconded: "that the present schedule of points used in ascertaining the respective value of peals rung by the various Associations be considered, altered if found necessary, and issued in future under the authority of the Council." It was decided to refer the matter to a Committee consisting of the President, Mr. Attree, Dr. Carpenter, Mr. Dains, Mr. Washbrook, Mr. E. B. James, and Mr. J. Carter.

Mr. Attree gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that the Council meet in Whit-week instead of Easter-week.

Votes of thanks to the President and Hon. Secretary concluded the meeting.

## ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.

SOCIETY.	PRESENT.	ABSENT.
Ancient Society of College Youths ...	C. F. Winney ...	F. E. Dawe W. D. Smith W. T. Cockerill B. Foskett
Royal Cumberland Society ...	G. Newson ... H. Dains ... A. Jacob ... (unrepresented) ...	E. E. Richards W. L. Buckingham Rev. C. W. Griffith Rev. J. U. Todd
St. James' Society ...	(unrepresented) ...	J. Carter
Bath and Wells Association ...	(unrepresented) ...	L. Mackenzie, M.D. Rev. W. S. Willett R. S. Sory F. Lees
Bedfordshire Association ...	Rev. W. C. Baker ... (unrepresented) ...	Rev. T. L. Papillon W. Nevard G. H. Phillott E. B. James J. T. Bratton J. G. Wall
Birmingham and District Society ...	W. Walmesley ... R. T. Holding ... (unrepresented) ...	E. P. Debenham Rev. F. J. Helmore W. Bedwell A. E. Wreaks
Chester Diocesan Guild ...	(unrepresented) ...	N. E. Snow F. F. Linley
Devonshire Guild ...	(unrepresented) ...	H. Bastable
Durham and Newcastle Association ...	(unrepresented) ...	J. W. Taylor J. Griffin R. H. Brundle
Essex Association ...	F. G. Newman ... N. J. Pitslow ... Rev. H. A. Cockey ...	A. H. Cocks
Gloucester and Bristol Association ...	(unrepresented) ...	Rev. A. D. Hill
Hereford Diocesan Guild ...	(unrepresented) ...	R. B. Blanchard A. E. Nye
Herts. County Association ...	(unrepresented) ...	J. Holden F. W. Rees G. Williams
Kent County Association ...	Rev. E. W. Carpenter ... A. Palmer ... Rev. H. J. Elsee ... Rev. C. A. Clements ... J. Eachus ... T. Lockwood ... (unrepresented) ...	B. T. Copley
Lancashire Association ...	(unrepresented) ...	Rev. Canon Wigrani W. H. Thompson J. C. Mitchell J. Pettit F. E. Ward
Leeds and District Association ...	W. Bentham ... (unrepresented) ...	
North Lincolnshire Association ...	G. B. Lucas ... A. P. Heywood ... S. Cooper ... Rev. H. E. Bulwer ... Rev. J. H. Pilkington ... W. L. Catchpole ... Rev. F. E. Robinson ... Rev. G. F. Coleridge ... J. W. Washbrook ... T. Blackbourn ... S. Reeves ... R. Cartwright ... A. B. Carpenter ... Rev. C. D. P. Davies ... G. F. Attree ... J. Parker ... (unrepresented) ...	
Liverpool Association ...	H. White ... J. Whiting ... R. E. Grove ... J. S. Pritchett ... W. Snowdon ... C. H. Hattersley ... W. H. Howard ...	
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham ...		
Middlesex Association ...		
Midland Counties' Association ...		
Norwich Diocesan Association ...		
Oxford Diocesan Guild ...		
Salisbury Diocesan Guild ...		
Stafford Archdeaconry Society ...		
Surrey Association ...		
Sussex Association ...		
United Counties' Association ...		
Winchester Diocesan Guild ...		
Worcestershire and District Assn. ...		
Yorkshire Association ...		
Honorary Members ...	Rev. A. H. Boughey ... W. Wakley ... C. Hounslow ...	
Societies represented ...	21	
" unrepresented ...	10	
Representatives present ...	40	
" absent ...	37	
Hon. members present ...	3	
" absent ...	5	
Total members present ...	43	
" " absent ...	42	

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th. In spite of the very unfavourable weather, a large number of ringers from all parts of the country were present, as well as visitors from within and without the county.

During the afternoon the different towers were visited, and touches in various methods were brought round.

At 4.45 an adjournment was made to the Co-operative Stores in Silver Street, where in the large hall an excellent tea was provided, at which about 120 sat down. When the tables had been cleared, the business part of the meeting was proceeded with. The chair was taken by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln. In the course of his opening speech, after thanking the members of the Association for electing him as their President for the past year, the Dean applied to ringers generally the old quotation—"Oh that I had a hundred tongues, and a voice of iron." He reminded them of the important part which bells take on all occasion, both of festivity and sorrow; and said that Lincolnshire ought to be noted for its bell-ringing, considering the frequent references to bells in the great Lincolnshire poet's far-famed "In Memoriam," especially in the lines so well-known to all bell-ringers:

"Ring out the false, ring in the true."

When the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report and balance-sheet for the past year were presented and passed. These shew the Association to be financially and otherwise in a very prosperous condition. In connection with the election of officers for the ensuing year, it was proposed by Mr. F. W. S. Butler (Gainsborough), on behalf of Mr. J. C. Tinker (Gainsborough), seconded by Mr. Hoyes (Lincoln), that an Assistant Secretary be appointed, resident in Lincoln, who shall, *ex-officio* be a member of the Committee.

As an amendment to this, Canon Andrews, rector of Claxby, moved that there be a General Secretary, and also a Local Secretary in each vice-presidency.

Mr. Hackney (Market Rasen) seconded, and Mr. Maidens (Lincoln) supported, and the amendment was carried.

On the proposition of Canon Andrews, the Dean was unanimously re-elected President. The other officers of the past year were also re-elected.

The Chairman then introduced the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Lancashire Association, who had been invited to address the meeting.

After a brief summary of the proceedings at the recent meeting of the Central Council, Mr. Elsee pointed out three main objects of an association of bellringers. Firstly, to bring together clergy and ringers; Secondly, to bring before ringers a sense of their office as workers of the Church. He shewed that their was a danger lest ringers, through their interest in change-ringing, should forget that their art was to be used to the glory of God. The best remedy for this is to get the clergy interested in the ringers. The presence of the Dean at the meeting, and the fact that so many of the clergy of the diocese are honorary members shew that the clergy in Lincolnshire are interested; "but," he said, "make your clergy practical change-ringers, and then the ringers will take more interest in church work." As an instance to the point he spoke of a parish in which the clergyman took the trouble to learn change-ringing, and in consequence one at least of the churchwardens was taken from amongst the ringers. Thirdly, to improve the standard of ringing. This, the speaker said, was to be done by, 1: making round-ringers change-ringers; 2: patience with beginners. In this connection he said he had noticed with much pleasure a paragraph in the committee's report speaking of the great need of patience and sympathy on the part of older members in dealing with the difficulties and struggles of young ringers in learning the rudiments of our art; 3: learning a number of methods. He had noticed from the report that the ringers in one tower were far in advance of the rest in this respect, and he would like

to see a greater equality. He was glad to see that they had advanced so far, and were still making progress; he did not in the least wish to discourage them, but rather to rouse the others to a greater enthusiasm. As there are so many peals of six bells in the county he recommended the study of six bell-ringing, there being a great variety of six-bell methods to be learnt.

