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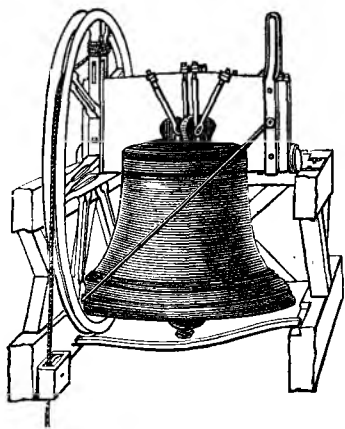
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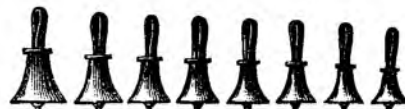


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## THE BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.

WE have received from Mr. Charles Herbert, the hon. sec. of the Bedford Association of Change-Ringers, a copy of Rules, etc., of that Association. A letter from that gentleman which accompanies them, we give at length:—

"It is with feelings of great gratification that we read the excellent remarks contained in your issue of 'THE BELL NEWS' for last week, respecting the proposed formation of an Ely Diocesan Change-Ringing Association. Some few months since the Bedfordshire Association was inaugurated—we being in the diocese—when Dr. Woodford, the Bishop of Ely, courteously became the patron—the Archdeacon of Bedford being the president. The question was mooted as to the propriety of making the society a diocesan one, but the followers of Change-Ringing in Bedfordshire being very limited, and there being many accomplished companies of ringers in other parts of the diocese, it was deemed best, from a practical point of view, that we should proceed with the formation of our county society, thus avoiding any egotistical display on our part. There is a band of young men—the Woburn Company—who have for some years past practised Change-ringing proper, and to whom great praise is due for persevering in the art when ringers and the public generally were not sufficiently acquainted with the subject to appreciate it. The belfry at Woburn is in every respect a model one, the bells—formerly six, but increased to eight by the Duke of Bedford in 1877—all in good order, though it is greatly to be regretted that they are not now in the church, a new church having been erected on another site possessing one large bell weighing 55 cwt. The old tower and bells remain, where the ringers regularly practice, and which is a veritable school for ringing.

"We sincerely hope with you that the proposed movement will be attended with success, and in all probability much good will result from the formation of the two societies; whether they will amalgamate must of course be a question for after consideration.

"Change-ringing was practised in Bedfordshire as early as 1655, as is shown by a curious manuscript preserved in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, a few lines of which is quoted below, but at the close of the last century the science had nearly if not quite died out.

"What is't I heare? in some celestiaall Quire  
Of Angels now descended from their higher  
Sacred Mansions Here to ring a Peale  
In the eares of Mortalls? Thus thinking to steale  
By these diviner Ayres, each mortall's heart  
Into a sublime Rapture Quite a part  
From sublunary things? Or doe I heare  
Th' effect of Phansy ringing in mine eare?  
No, no, such Music Phansy doth excede,  
And 'tis too meane from Angels to proceede:  
But, 'tis brave Palmer's Art, which now doth raise  
Such Harmony: Too great for mortall praise,  
Which must confess 'tis farr beneath ye worth  
Of Palmer and his Sonnes, whose happy Births  
Are celebrated in these quickening Straines,  
Which far excede ye Ayres of Vulgar braines,  
Who only can admire, not understand,  
How you should have your Bells so at command."

It is pleasing to hear that the Duke of Bedford has generously sent a donation of £10 to the funds of the above Association.