Canon Andrews, supported by Mr. Chester (Lincoln), then moved the following resolution: "That instead of four quarterly meetings there be a General Meeting in April, which shall be the Annual Meeting at Lincoln, and another meeting in October in the vice-presidencies in turn. Also that in each vice-presidency there shall be at least one District Meeting in each half-year."

Mr. Skinner (Waltham), moved an amendment, but found no second, and so Canon Andrew's resolution was carried.

It was afterwards decided that the October meeting be held at Market Rasen this year.

The Chairman then proposed "that the members of this Association respectfully tender to the family of the late Canon Venables their sincere and heartfelt sympathy, and desire to express their great sorrow at the death of the late Precentor, and also their heartiest appreciation of the unceasing interest shown by him for many years in the work of the Association and its individual members."

This was unanimously carried.

On the motion of Mr. Chester, seconded by Mr. Skinner, ten shillings was voted for providing an Instructor for the Timberland society.

Mr. Hoyes spoke of the great interest which was added to such a gathering by any opportunities of practical ringing, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter and incumbents of the different churches for the use of the bells.

Mr. Tinker seconded, and it was carried.

One honorary, ten efficient, eleven probationary, and four non-resident life members were elected.

Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. Ladd (Gainsborough), proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean for presiding, which was unanimously carried.

Mr. Watson (Lincoln), seconded by Mr. Lindoff (Lincoln), proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Elsee for his capital and helpful speech, which was carried by acclamation.

When Mr. Elsee had briefly responded, the members dispersed to the different towers, and numerous well-struck touches in various methods, brought a most successful gathering to a close.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH.—A step in the right direction was made by this branch on Saturday afternoon, May 4th, when the first of a series of meetings was held at Thatcham, and was attended by members from Newbury and Compton, also by nine local men. A very pleasant time was spent, and the meeting was a distinct success, both from a campanological and social point of view. Touches of Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford and Plain Bob were rung, and at 5.30 nineteen sat down to an excellent meat tea, provided by host Williams, of The White Hart. After tea remarks were made by several members, who expressed themselves as satisfied with the day's proceedings, and hoped the meetings arranged to be held in each tower in the branch would be well attended. It was the unanimous opinion that Hungerford be the next tower visited. A return to the tower and more ringing concluded the day's proceedings.

## RESULT OF THE JOHN COLLINS' BENEFIT DRAW.

Mr. Thomas Stead, Chairman of the committee, writes: "Now that the benefit draw for Mr. John Collins has drawn to a close the committee wish to thank all who have in any way contributed to its successful issue, and to say that they are more than pleased with the result, and as perhaps those who have contributed and bought tickets would like to know the result of their and our labours, I append it and also the destination of the prizes. We had the satisfaction, after paying all expenses, to hand over to Mr. Collins the sum of £36 10s. 0d. The prizes were won and have been sent to the following towns: Newcastle, Huddersfield, Oldham, Uppermill, Lincoln, Leeds, Bradford, Birmingham, Lepton, Rawmarsh, Woodlesford, Bacup, Hull, and Hillhouse.

### THE LATE SQUIRE PROCTOR, AND THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday evening, March 29th, at the usual practice, a half-muffled peal was rung by members of this society at the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, as a token of respect to the memory of the above-mentioned celebrated ringer, who had been a member of the above society for just upon sixty-nine years. The performance took place amid the solemnity befitting the occasion, which consisted of the usual whole pull and stand, and was followed by touches of Stedman Cinques.

As has been truly stated more than once, the Squire was at the head of the pioneer band of Surprise method ringers, and this band for many years would ring Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise, etc., for Divine Service on Sundays, just as regular as other bands would ring plain methods.

Thirty, forty, and fifty years ago the Squire was not an unfrequent visitor to his London friends. The late J. Miller was perhaps one of the most prominent of these, and this gentleman would often be commissioned to take a band of Londoners to meet the Squire for a days' ringing in the country.

His name it is thought, should be perpetuated in some befitting way, and the Central Council is going the right way in such a direction by taking this matter in hand.

As almost everything is interesting concerning the early doings of such an old veteran ringer as the late Squire, the following has been extracted from the records of the society above-mentioned, to show the date of membership, etc.

The Autograph and Name Book. Leonard Proctor—1836. Peal Book—No. 2.—On January 30, 1838, at Bennington, Hertfordshire, the following members of this Society rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, 2 hours 50 minutes, containing 5040 changes, on the bells of this church. Edmond Giles, Treble; Charlson Wilson, 2; William Lobb, 3; John Whiteing, 4; William Ludpid, 5; William Killick, 6; A. G. Frost, 7; Leonard Proctor, Tenor. Conducted by Edmond Giles.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, May 4th, at Bromborough. About twenty members were present from the Bromborough, Eastham, Bebington, West Kirby, and Woodchurch towers; also the rector of Bromborough (Rev. E. D. Green, who presided and gave the tea), three honorary members, and the secretary. The beautiful peal of eight, which cannot be surpassed in the district, began to give out their melodious notes soon after four o'clock, and several well-struck touches were rung under the careful guidance of the well-known J. D. up to a late hour by mixed bands, amongst which may be mentioned 477 of Grandsire Triples, 560 Bob Major, and 504 Bob Triples. The welcome "stand" was called at 6 p.m. when they repaired to the schoolroom where they found a sumptuous repast, and the genial rector, who gave them a hearty welcome, and to whom a most cordial vote of thanks was passed for his hospitality. The principal business of the meeting was the enrolment of three honorary members. At the conclusion of the meeting the three new members ascended the tower to witness the ringing.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT BATTERSEA.—The ringers of the peal at Battersea, on Saturday, the 18th inst., and the members of the Swallow Minstrel Troupe were most hospitably entertained to supper that evening by Mr. H. S. Thomas and Mr. H. A. Hopkins, at the St. Mary's schoolroom. After a very substantial meal, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hopkins in brief speeches expressed the great pleasure it gave them in entertaining the friends there assembled. Mr. Pettit, on behalf of the ringers, suitably responded, and an excellent programme was then given by the Swallow Troupe, a body of vocalists of which Mr. Thomas, as president, is to be sincerely congratulated. Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells by Messrs. Pettit, Newton, Hopkins, and Hayes.

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### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.—A very successful meeting of this Association was held at East Grinstead on Saturday, April 27th, and was well attended by members from Brighton (St. Peter's), Crawley, Chichester, Hastings, Lindfield, London, and the local company, amongst those present being G. F. Attree, Esq. (Master of the Association), Messrs. Williams (Brighton), Parker (Crawley), Waghorn, sen. (London), and S. Saker (Hastings). During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative, and London Surprise Major, were successfully brought round, and produced splendid music from this exceptionally good-toned ring of eight, tenor 25 cwt. The usual tea and business meeting was attended by twenty-three members, the Rev. D. Y. Blakiston, M.A., vicar of East Grinstead taking the chair, supported by G. F. Attree, Esq. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and four new members duly elected (Christ Church, Eastbourne, 3; Crawley, 1), Mr. Attree thanked the vicar for honouring the meeting with his presence and for the use of the bells; also Mr. Huggett, the local secretary, for having everything in readiness and arranging for the tea. During his usually well-chosen remarks, Mr. Attree stated he was sorry to find that change-ringing did not seem to flourish at East Grinstead; he considered the bells were the best ring of eight in Sussex, and they went well, the only fault he had to find being that they were sadly in need of new ropes. The Rev. D. Y. Blakiston replied that he was very pleased indeed to welcome the ringers and to hear their ringing. He would with very much pleasure pass on to the churchwardens Mr. Attree's remarks about the ropes, and he was sure that the defect would soon be remedied. A return to the tower was then made, and a very enjoyable meeting terminated at 9 p.m.

### Central Council Correspondence.

SIR,—In your report of the proceedings at the recent meeting of the Council, you record that Mr. Attree gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that they meet annually in Whitsun-week rather than in Easter-week. I fully expected to find in your current issue some correspondence welcoming the proposal, and I venture to predict that it will be carried *nem. con.*, as Easter week is, to my mind, if possible, the most unsuitable week in the year to have a regular meeting of Churchmen away from their several parishes. It must be extremely inconvenient to many members of the Council, as well among the laity as the clergy, and for those of the latter who are parish priests well nigh impossible, to be away at the time of the annual vestry meeting. Further than this, our clerical brethren may well plead to be excused from a possibly long and tedious journey, coming immediately after the conclusion of the arduous work of the latter part of the Lenten fast, upon business which may be as well done at any other period of the year.

JNO. C. MITCHELL.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, April 28th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 1120 Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. W. Jordan (conductor), 1; A. Gordon, 2; W. Gordon, jun., 3; J. Gratrix, 4; J. Brockbank, 5; E. Cash, 6; W. Hesketh, 7; A. Sidebottom, 8. Longest length by the ringer of the 7th. The 4th, 5th, and 6th ringers hail from Swinton; the rest are the local band.

WILLEHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 28th, at the church of St. Giles, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 47 mins., composed by the Editor. G. Goodchild, 1; S. Dace, 2; W. Johnson (conductor), 3; J. Adams, 4; V. H. Wilkins (Birmingham), 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Appleby, 7; M. Kibble, 8. Rang at the first attempt. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs. in G.

WIMBLEDON (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, April 30th, for practice at the church of St. Mary, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). G. Byete, 1; N. Moss, 2; F. M. Butler, 3; J. Parker, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; S. Frost, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Byde, 1; F. M. Butler, 2; O. Byde, 3; J. Parker, 4; S. Frost, 5; W. Weatherstone (conductor, Greenwich), 6.



## THE LONG PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE AT CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

[Vide Photograph.]

**Treble.**—EDWIN JORDAN.—This ringer kindly took the treble at the last minute, although he is quite capable of ringing any other bell. He was born at Capel on October 16th, 1850, and began ringing in 1872, at that time there being only five bells, but through him, his brothers, and friends, the money was subscribed, and a new treble was added in 1876, and on the first anniversary of the opening of the treble, they rang their first 5040 in three different methods. Since then he has taken part in 55 peals in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, 4; Stedman Triples, 5; Bob Major, 1; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 9, conducted 1; Oxford Treble Bob, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; on six bells, 22, conducted 3. The above includes the first 5040 in seven Surprise methods rung in the south of England, 10,080 in fourteen different methods, of which nine were Surprise, 10,176 of Kent Treble Bob, and 9312 of Superlative Surprise. He is a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and the Sussex County and Surrey Associations.

2.—JOHN RICE.—Born on October 1st, 1871, but knew nothing of ringing until 1891, when the present Crawley band commenced. He chanced to come into the tower and saw them ringing, and on being asked if he could ring, he replied "I think I can," and so he was offered a rope, but on taking the rope he found it was not so easy as it appeared to him; but nothing daunted he must have another try, and after a few practices he was able to ring rounds, and on October 31st in the same year he rang his first peal, the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples. Since then he has rung thirty-seven peals as follows: Grandsire Triples, 4; Court Bob Triples, 1; Plain Bob Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 4; Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 4; Superlative Surprise Major, 17; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; New Cumberland Surprise, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1; Alliance Major, 1; on six bells, 1. He is a member of the Sussex County and Surrey Associations.

3.—ALFRED D. MILLS.—Born at Capel on July 1st, 1866. He first learned to ring with the Capel band in 1884, and rang his first peal in January 1886, in seven Treble Bob methods, and after then rang in most of their notable performances. He came to reside at Crawley in 1893, and rang his first peals of Stedman and Double Norwich within a month. Altogether he has rung about sixty peals, but has kept no record. They were rang in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford and Court Bob Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Double Oxford, and Canterbury Pleasure Major, Superlative, Cambridge, and New Cumberland Surprise Major, and Alliance Major. He was also in the 10,080 at Capel; 10,176 at Warnham; and the 9312 of Superlative at Crawley. He is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Sussex County and Surrey Associations.

4.—WILLIAM WARD.—Born at Ardingley on May 25th, 1869. His parents removed to Crawley when he was about fourteen years of age. He was always fond of bells, and learned to ring with the old Crawley band when he was only sixteen. He rang his first peal, 5040 of Grandsire Triples with them in November 1888, and after that the band broke up, and it was not till 1891 when the present band was formed, that he really commenced peal-ringing, and up to the present he has rung thirty peals, twenty-nine of which he has rang at Crawley, the remaining one was rung in London, and are made up as follows: Grandsire Triples, 5; Stedman, 3; Plain Bob, 1; Court Bob, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Double Norwich, 2; Superlative Surprise, 10; Cambridge Surprise, 1; New Cumberland Surprise, 1; Alliance Major, 1. Besides taking keen interest in ringing, he is a first-rate musician, being one of the first cornet players in the town band, which takes up a good deal of his time. He is a member of the Sussex County Association.

5.—FREDERICK DENCH.—This ringer is the youngest of the band. He was born at Worth on June 19th, 1875, so he is not yet twenty years of age. He was always very fond of bells, and when but a schoolboy he used to go on Sundays to help to chime the six bells for service, and soon after found his way

into the belfry on the ringers' practice-nights. This was his first steps in ringing, and was in January 1891, and in November of the same year he rang his first 720 of Bob Minor. After this he joined the Crawley band, and on February 28th, 1892, he rang his first peal on eight bells, a peal of Court Bob Triples, and since then he has rang the following: Grandsire Triples, 2; Stedman, 4; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2; Alliance Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 18, Cambridge Surprise, 1; New Cumberland Surprise, 1; on six bells, 3; total, 35. Besides ringing he has gone in for composing, and has thoroughly mastered composing and proving of Treble Bob. He is a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, Winchester Diocesan Guild, and the Sussex County and Surrey Associations.

6.—ROBERT JORDAN.—This ringer is also a native of Capel, Surrey, being one of the well-known six-bell ringers of that village. He was born on June 28th, 1856, and first learned to ring with his brothers at Capel, and rang his first peal with them in January 1886. He came to reside at Crawley in 1890, and when the present band was formed he was one of the first to join, and he has rang eighty-seven peals in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, 9; Stedman, 8; Court Bob, 2; Canterbury Pleasure, 1; Plain Bob, 2; Bob Major, 3; Double Oxford, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 10; Alliance Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 12; Superlative Surprise Major, 14; Cambridge Surprise, 1; New Cumberland Surprise, 1; on six bells, 22. The above includes the first 5040 in seven Surprise methods at Capel, and the 10,080 in fourteen methods, and 9312 of Superlative. He is a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and the Sussex County Association.