## WOUBURN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

This pleasant village rejoices in the possession of what unfortunately is not so common in many parts of England as formerly, to wit, a village-green, the approaches to which, journeying from the demesne of Burnham, with its world-renowned beeches, affords to the traveller such a prospect of inland scenery not to be surpassed anywhere in England. Indeed the entire locality is one highly favoured in this manner, as it also is, here and there, with fair rings of bells, not always, with sorrow be it stated, in fair condition. Upon taking up a directory of this neighbourhood, and opening it at the pages which describe for instance, the parish of Stoke Poges, so famed for its connection with Gray, even the most ordinary observer would be amazed, if after being thrilled with these poetical associations, he were to be suddenly informed that the bells of Stoke Poges are a bad lot, and the ringing-chamber a trifle worse than a second-rate coal-house. At the risk of being condemned as an unpoetical wanderer, the writer cannot help wishing that the poet had been connected in his day with the science, or that some of our present Associations had flourished at that time; he might have selected some other spot, possessing in an equal degree the "sacred calm that breathes around" Stoke Poges, and where the curfew was rung in a manner and upon an instrument befitting the despotic power and barbaric majesty of the founder of such a national institution. But these ideas, no doubt, savour strongly of the grossest irreverence. Nevertheless, as a pilgrimage to the church of Stoke Poges is an object of interest to many, thus bringing it within the denomination of a national monument or relic, there is nothing unpoetical or irreverent in the desire that the bells and steeple of this church should engender delight instead of disgust; neither is it sacrilege to express a belief that the precincts of the belfry-door

would be none the worse for what is known as restoration. So much for Stoke Poges. The neighbouring parish church of Farnham, or Farnham Royal, is, from a ringer's point of view, fully entitled to the lavish praise which has been bestowed upon it in the columns of "our paper," and the increase of the peal would really make it the most important steeple in the vicinage. The church of All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, has a peal of eight bells, in fair order, and here it was that a company of the Oxford Diocesan Guild started on a brilliant tour which may be said to have ended at the place the name of which heads these observations. An unsuccessful attempt at a 5000 separated the party till the following day, when was rung a 720 of Boyne Minor at Farnham, being the "first peal" in this method of one (the company, who was very jubilant thereat. Thence reinforced by contingents from Windsor and Slough, and vehicles of a nondescript character having been called into requisition, the party proceeded through glade and forest, to Wooburn. Incidents of the journey are perhaps "out of course" in this veracious account, but nothing of an importance calls for notice beyond the fact that one of the party—mounted upon a machine which the youth of the day affect, in some instances, to their grief and consternation—wandered away, not from virtue's path, but from the direct route, and the coach containing W. Wilder, Esq., and his friends following, the company got separate for a brief period, all to unite, however, near the church they were in quest of.

The church at Wooburn contains a ring of eight bells, tenor about 16 cwt. The circle is not by any means good, the plan of the frame evidently having been designed by some *artiste* of local celebrity while the ringing-chamber is encumbered by an unsightly clock-case which hideous erection was evidently built "to oblige Benson," the being the patronymic of the clockmaker. When will these celebrated London clockmakers understand that there are more appropriate positions for the works and mechanism of a clock than a church tower and when will the various church authorities learn to fix upon firms to supply their necessities who have made the study of their wants a special feature of their business? The bells are in fair order, but new ropes are wanting. The removing of the clock-case, and a slight rearrangement of the bell-frame, would bring the belfry more in consonance with the wishes and ideas of ringers of practical ability. This church being absent from that valuable work, *Troyte's Guide to the Steeples of England*, will be sufficient indication that scientific ringing is unknown, neither is there any record in the tower of any peal being ever performed upon the bells.

Upon application being made to the Rector for permission to ring he accorded it with a very salutary condition, viz., that after ringing the ringers should attend the service which was to be performed that evening, and which condition was faithfully and cheerfully observed. Touches of Grandsire Triples were therefore rung for service in a creditable manner by C. Chapman, J. Parker, J. Steel, J. Basden, A. Fussell, W. Wilder, R. Flaxman, and W. Fussell, after which the company had the satisfaction of joining the worshippers in the church, and being edified with an impressive sermon delivered by the venerable Rector, founded upon the text—"I am the Good Shepherd." The services at Wooburn church appear to partake of great heartiness, but totally devoid of any extreme in ritual.

The party then wended their way homewards, stopping at Farnham on the way, where, at the celebrated hostel, the "Duke's Head," capital accommodation of every kind was afforded. The time came, however, for the best of friends to part, and after mutual attestations of goodwill, with hopes for another meeting at an early date, the company separated; and thus closed a day which only had one disappointing feature in it, viz., the absence of friends from Maidenhead, who would have joined the party could they conveniently have been informed, in time, of the arrangements.