7.—JAMES PARKER.—As nearly all know that this ringer had the honour to conduct the peal, and this being the second time his portrait has appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" within twelve months, very little need be said about him. He has rung altogether seventy-nine peals, and has conducted thirty-eight of that number. He had the pleasure of conducting the first peal of Superlative Surprise by the Surrey Association, and composed and conducted the first peal of Alliance Major ever rung. He is a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, Winchester Diocesan Guild, Sussex County, North Lincolnshire and Surrey Associations, and a member of the Central Council.

**Tenor.**—FREDERICK W. RICE.—This ringer is a native of Worth, an adjoining parish to Crawley, and is thirty-three years of age. He first began ringing with the old Worth band, but soon found that they were not masters of the Art of change-ringing, so he had to go to the adjoining parishes to get his knowledge, and after a few years he managed to drive the old band out, and get a young band to take possession of the tower, and he rang his first two peals at Warnham, viz., Oxford Bob Triples on November 20th, and Grandsire Triples on November 21st, 1886. He had belonged to the old Crawley band for several years, and when the present band started, he was glad to get back on a peal of eight, and his favourite place is on the tenor box in Superlative. He has rung more peals than any of the band, viz., 90, in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, 13; Stedman Triples, 8; Court Bob, 3; Canterbury, 2; Plain Bob, 2; Union Triples, 1; Oxford Bob, 1; Bob Major, 2; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Double Norwich, 11; Kent Treble Bob, 14; Oxford Bob Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 15; Cambridge Surprise, 1; New Cumberland Surprise, 1; Alliance Major, 1. The above include 6720 Canterbury Pleasure Major, 10,176 Treble Bob, and 9312 of Superlative. He is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Winchester Diocesan Guild, the Sussex County and Surrey Associations.

## SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday, May 1st, the Bishop of Peterborough formally started a very fine new clock at Shepshed church. It has one large dial, strikes the hours and plays the Westminster chimes. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who have just been commissioned to make a clock and chimes for Hooton Pagnell church, near Doncaster.

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## Notices.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Armley, Christ Church (six bells), to-day, Saturday, May 25th. A peal will be attempted at 2 p.m. Meeting house, The Barley Corn inn, Town street.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**The Cheltenham and District Guild.**—The annual dinner of this Guild will take place on Tuesday, May 28th, at The Sydney Arms hotel, Pittville street, at 7 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 3d. each, which can be obtained of A. N. Humphris, Uckington, near Cross Hands; W. T. Pates, Tudor House, Hewlett Road; F. Musty, 23, Princes Street; and W. Townsend, Leckhampton village. The tower of St. Mary, ten bells, will be open at 6 p.m., where all ringers will be cordially welcomed.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heath, on Saturday, June 1st. Tea at 5 p.m., business meeting afterwards. All members requested to attend, if possible, to arrange for September meeting.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Norton, on Saturday next, June 1st. Members intending to be present must send notice to Mr. E. Glover, Dog Croft, Small-thorne, not later than Wednesday, May 29th. There will also be a meeting at Hanley, on Whitsun-Monday, June 3rd. Members intending to be present must send notice to Mr. Mountford, 1, High street, Hanley.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, *Hon. Secs.*  
W. TWIGG,

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, June 1st, at St. Mary's church, Grassendale. Ringing at 3, business meeting at 6 o'clock.

ALFRED G. NICHOLSON, *Branch Sec.*  
30, Upper Stanhope Street, Liverpool, S.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Helmshore on Saturday, June 1st. Bells ready at 3.30, meeting at 6 o'clock.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Branch Sec.*  
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held in the schoolroom, Woodchurch, on Saturday next, June 1st. Tea at 6 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3 p.m. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, May 27th, to

F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
Brasside, West Kirby.

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—A meeting will be held at Consett, on Whit-Monday, June 3rd. Committee meeting at 12 noon, and Dinner at 1 p.m. at The Royal Hotel, Blackhill. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. each. The bells of Consett, Benfieldside, and Lanchester will be at the disposal of members during the day. Members intending to be present, please reply on or before May 30th, to

THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
314, High Street West, Sunderland.

**Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Whit-Monday, June 3rd. Ringing at 11 a.m., and at other churches in the afternoon. Business meeting at Mid-day.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*  
Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**The Devon Guild.**—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 3rd, at Ilfracombe. Tea at Girls' schoolroom near the parish church at 4.30; meeting at parish church at 5.15; service at 6 p.m. Grants of 2s. 6d. per member attending the meeting will be made for travelling expenses. Excursion tickets for return journey, of 3s. 6d. each, will be issued from Exeter by trains leaving Queen Street at 8.35 a.m., and for bands living east of Exeter by that leaving at 9.32 a.m., if notice is given to Secretary by May 20th. Journey may be broken at Barnstaple, Braunton, and Mortheoe. Permission has been obtained to ring at Ilfracombe parish church (8 bells), Braunton parish church (8 bells), West Dower, four miles from Ilfracombe, 6 bells, and Berry Harbor, three miles from Ilfracombe, 6. Conveyances can be obtained at Ilfracombe for West Dower and Berry Harbor, but members must make their own arrangements for them. Please inform me at once if you intend to be present at tea.

MAITLAND KELLY, *Hon. Sec.*

Ottery St. Mary.

**The South and West Middlesex Association.**—The anniversary meeting of this Association will be held on Whitsun-Monday, at Hillingdon and St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, Uxbridge. The arrangements will be as follows: 10 a.m., Ringing at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon; 12 noon, Service in St. Andrew's church; 1.30 p.m., Luncheon in St. Andrew's schoolroom; 5 p.m., Tea. There will be ringing after luncheon and tea. The cost of the luncheon will be 1s. 6d. each, and the tea 6d. Members of the Association may bring their friends. All those who intend to be present should let the Secretary know without delay.

E. J. WALSON, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

**Kent County Association.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Faversham on Whitsun-Monday, June 3rd. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m. The annual service in Faversham parish church, 12.30 p.m. Address by Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Vicar of Milton, Sittingbourne. Dinner in the Drill Hall, Preston street, at 1.30 p.m. Application for Dinner Tickets to be made to the Hon. Sec. before May 30th. Towers open for ringing: Faversham (8), Ospringe (8), Boughton (8), Hernhill (8), Sittingbourne (8), Teynham (6).

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Green Court, Canterbury.

**The North Notts. Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Workop, on Whit-Monday, June 3rd. Divine Service at Workop Priory church at 2.30 p.m., with sermon by Rev. H. Cowgill, vicar of Shireoaks. The general meeting of all members of the Association will take place immediately after Divine Service, at the Girls' School. Tea at 4.30 at Town Hall. Towers should inform Mr. Barrowcliff, Rectory Infant School, Workop, of expected number of members, not later than Wednesday, May 29th. The belfry of the Priory church, Workop, will be open for ringing (except during the time of Divine Service), throughout the day. Each company will be limited to 30 minutes' ringing at a time.

HENRY T. SLODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit-Monday, June 3rd. Divine Service at St. Mary's church, at 11.0 a.m. Preacher, Rev. H. A. Lake, Rector of Chelmsford. Business meeting at 12.0 p.m., in the Charity School. Dinner at 1.30. Tickets price 1s. each to members who signify beforehand their intention to be present. The towers of St. Mary's, Chelms-

ford (10 bells), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Springfield (6), and Boreham (6) will be open for ringing during the day except from 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Return tickets for the day 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 29th, from what Station members propose to start. Tickets issued from Liverpool Street will be available from Saturday to Monday.

T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

**Sussex County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 3rd, at Brighton. Towers of St. Peter and St. Nicholas open for ringing at 9 a.m. Special service, with address, in St. Peter's, at 12. Dinner in the Royal Pavillion at 1 p.m., business meeting at 2 p.m. Towers closed at 9 p.m. All members should make an effort to attend. Names to be sent by local secretaries on or before May 30th.

REV. J. W. G. LODER-COTTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Yapton Vicarage, Arundel.

**Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.**—By consent of the Rev. B. R. Wilson, the annual meeting will be held at the parish church, Kettering, on Whit-Monday. Divine Service at 1 p.m. Dinner followed by business meeting 2 p.m. The ring of eight bells (tenor, 24 cwt. in D) open for ringing from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Quarterly meeting at Micheldean, on Tuesday in Whitsun week, June 4th. Short service at parish church, 11.30, address by the Rector, Rev. A. J. Maclean, M.A. Dinner at The George hotel at 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. per head. Notice to be sent to Hon. Secretary on or before the 29th inst., to ensure reduced price dinner ticket. Station, Micheldean Road. Trains from Bristol 7.40, Cheltenham 9.25, Gloucester 9.45, arriving 10.17. Departure 7.11 and 9.29.

REV. PITT EYKYN.

St. Augustine's Vicarage, Bristol.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The triennial festival of church workers will be held at Gloucester, on Thursday, June 6th. Choral celebration in the cathedral 11.30 a.m. Parties will be conducted over the cathedral at 2.15 p.m. Conference in Shire Hall, 3.15 p.m. Choral evensong in the nave of the cathedral, 5 p.m. The cathedral, St. Michael's, and St. Mary-de-Crypt towers will be open for ringing during the day. Ringers are requested to meet the master at the south porch entrance of the cathedral at 12 noon.

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**The Yorkshire Association.**—Owing to the Whitsuntide holidays, the next general meeting will be held at Saddleworth on Saturday, June 15th, instead of June 1st, as in the ordinary course. Circulars in due time.

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

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1895.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 18, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. in Eb.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 5.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 2.	ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 6.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
JAMES HANNINGTON .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band except the composer, and first in the method on the bells. The composition is in two parts, and a the original upon that plan in this method.

Messrs. Jameson and Hayworth of the College Youths, and Messrs. Harvey and Barry of the Cumberlands, with others, heard most of the peal. Very few of any other band have gone into practice of this intricate method in London and certainly this is the first to achieve success. The ringers hereby tender their best thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells. A tablet worthy of such a performance should adorn the walls of the belfry.

#### THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, May 18, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES PETITT .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 5.
HENRY SWAIN .. .. 2.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 6.
HENRY A. HOPKINS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
JOHN M. HAYES .. .. 4.	GEORGE CHESTERMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

This peal is a variation of Brooks' by N. J. Firchow, with 5-6-7 at home every quarter-peal. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

**The Provinces.****HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, May 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
HARRY LAST .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by A. W. BRIGHTON.

This composition is a three-part, and contains the 6th six courses each way in 5-6, and all the 8-6-7s and 6-7-8s, and was first rung at Great Marlow, Bucks, conducted by J. C. Truss, jun., on March 9th, 1895. The Messrs. Wightman hail from Cretingham; Last and Thurlow are local men; and A. W. Brighton from Norwich.

**LONG EATON DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(LONG EATON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
SHIPWAY'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES HARRISON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HEXTER .. .. 5.
WALTER R. HEXTER .. .. 2.	JOSEPH FOXON .. .. 6.
JOHN R. WARE .. .. 3.	*JOSEPH BAILEY .. .. 7.
ARTHUR RICKETTS .. .. 4.	FREDERICK C. WICKS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

\*First peal as conductor.

**STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.****THE YORKSHIRE AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.**

On Saturday, May 18, 1895, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN WORTHINGTON .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PRICE .. .. 2.	HENRY MOTTERSHALL .. 6.
SAMUEL PRICE .. .. 3.	ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 7.
WILLIAM DAFFIN .. .. 4.	HERBERT MADIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by HERBERT MADIN.

W. Price hails from Eckington; the rest belong to the local company.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 18, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM STORY .. .. Treble.	EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 2.	EDWIN J. TITT .. .. 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. 7.
EDWARD WALLIS .. .. 4.	HUGH D. DALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

E. J. Titt hails from South Church.

**GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 18, 1895, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

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

FREDERICK W. DIXON .. Treble.	EDWIN WHEATER .. .. 5.
JOHN SUNDERLAND .. .. 2.	JOHN THACKRAY .. .. 6.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. 3.	FREDERICK HARGREAVES .. 7.
SIDNEY CLARK .. .. 4.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY and Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Clark hails from Bradford; Wheeler from Tong; Thackray from Armley; Hargreaves from Drighlington; Kendall from Shipley; Dixon, Sunderland, and Thompson belong to the local company.

**CAVERSHAM OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 18, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY SIMMONDS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 5.
JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
EDWIN MENDAY .. .. 3.	HENRY SMITH .. .. 7.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

**DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH)

On Saturday, May 18, 1895, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY MASON .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WALKER .. .. 5.
JAMES JONES .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 3.	JAMES GROVES .. .. 7.
W. ROCK SMALL .. .. 4.	JOHN T. PERRY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob ever rung upon the bells, and was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Edwin Brue-ton, churchwarden of the above church for the long period of twenty-three years and was highly respected throughout the town and neighbourhood as an earnest church worker, and who was laid to rest in the family vault in the churchyard, only a few yards from the tower where the peal was rung.

**ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, May 19, 1895, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD DUNN† .. .. Treble.	†GEORGE DURLING .. .. 5.
HENRY WOOD* .. .. 2.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 6.
WALTER INGHAM .. .. 3.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 7.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

\*First peal of Major and hails from Rodmersham. †First peal in the method and hails from Bromley, Kent.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, May 20, 1895, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF COLLEGE EXERCISE MAJOR,**  
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY WESTON .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
GEORGE BAKER .. .. 2.	JAMES N. FROSSEL .. .. 6.
GEORGE SMART .. .. 3.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 7.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. ATTREE.

The above peal is the one given in the *Clavis*, and is the first in the method rung in Sussex and by the whole band.

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, May 21, 1895, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY STRINGER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. ALLISS .. .. 5.
ALBERT GROVES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 6.
LAZARUS PAYNE .. .. 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. .. 7.
GEORGE PAYNE .. .. 4.	CHARLES TYLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

First peal by all in the method except the conductor, and first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. The above composition has the 4th and 6th each twenty-two course-ends in 6ths.



**DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, May 21, 1895, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

**A PEAL BOB OF TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

THOMAS ANTHONY .. .. Treble.	JOHN HOWE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. POYSER .. 2.	LOUIS LOMAS .. .. 6.
JOHN W. THOMPSON .. 3.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 7.
JOHN NEWBOLD .. .. 4.	EDMUND WILLIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield, and Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

This peal is in six equal parts, and is now rung for the first time.