We trust that this visit of the Oxford Diocesan Association to Wooburn, may very shortly be the means of scientific ringing holding up its head there, and shall earnestly look for further action being taken in the matter.

The Queen has promised a subscription of one hundred pounds towards the fund for the enlargement of the Royal Church at Kew. It is proposed to increase the accommodation to seven hundred and thirty-seven sittings, and in every way to improve the church. The scheme has been unanimously approved at a public meeting of the inhabitants of Kew, presided over by the Duke of Cambridge, who also has subscribed one hundred pounds. The subscription list further includes the names of the Duchess of Teck and the Grand Duke and Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. The work is estimated to cost five thousand five hundred pounds.

The organ in Foxton parish church, Cambs., was reopened on Sunday week after enlargement by Mr. Miller, of Cambridge. The peal of bells for the same church are being recast by Messrs. Warner and Son, of Cripplegate, and are to be rehung by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk.

PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

COMPILED BY JASPER W. SNOWDON.

PEALS WITH THE SIXTH THE EXTENT EACH WAY IN 5-6, AND SIX COURSE-ENDS HOME.

In the two following peals the sixth is four course-ends wrong and six home.

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
46532	2	-	2	2	46532	2	-	2	2
52364	2	-	2	2	52364	2	-	2	2
25463	1	-	2		42563	-	1		
56423	1	-			43265	-	1	1	
65324	-	1	2		23645	1	-	1	
43526	2	-	1	1	32546	-	1	2	
32546	1	-			45236	2	-	2	2
45236	1	-	2		26354	2	-	2	2
26354	2	-	2	2	34562	2	-	2	2
34562	2	-	2	2	24365	-	1		
43265	2	-	2	2	25463	-	1	1	
23645	1	-	1		24653	1	-	2	2
25346	-	1	1		45623	1	-		
54326	1	-			54326	-	1	2	
23456	1	-	2		23456	2	2		

T. LOCKWOOD.

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5024.

23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
52364	-		2		35264	-			
25463	-	1	2		53462	-		1	2
62534	-				23564	-			
26435	-	1	2		32465	-		1	2
24365	1	-	2	2	52364	-			
45362	2	-	1	2	25463	-		1	2
63542	-		2	2	64523	-		2	2
46325	-		2		62345	-		2	1
36245	1	-	1		26543	-		1	2
45623	2	-	2		42635	-			2
54326	2	-	2		24536	2	-		2
42356	1	-			25346	1	-	2	2
53246	1	-	2		56342	2	-	1	2
34256	1	-			43652	1	-		2
52436	1	-	2		54326	-			2
23456	1	-			23456	2	2		

N. J. PITSTOW.

In the following peal the sixth is five course-ends wrong, and six home.

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
52364	-		2		35264	-			
54263	-	1	1		53462	-		1	2
45362	-	1	2		23564	-			
25463	-	1			32465	-		1	2
62534	-		2		52364	-			
36245	-		2		25463	-		1	2
64235	1	-			24653	-			1
46532	-	1	2		32546	-		2	2
46325	-		1		65243	2	-	1	1
43265	1	-	2	2	46532	-			2
65324	2	-	2		63542	1	-		
54326	1	-	2		36245	-		1	2
42356	1	-			43652	-			2
53246	1	-	2		35426	-			
34256	1	-			24536	1	-	2	
52436	1	-	2		54326	1	-		1
23456	1	-			23456	1	-		2

N. J. PITSTOW.

PEALS WITH THE SIXTH THE EXTENT IN 5-6, AND SIX COURSE-ENDS EACH WAY.

In this class of peals those with the sixth the extent at consecutive course-ends are first presented.

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
35264	-				23564	-		1	
45362	-	1			43265	-	1		
54263	-	1	2		34562	-	1	2	
53462	-	1	1		32465	-	1	1	
52364	-	1	1		52364	-	1		
24365	2	-	1	2	25463	-	1	2	
63425	1	-	2		64352	2	-	2	
36524	-	1	2		64523	-		1	
36245	-		1		62345	-		2	1
56423	2	-		1	46253	-			2
62534	-				52643	1	-		2
54326	2	-	2	2	25346	-		1	2
42356	1	-			34256	1	-	2	1
32546	1	-		1	24536	1	-		1
45236	1	-		2	35426	1	-		2
53246	1	-			52436	1	-		
23456	1	-		1	23456	1	-		

N. J. PITSTOW.

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
54632	1	-	1		36452	2	-	1	2
36245	1	-			65324	-			
64523	2	-			24653	-		2	
26435	-			2	56342	1	-		1
24365	1	-	2	2	43265	1	-		1
53462	2	-	1	1	34562	-		1	2
52364	-		1	1	24365	-		1	1
25463	-		1	2	42563	-		1	2
35264	-		1		32465	-		1	
45362	-		1		23564	-		1	2
45623	-		1		53624	2	-		1
54326	2	-		2	32546	-			
42356	1	-			24536	1	-		
53246	1	-		2	35426	1	-		2
34256	1	-			45236	1	-		1
52436	1	-		2	25346	1	-		1
23456	1	-			23456	1	-	2	2

N. J. PITSTOW.

The following peal is the 5056 at the top of page 67, Part II., by Mr. Dains, reduced to 5024 by Mr. Pitstow.

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
32654	-		1	2	63542	2	-		1
65324	1	-	2	1	36245	-		1	2
26543	-			2	36452	-			1
56423	1	-		1	62453	2	-	1	2
23564	-		2		25463	1	-		
32465	-	1	2		23564	-		1	1
35264	-	1	1		32465	-		1	2
45362	-		1		52364	-		1	
54263	-	1	2		54263	-		1	1
53462	-	1	1		45362	-		1	2
43652	-		2	1	45623	-			1
54326	-		2		43526	2	-		1
34256	1	-		1	25346	1	-		2
45236	1	-			54326	1	-		
32546	1	-		2	34256	1	-		1
52436	1	-		1	52436	1	-		2
23456	1	-			23456	1	-		

N. J. PITSTOW.

As was stated soon after the publication of Part II. of my *Treatise on Treble Bob*, the second peal of 5056 by Mr. Dains on page 67 (the bottom of the page) in that work is false. The following is a corrected edition of that peal.

Mr. Pitstow has, however, composed a corrected edition of this 23456 M B W H same peal, by which the changes are reduced to 35642 1 2 5024. This improvement is effected by calling the first three courses of the original, on page 67, as annexed.

5056.

23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
63542	1	-	2	1	36452	2	-	1	2
36245	-			1	46532	1	-		1
32465	1	-	2	2	32465	2	-	1	
54263	2	-	1	1	23564	-		1	2
53462	-	1	1		43265	-	1		
35264	-	1	2		34562	-	1	2	
45362	-		1		43652	-		1	1
25463	-		1		42563	-		1	2
56234	-				56423	-			1
63425	2	-			62453	1	-		1
65324	-	1	1		53624	-			2
54326	1	-	2		32546	-			
42356	1	-			24536	1	-		
53246	1	-	2		35426	1	-		2
34256	1	-			45236	1	-		1
52436	1	-	2		25346	1	-		1
23456	1	-			23456	1	-	2	2

H. DAINS.

5120.

23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
56234	2	-	1		54632	1	-		1
24365	1	-	1	2	43265	1	-		2
42563	-	1	2		35264	2	-	1	2
52643	2	-	1		32654	-			1
45236	-		2		53246	-			2
34256	1	-	2		63425	2	-		1
36452	2	-		1	32465	-			2
23564	-	2	2		25463	2	-	1	2
62345	-		2		24653	-			1
25346	1	-		2	52436	-			2
42356	1	-	2		62345	2	-		1
46253	2	-		1	24365	-			2
34562	-	2	2		45362	2	-	1	2
63425	-		2		45623	-			1
35426	1	-	2		54326	2	-		2
23456	1	-	2		23456	1	-		2

N. J. PITSTOW.

5152.