**BRADFORD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, May 21, 1895, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt.**

JOE HARDCASTLE .. .. Treble.	HARRY PAYNE .. .. 6.
SIDNEY C. CLARK .. .. 2.	*JAMES W. MAWSON .. .. 7.
THOMAS B. KENDALL* .. 3.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 8.
GEORGE TITTERINGTON* .. 4.	JAMES COTTERILL .. .. 9.
HARRY RAISTRICK .. .. 5.	*JOHN WOTTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. BOOTH, Sheffield, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERILL.

\*First peal on ten bells. T. B. Kendall hails from Shipley, the rest belong to the local company. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Abraham Moulson, who was a ringer at the above church nearly half a century.

PEAL CORRECTION.—Mr. T. Bettison of Killamarsh writes: "The time for peal rung at Anston, and published in your last issue should have been two hours and fifty-five minutes, and not three hours and fifty-five minutes as published."

**Miscellaneous.****THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, April 29th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar, 2; J. Taylor, 3; W. Benthams, 4; P. H. Harvey, 5; J. Watts, 6; G. Prescott, 7; T. Martland, 8. Conducted by J. Taylor, Christ Church, Aughton, and was rung as a mark of respect to Mr. R. Coombes (who is a ringer at Ormskirk church), who had that day been married to Miss S. Prescott.

GREAT CROSBY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, April 28th, for Divine Service, at St. Luke's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Hale, 1; G. Voas, 2; J. Sephton, 3; S. Hopgood, 4; P. Mawdsley, 5; J. Hale (conductor), 6.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, April 28th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. H. Scattergood, 1; H. Tidy, 2; G. Elliot, 3; H. Kite, 4; G. A. Ransom, 5; T. J. Jarrett, 6; H. E. Simpson (conductor), 7; F. Shed, 8.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, April 28th, for morning service at the parish church 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles), in 27 mins., with 6-8 covering. F. Chapman, 1; E. Dyson, 2; H. N. Horton, 3; G. Head, 4; T. Tobrett, 5; A. Collins, 6; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 7; F. Beeken, 8. And for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six singles), in 27 mins., with 6-8 covering. J. Chapman, 1; E. Dyson, 2; H. N. Horton, 3; G. Head, 4; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 5; W. Ansell, 6; T. Tabrett, 7; A. Collins, 8.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, April 28th, for service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. V. Selby, 1; H. J. Selby, 2; W. J. Collison, 3; G. B. Selby, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. First in the method by all except the ringers of the 3rd and 7th. E. R. J. Dunk's first as conductor. W. J. Collison hails from Edenbridge.

CANTERBURY.—On Sunday afternoon, April 21st, at St. Dunstan's church, for men's service, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles six bobs), in 28 mins. A. T. Brett, 1; M. W. Pierce, 2; G. Sayer, 3; F. T. Marriott, 4; A. A. Saxby, 5; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 6. And at the church of St. Alphege, on Sunday evening, April 28th, 720 Bob Minor,

in 25 mins. G. G. Jenkins, 1; M. W. Pierce, 2; F. T. Marriott, 3; A. A. Saxby, 4; R. Goodbourn (Aldington), 5; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 6.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 28th, for evening service at Christ Church, 864 changes 720 Woodbine, and 72 each of Kent and Oxford. \*M. Broadbest, 1; †F. Blackith, 2; B. Cowling, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; Joe Thackray (conductor), 5; Jno. Thackray, 6. \*Longest length on treble. †First 720 in the method. Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of Jno. Thackray, all wishing him many happy returns.

HULL (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 21st, at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. C. Jackson (composer), 1; T. Stockdale, 2; G. Marshall, 3; F. Merrison, 4; G. T. Miller, 5; D. W. Brown, 6; J. Dixey (conductor), 7; J. W. Dale, 8. This touch contains all the 6-7s at backstroke.

**THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.**

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 28th, for evening service at St. Margaret's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1272 changes, in 47 mins. F. J. Pitts, 1; T. W. West, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; H. Beams, 5; H. Barton (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor), 6; A. R. Davis, 7; G. Daynes, 8; D. W. Griggs, 9; G. Bishop, 10. G. Daynes hails from Lewisham, and this is his first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters.

**THE SALOP GUILD.**

SHREWSBURY.—On the occasion of the re-opening of St. Mary's, on Thursday, April 25th, after rebuilding the church and spire, which was blown down in February, 1894, the following touches of Grandsire Triples were rung; 336 G. Burrows, 1; W. Taylor, 2; W. Griffiths, 3; T. Burd (conductor), 4; A. Espley, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; H. H. Hall, 7; W. Davies, 8. Also 350. T. Burd (conductor), 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Burrows, 3; F. Taylor, 4; A. Espley, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; H. A. Hall, 7; J. Wynn, 8. And 168. A. Espley, 1; G. Taylor (age 14), 2; W. Griffiths, 3; W. Taylor, 4; F. Taylor, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; H. A. Hall (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. Also 420. T. Burd, 1; W. Taylor, 2; F. Taylor, 3; G. Burrows, 4; A. Espley, 5; H. A. Hall, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; W. Davies, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. in E. On Monday, April 22nd, for practice at the church of St. Chad, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Wall, 1; G. Taylor, 2; W. Griffiths, 3; T. Burd (conductor), 4; A. Espley, 5; G. Burrows, 6; H. A. Hall, 7; A. Fullick, 8. Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

BEDMINSTER (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, April 21st, at St. Stephen's church, 600 Stedman Triples. W. A. Cave (longest touch), 1; C. H. Horton, 2; C. H. Gordon, 3; E. Duckham, 4; G. H. Colston, 5; C. E. D. Boutflower, 6; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 7; W. Colston, 8.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, April 21st, at St. Mary Redcliffe church, on the back eight, 384 Grandsire Major. G. Staddon, 1; G. H. Colston, 2; P. Came, 3; G. Daltry, 4; E. Duckham, 5; W. Emery, 6; F. Price, 7; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 8. And on Tuesday, April 23rd, at St. Stephen's church, 324 Stedman Caters. W. A. Cave, 1; C. H. Horton, 2; C. Millard, 3; C. H. Gordon, 4; H. Pring, 5; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 6; G. H. Colston, 7; F. Price, 8; W. Emery, 9; W. Colston, 10. And 288 Stedman Caters; H. Howell, 5; the others as before.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 28th, 360 College Exercise. F. Streeter, 1; A. Gasson, 2; C. Holman, 3; R. Streeter, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And 720 Violet. F. Streeter, 1; A. Gasson, 2; C. Holman, 3; R. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

CRADLEY (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, April 21st, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. F. Smith, 1; H. Pritchard, 2; R. Trehern, 3; E. S. Kings, 4; C. Watkins, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

MATHON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, April 28th, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 26 mins. F. Smith, 1; H. Pritchard, 2; C. Layton, 3; C. Watkins, 4; R. Trehern, 5; A. Layton (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. F. Smith, 1; S. Turner, 2; H. Pritchard, 3; A. Layton, 4; C. Layton, 5; C. Watkins (conductor), 6.



## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, April 23rd, at the house of Mr. J. G. Miles, 720 St. Simon's Minor. J. G. Miles, A. Howes, 3-4; J. Howes (conductor), 5-6. Rung as a farewell touch to J. Howes, who has left the town for Kingston-on-Thames, much to the regret of this band, hopes being entertained by J. G. Miles, with J. Howes, in ringing their first handbell peal of Bob Major, with the Norwich Scholars before leaving, having on previous occasions succeeded in ringing 4058 changes. On Sunday morning, April 14th, at the church of St. Mary, at 7 a.m., an attempt was made for 720 of Minor, but after passing the half-way single, it had to be abandoned, owing to the action of the bells (*i.e.*) or frame. These bells, which have been silent for two years, have been entirely rehung, with the exception of the frame. Undoubtedly before these bells will go well, a new frame, with a ringing floor, will have to be added. E. Ettridge, 1; J. G. Miles (conductor), 2; J. Howes, 3; A. Howes, 4; S. Daniels, 5; J. Lawrence, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

NORWICH.—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, April 26th, being the anniversary of the 11 200 on handbells, an attempt was made for 5072 in the same method, but it came to grief after about 3000 changes had been rung. J. A. Trollop (composer and conductor), 1-2; G. F. Burton, 3-4; C. E. Borrett, 5-6; E. Francis, 7-8. Umpire, J. E. Burton.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Saturday, March 23rd, at the parish church, 768 and 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Newman, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; J. Sadler, 5; W. Elliott, 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun., 8. On Sunday, March 24th, 784 Bob Major. H. Pye, 1; W. Elliott, 4; D. Elliott, sen., 6; rest as before. On Monday, April 1st, 336 Bob Major, 336 Canterbury Pleasure, 112 Double London Major. H. Pye, 1; J. Nicholls, 4; others as before. On Saturday, April 27th, 720 Yorkshire Court, 720 Woodbine. F. Newman, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Sadler, 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun., 6. On Monday, April 29th, 1200 Minor, being 12-score each of New London, Kent, Double Court, Oxford, Plain Bob. J. Nicholls, 1; W. Dyer, 2; C. Norfolk, 3; J. Sadler, 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks.).—On Sunday, April 28th, for Divine Service at St. Lawrence's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Sawyer, 1; G. Foxell, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; F. Watmore, 4; H. Tucker (first attempt as conductor), 5; C. Giles, 6; L. Rolfe, 7; J. Finns, 8.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Monday, April 22nd, at the parish church, for a wedding ceremony, 700 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 24 mins. A. E. Bassett, 1; T. Miles, 2; H. Pederick, 3; G. Pederick, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Sanders, 6; H. Kenten (conductor), 7; T. Everett, 8. And after the service, 1260 Union Triples, taken from Johnson's twelve-part, in 42 mins. G. Pederick, 1; T. Miles (conductor), 2; H. Pederick, 3; A. E. Bassett, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Sanders, 6; H. Kenten, 7; T. Everett, 8.

ARDLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday, March 31st, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. W. Schofield, 1; G. M. Rashbrook (conductor), 2; F. Clements, 3; E. Abbott, 4; A. Feaner, 5; W. Bartlett, 6; W. Fenner, 7; J. Harrington, 8.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Monday evening, April 29th, at the church of St. Mary, 720 Plain Bob Doubles, with 6-8 covering. C. Heyling, 2; R. Thompson, 3; W. Andrews, 4; S. Hopton, 5; W. Yandall, 6; J. Morley (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8. This is the longest length of Doubles by all except the conductor, and was rung as a birthday compliment to him.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Monday, April 1st, for practice at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Scott, 1; G. Burch, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; H. Mills, 5; W. Burch, 6. Conducted by J. Kittle. On Sunday, April 28th, for evening service, 882 Grandsire Triples. W. Hamey, 1; F. L. Bumpstead, 2; G. M. Rashbrook, 3; F. Rider, 4; W. Hazell, 5; W. J. Nevard, 6; C. H. Howard (conductor), 7; W. Burch, 8. Messrs. Nevard and Hazell hail from Bentley; Howard from Braintree.

GLDOWICK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, April 23rd, at St. Mark's church, for practice, 1036 of Grandsire Triples. J. Buckley, 1; A. Standsfield, 2; G. Dunkerley, 3; J. Taylor, 4; J. Greenwood, 5; A. Clegg (conductor), 6; E. Geary, 7; W. Rhodes, 8. Tenor 8½ cwt.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 5th, at All Saints, Fulham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins. A. Ough, 1; E. H. Adams, 2;

J. Nichols, 3; F. T. Gover, 4; H. Adams, 5; T. H. Taffenden, 6; W. T. Elson, 7; E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 8; C. Charge (composer), 9; R. Burgess, 10.

## 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."

## BRAINTREE SURPRISE.

SIR,—I noticed in your columns last week a paragraph to the effect that the new method, Braintree Surprise, as published a week previous, was false, and to detect the repetitions it stated compare third lead with twenty-fourth and fourteenth with twenty-third, and twenty-two repetitions were to be found in each case. As I sent the figures for publication, they having been given me by Mr. S. Hammond about ten years since. I should be obliged if Mr. Brooke would forward me the figures of the false changes, or publish the same in "THE BELL NEWS," as I am under the impression that the method will admit of the extent of Minor. I have pricked out the leads as given above, and fail to detect a single repetition. For calling a 720 I gave when the tenor is in the same position as in Bob Minor (of course I meant the original calling). Mr. Brooke adds to his paragraph for the 720 the tenor is called when behind, without the 5th. I always thought that was the way Bob Minor was called. What does Mr. Brooke mean by giving the calling for a 720 if it is not to be obtained in the method? He contradicts himself. First he says the method is false, and without suggesting any alteration in the construction of the same, he, by making use of other words, gives the calling for a 720 exactly as I give it.

C. H. HOWARD.

37, Bank Street, Braintree.

## THE SIX-BELL PEAL QUESTION.

SIR,—In a letter in your issue of May 18th signed Arthur Craven, the statement is made that in almost all six-bell peals rung in the north, a whole pull of rounds is rung after each 720. I never heard of such a practice. Certainly it is not done in Durham and Newcastle. If such a performance should take place it would not be recorded as a 5040. I would like to know what grounds Mr. Craven has for his startling assertion.

THOMAS HUDSON.

314, High Street West, Sunderland.

SIR,—I was glad to see in last week's issue the right of seven method peals on six bells challenged. Not that I want to cast any reflection on our six-bell ringers whatever, for I think that a company of six-bell ringers ringing 720s of so many different methods is a feat worthy of acknowledgment. But suppose for instance that a company of ringers were ringing a peal of Triples, and they happened to have a change-course which might bring the bells into rounds. Some one of the company might say "we'll go on with the peal, theirs no one outside will detect it." But I will say that there is some one listening to it outside the tower and finds it out; why he would denounce the peal at once, because rounds would have come up in two different places, and then the peal would be false. As Mr. Craven pointed out there is only one round change in a peal, therefore I contend that peals on six-bells of seven 720s cannot be true and complete with rounds coming up so often. I hope we shall have the opinion of some other ringers on the subject. I think that it should have been settled by the Central Council instead of being left to the Exercise to be criticised.

Thomas Street, Leesfield, Lees, Lancashire.

E. B. SHAW.

## THE HANDBELL PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH.

SIR,—We are very glad to see the article in to-day's "BELL NEWS" on the subject of the handbell peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which was rung on February 23rd, 1891. As ringers of the other two pairs of bells in the peal, we fully endorse the account of it given by the Rev. H. Law James and his brother. We were both present at the recent meeting of the Central Council; but as Mr. Winney's remarks were based on mere hearsay, and the limited time of the Council was wanted for important business, we did not think it fair to take up valuable minutes in explaining a matter which, as you justly say, "was quite out of place at the moment."

May 18, 1895.