23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
56342	2	-	2		46532	1	-		1
32465	1	-	1	2	32465	-			2
23564	-	1	2		25463	2	-	1	2
34562	2	-	1	2	62534	-			2
42563	2	-	1	2	62345	-			1
64235	1	-	2		24365	-			2
45236	1	-		2	45362	2	-	1	2
34256	1	-	2		64523	-			2
36452	2	-		1	64235	-			1
53624	-		2		43265	-			2
25346	-		2		35264	2	-	1	2
42356	1	-	2		32654	-			1
46253	2	-		1	53246	-			2
54632	-		2		52436	1	-		2
35426	-		2		54326	1	-		2
23456	1	-	2		23456	1	-		2

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Contributions are invited from any of our friends. We shall always be glad to give any information asked for, relative to the subjects this paper deals with.

The Editor would be glad to receive the names of gentlemen who would be willing to act for their respective districts, in the capacity of reporter or correspondent. We shall feel obliged by Association and other Secretaries sending intelligence of events occurring within their jurisdiction.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1882.

IN a recent number we briefly referred to the power which the various ringing Associations of the country possessed to further the progress of the art of Ringing throughout the land. And in coming back to the same topic, which the previous observations made did not by any means exhaust, it may be stated by way of preface, that additional circumstances have arisen which establishes a conviction that it mainly rests with these bodies to determine, by their course of action, what will be the prospects and condition of the art at the end of another decade. We have not space to dwell at any great length upon what is to us an interesting subject, but we sincerely hope that what suggestions we offer may be worth the consideration of the members of these various bodies at their annual or other periodical meetings. Thus, we shall see in the rules of such bodies that the object of their formation is to promote their principles, expressed or implied. And on taking up a code of rules of a Ringers' Society we shall invariably find words to the effect that it shall have for its object the promotion of Belfry Reform and the cultivation of Change Ringing. Very good. But—and this is the very gist of our observations—does this mean the "cultivation of change ringing" narrowed to the circles of one particular company or association; and "belfry reform" to one special neighbourhood? To put it plainly, is the work of such an organisation to be confined to steeples which possess all the facilities required for good ringing, which may be got through with ease and comfort, and in company with the best of performers? We think not. If so, the progress of the art will not be so great as its merits deserve. We should say that for the officers of the various Associations to sift out and discover every steeple—not only in their

immediate locality, but in the extreme confines of their diocese or county, where things are not as they should be, such as "a ring of bells in perfect tune" with no ringers worth the name; or bells in bad order, with ringers willing but unable to ring them—would be furthering the objects for which these societies are established. Is this then actually the case? Are there any of our Ringing Associations who can plead guilty to the knowledge of some existing belfry within their jurisdiction in one of the conditions above referred to, and making no attempt by a presentment to the Church authorities to effect a healthy change? That is the question we ask; but we cannot help knowing, from statistics within the reach of every one, that the exertions of all who have the promotion of belfry reform and the cultivation of change ringing in view, have not triumphed over obstacles sufficiently to be considered as victorious in the struggle.

Let us not be misunderstood. A great deal has been done in the direction to which we are alluding, but a deal more remains. What has been effected we are thankful for. But the influence which the various Guilds possess is able to effect a deal more if it is brought to play in a proper direction. The social status of many of the members of the Guilds is such that representations coming from them to the various Church authorities must have a great weight, and cause their representations to be well considered before being put aside and ignored. It is this power which we desire to see made the most of, and used for the benefit of the Art of Ringing in general.

These views, expressed briefly as they are, we should be pleased to see grasped and carried out to their full import by those gentlemen who are capable of so doing. We make no pointed allusions to those amongst us who are naturally fitted to head a movement against what elements of evil still exist with regard to belfries. What obstacles there may be to still further improvements, are to be overcome by reasonable and practicable assault, and in the forthcoming meetings which we chronicle this week in our columns, we hope to hear that another campaign of a quick and sharp character has been commenced, not to be closed till these encumbrances in the path of reform have succumbed to vigorous action.

Any of our readers who could distribute circulars and bills relating to this journal can have them by applying to our office. We have had some small bills printed for hanging in the belfry where convenient. We also inform our friends that we have just perfected arrangements so that they may have copies earlier than has been the case hitherto. There should be no difficulty in the future of obtaining copies on Friday evening or Saturday morning. Where a failure to get a supply of papers exists, the same should be notified to us at the earliest date.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The next Meeting of this Society takes place on Saturday, July 1st, at Gargrave, near Skipton. Tea will be provided in the National School, at Five o'clock p.m., after which the General Meeting will be held.

The Midland Railway will run an Excursion Train from Leeds and the following Stations, the return fare being in each case 1s. 6d. The train will leave Gargrave for the return journey at 8.20 p.m.

LEEDS .. .. .	1.35 p.m.	BRADFORD .. .. .	1.55 p.m.
HOLBECK .. .. .	1.39 "	MANNINGHAM .. .. .	2.0 "
KIRKSTALL .. .. .	1.46 "	SHIPLEY .. .. .	2.5 "
APPERLEY .. .. .	1.58 "	BINGLEY .. .. .	2.15 "
		KEIGHLEY .. .. .	2.25 p.m.

**The Provinces.**

**BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.**

On Tuesday, June 6th, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL, ASTON,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY BASTABLE .. .. .	Treble.	JOHN BUFFERY .. .. .	6.
JOB JOYNES .. .. .	2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. .	7.
HENRY JOHNSON, SEN. .. .. .	3.	JOHN DUNN .. .. .	8.
THOMAS MILLER .. .. .	4.	HENRY JOHNSON, JUN. .. .. .	9.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. .	5.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, SEN.; and conducted by the  
REV. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BRADFORD DISTRICT.**

On Saturday, June 10, 1882, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, BOLTON, NEAR BRADFORD,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ABRAHAM MOULSON .. .. .	Treble.	JOSEPH CHEETHAM .. .. .	5.
JAMES ANGUS .. .. .	2.	JOHN WILSON .. .. .	6.
BENJAMIN T. COPLEY .. .. .	3.	JOSHUA B. JENNINGS .. .. .	7.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. .	4.	JASPER W. SNOWDON, ESQ. Tenor.	

Conducted by JASPER W. SNOWDON.

The peal, in one part, with the sixth the extent in 5-6, four course-ends wrong, and eight right, was composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

**WALTER BELCHAMP, ESSEX.**

On Sunday, June 11th, 1882, in Three Hours,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

N. JOHN PITSTOW .. .. .	Treble.	*OLIVER GARWOOD .. .. .	5.
SAMUEL SLATER .. .. .	2.	FRED. WELLS .. .. .	6.
ZAC. SLATER .. .. .	3.	HENRY HARPER .. .. .	7.
F. PAUL ADAMS .. .. .	4.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

This peal, in two parts, was composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and is the first upon the bells. The calling of it will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" for December, 1881, page 83.

[\*First Peal.]

Shortly after ringing the above peal, four of the company rung upon handbells, retained in hand,

**A COURSE OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR:**

ZAC. SLATER ..	1-2.	F. P. ADAMS ..	3-4.
SAM. SLATER ..	5-6.	F. PITSTOW ..	7-8.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

On Tuesday, June 13, 1882—the Anniversary of Lord Albemarle's  
Birthday—in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES,**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

W. OXER .. .. .	Treble.	H. EAGLING .. .. .	5.
REV. G. H. HARRIS* .. .. .	2.	R. NUDDS .. .. .	6.
G. EDWARDS .. .. .	3.	R. HUTTON .. .. .	7.
W. NUDDS .. .. .	4.	J. MORDEY .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by J. MORDEY.

[\* Of Tunstead.]

The above peal is one by J. REEVES, vide Snowdon, Part II., page 3.

**Miscellaneous.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

READING.—On Wednesday in Whitsun-week, at St. Mary's, being the occasion of opening the new town-hall, eight members of the above Guild attempted a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, but overlooking the probability of the descent of the shades of evening, the attempt failed, after accomplishing about one-half, the light of day departing from their gaze, "like a beautiful dream," causing the striking to become defective, which prevented them accomplishing their object. R. Swain, 1; A. J. Williams, 2; T. Newman, 3; S. Paice, 4; J. M. Routh, Esq., 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6; W. Newell, 7; J. Sadler, 8. The number of changes rung was nearly 2000. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

**THE DURHAM DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Tuesday evening, June 13th, at St. John's church, six members of the Darlington branch of the above Association rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. J. Blakiston, 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; J. H. Whitfield, 4; W. Patton, 5; Geo. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

APPLETON (Berks).—On Sunday, June 11th, at the parish church, a true 720 of Stedman Minor, in 25 mins. J. Avery, 1; E. Holifield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; W. Bennett, 4; F. White, 5; G. Holifield (conductor), 6.