C. A. CLEMENTS.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. H. GEORGE.—Your letter will appear next week. You intend it for publication, of course.

ALLAN GOWER.—Write to the author, Mr. W. Banister, Ford, Devonport. If he is not able to give you the required information, you may depend on a very kind reply.

## TOUCHES OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

Compiled by JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

Any question relating to these touches may be addressed to me at 257, Park Road, Aston, Birmingham, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope should a reply be needed.

180.	180.
3426175	3426175
34612	34612
4137652	4137652
4175326	4175326
15437	15437
1532467	1532467
5216374	52143
52631	52431
23516	23514
23165	2316574
Twice repeated.	Twice repeated.
180.	180.
3426175	3426175
34612	3461257 s
4137652	41326
4175326	4125376
15437	1543267 s
1532467	15324
Four times repeated.	Four times repeated.
180.	180.
34251	3426175
34512	34612
4136572	41326
41653	4127356
1547623	17432
1572436	17324
52147	7215364
5243167	72531
23514	23715
2316574	23157
Twice repeated.	Twice repeated.
180.	180.
34251	3426175
34512	34612
41325	41326
4126375	4127356
16432	1745263
16324	17524
6217354	7216534
62731	7263145
23617	23716
2315647	2314756
Twice repeated.	Twice repeated.
180.	180.
3426175	3426175
3467251	3467251
47326	47326
47263	47263
76432	76432
76324	76324
6275314	6275314
6251743	62537
2164537	2361547
2143675	2314675
Twice repeated.	Twice repeated.

195.	192.
34251	34251
34512	3456271
4136572	4637512
4167325	46753
1742653	6541723
1725436	6512437
7513264	5263174
75321	52316
52713	21563
52137	21635
2356147	13256
23615	1357246
31256	3714562
3154276	3746125
1432567 s	7632451
14253	7625314
45132	65732
45321	65327
52413	52673
5216473	52736
2657134	2351746
2673541	23175
63257	37251
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4531276	15732
45123	15327
52431	5214367
52314	52431
21543	23514
21435	23145
12345	
214.	214.
3426175	3425176 s
3467251	3457261
4735612	4736512
47563	47653
7641523	7541623
7612435	7512436
6273154	5273164
6235741	5236741
2564317	2654317
25436	26435
5321476	6321475
53142	63142
34521	3467152
34215	34716
41352	4135726
41523	4152367
12435	12435
12354	12354
Repeated.	Repeated.
252.	252.
3426175	34251
3467251	3456271
4735612	46325
47563	4627315
76435	67435
7631425	6731452
61743	7165324
61437	7152643
1362457	1274536
1325674	1243765
35162	2316457
35621	2365174
52316	35216
52163	3517246
Twice repeated.	Twice repeated.

216.	216.
3426175	3426175
3467251	3467251
4735612	4735612
4751326	4751326
7142563	71435
71254	71354
1576234	15743
1563742	15437
53176	5312467
5374126	53241
34517	34512
3412567	34125
Twice repeated.	Twice repeated.
216.	216.
3426175	3426175
3467251	3467251
47326	4735612
4725316	4751326
7541263	71435
7516432	7132465
5673124	12743
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6254317	2316457
62435	2365174
2361475	35216
23146	3517246
Twice repeated.	Twice repeated.
216.	216.
3426175	34251
3467251	3456271
47326	4637512
4725316	46753
7541263	6541723
75124	6512437
5276134	5263174
52617	52316
21576	2157346
2173546	21735
13257	13257
13572	13572
Twice repeated.	Twice repeated.
216.	216.
34251	34251
3456271	3456271
4637512	4637512
4671325	4671325
61437	61437
6132457	6132457
1265374	12643
12536	12436
2317546	23164
23751	2365174
35217	35216
35172	35162
Twice repeated.	Twice repeated.
240.	240.
34251	34251
3456271	3456271
4637512	46325
4671325	46253
6142753	6547213
6125437	6571432
15642	5103724
15426	5132647
5213476	1254376
52341	12435
3 times repeated.	3 times repeated.

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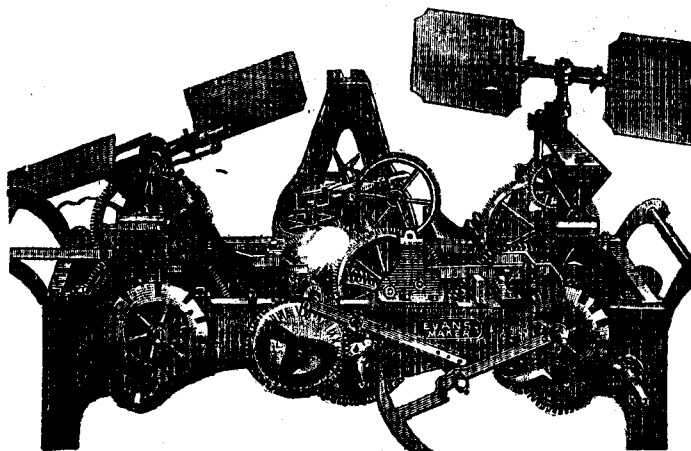
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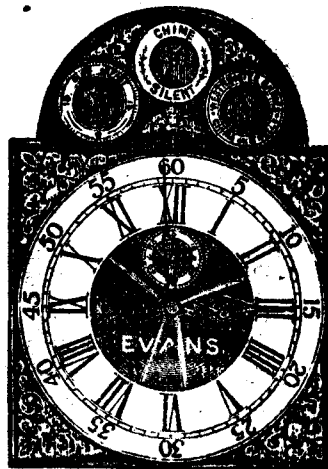
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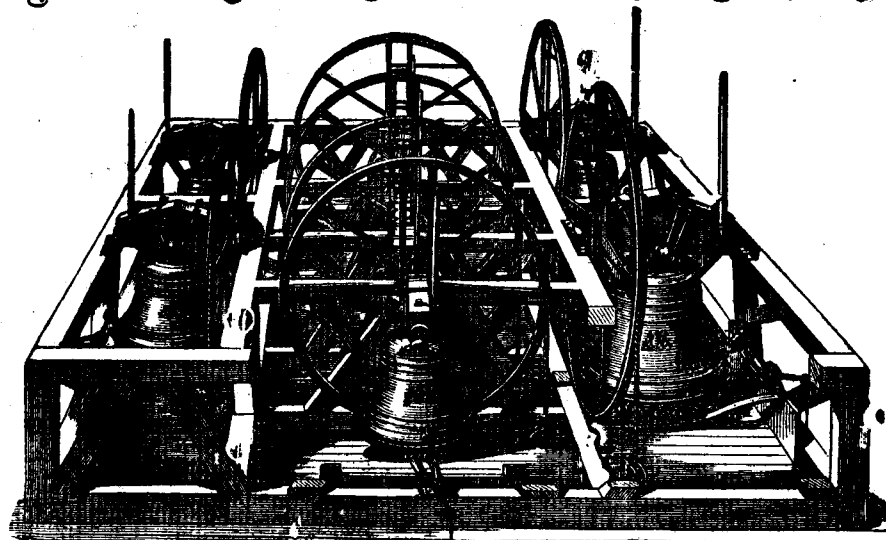
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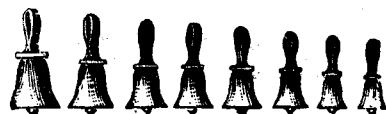
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