BARTON (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, June 10th, the Trinity Society of Hull visited Barton, when the following company rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. C. Jackson, 1; A. Taylor, 2; W. Gill, 3; C. Bennett, 4; R. Chaffer, 5; J. W. Stickney (conductor), 6; after which a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rang in 26 mins. R. Chaffer, 1; A. Taylor, 2; C. Jackson, 3; J. W. Stickney, 4; W. Gill, 5; C. Bennett (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday afternoon, June 11th, immediately after the Special Service of Song, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25½ mins., on the back six bells of this ring of eight, by the following members of the local society. \*R. Checkley, 1; H. Rogers, 2; W. A. Garraway (conductor), 3; \*Edwd. Rogers, 4; Edn. Rogers, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt. [\*First 720.] Composed by J. J. Parker.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Thursday, June 8th, at the parish church (St. Mary's), a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. F. Fells, 1; W. Fussell, 2; J. Parker, 3; A. Batten, 4; C. Clark, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, June 11th, after Divine Service at the parish church (St. Mary's), a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 27 mins. H. Nunn, 1; J. Nixon, 2; J. Leach, 3; J. Nunn, 4; J. Hannington (conductor), 5; A. Jacob, 6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 28 mins. H. Nunn, 1; J. Leach, 2; J. Nixon, 3; J. Nunn, 4; A. Jacob, 5; J. Hannington (conductor), 6. Also a six-score each of Bob and Grandsire Doubles. A. Dawes, 1; G. Griffin, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; J. Nunn, 4; A. Jacob, 5; A. King, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HULL.—On Monday, May 22nd, the Trinity Society of Change Ringers, met Mr. Haley of London and Mr. Walker of St. Mary's Society, Hull, and rang some Kent Treble Bob Major, after which the company adjourned to their meeting house and rang courses of Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major. Also on Saturday, June 3rd, in celebration of her Majesty's birthday, the ringers rang several touches of Kent Treble Bob, Yorkshire Court, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. Royal Salutes were fired during the day. Several visitors from Rochdale and Barton visited the tower, and took part in the ringing.

KIRKBURTON (Yorkshire).—On Monday, June 5th, at St. John's Church, in 50 mins., two 720's of Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent respectively). A. Armitage, 1; H. Pickering (age 17), 2; A. Hincliffe (age 18; conductor), 3; H. Shaw, 4; J. Copley, 5; W. Metcalf (age 18), 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday, June 11th, the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone attended Divine Service at this church, both morning and evening. The ringers rang the prime minister out in the evening by four 720's of Bob Doubles. Some time ago it was brought to our notice that the local ringers had given up attending, but owing to the exertions of Mr. W. A. Tyler, who has come to reside in the neighbourhood, there is a prospect of regular practice becoming again the custom as formerly.

READING.—On Sunday, June 11th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Giles's, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins., each called differently. H. Bonney, 1; A. J. Williams, 2; H. Egby (conductor), 3; R. Allen, 4; W. Newell, 5; H. Smart, 6.

#### LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE Annual Anniversary of these bells will be held on June 21st. The Great Eastern Railway Company will issue Return Tickets at a single fare for the Double Journey.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at Eccles, on Saturday, June 24th. Tea will be provided at the "Odd Fellows' Arms" Hotel, tickets One Shilling each; may be had from the Committee, or the undersigned.

The Rev. Canon Pitcairn is expected to preside at the Meeting.

W. J. CHATTERTON, } Hon. Secs.  
JOEL REDFORD, }

#### THE SAFFRON WALDEN (ESSEX) SOCIETY. ESTABLISHED 1623.

On Tuesday, the 27th instant, the Two Hundred and Fifty-ninth Anniversary will take place, in accordance with the will of the late Thomas Turner, of this town.

The bells are in excellent order, and one of the best rings of eight in the country. The home ringers will be pleased to see any visitors who may make it convenient to attend.

PRIZE-RINGING.—Another of these intellectual feats is recorded from the neighbourhood where, through the vigilance and scathing criticism of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe—who, by the way, we can never refer to without experiencing feelings of sincere filial regard—we thought the nuisance had become eradicated. We should like to know what were the qualifications possessed by the "triers" at this grand tournament, and also the "takings" of mine host of the "Kings' Arms" on the day in question; and it would also be an interesting occupation to attempt to gauge the depth of the sophistry which too successfully "gammoned" the rev. prebendary to officiate upon such an occasion. We take the following from *The North Devon Herald*:—"CREDITON.—RINGING COMPETITIONS.—There was capital competitions for the ringing prizes at Crediton on Monday, which resulted in Alphington bearing off the first prize of £5, St Thomas the second of £3, and Paignton the third of £2. The ringers of Northtawton, Ide, and Pilton also contended. The triers were Mr S. Wilson, of Crediton; Mr. Southcott, of Thorverton; and Mr. Moas, of Exeter. The Rev. Prebendary Smith distributed the prizes after a dinner at the King's Arms Inn."

LIST OF ESSEX RINGS.—This is a large printed broad sheet, having set out in a tabular form the list of Rings in the county of Essex, together with all information regarding the practice nights, methods rung, distances from station, &c., in fact it is, to the county of Essex, what *Troyte's Guide* is to the United Kingdom. It is compiled by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, assistant secretary of the Essex Association, who has generously sent a copy to each of the steeples named thereon. We cannot help saying that the production of this list is a step in the right direction. If each association were to have a similar list compiled of the rings under their jurisdiction, it would be the means of making the general list of the Messrs. Troyte more complete than at present, when they issue another edition. We recommend all Secretaries of Associations, and indeed all interested in the promotion of the art, to obtain a copy of this county list, as no doubt it will create an idea which may with profit be acted upon. We understand that Mr. Cockey will send them post free to any one for 3d. His address is the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Rettendon, Chelmsford, Essex.

TRURO.—A meeting of the Diocesan Cathedral Committee was held in Bishop Philpott's library at Truro, on Tuesday week. The report of the Executive Committee was read, and stated that on the 10th December last the contracts with Mr. Shillitoe as builder, and with Mr. J. L. Pearson, R. A., as architect, were duly signed by those gentlemen and the Earl of Mount-Edgcombe as chairman of the committee. Mr. Shillitoe immediately took possession of the cathedral works, and from that time to the present the building operations had been carried on with vigour. The special supervision was entrusted to the late Mr. James Bubb, the able clerk of works, in whom the committee had the greatest confidence, and whose untimely death had been lamented alike by employers and employed. Mr. Pearson had recommended that, with a view to the future stability of the structure, the two western central piers should be built *pari passu* with

the two eastern ones; he had added that it would be highly desirable, for similar reasons, that the foundation of the transept should be proceeded with. This subject would be considered at a future meeting of the executive committee and reported upon. The report was adopted. The Bishop announced that the sum of £1,000 had been given towards the building of the south porch, provided Mr. Pearson's recommendation with reference to the building of the two western central piers were carried out. The treasurer reported that the total amount promised was £50,172, of which £41,111 had been received; £10,608 had been spent in land, £7,250 on the building, and £18,000 had been invested. A resolution of sympathy with the family of Mr. Bubb was passed, and it was stated that the question of a memorial to Mr. Bubb would be brought before the next meeting of the executive committee.

BIRKENHEAD.—A new chapel for St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead, was opened on Tuesday. The present central hall of the college buildings, which has hitherto served as the chapel, is intended to be converted into a lecture-room. The plan of the new edifice, which seats 720 adults, is a parallelogram 80 by 27 feet, terminating with a polygonal apse. A vestry is disposed on the north side, with an organ-chamber above, and heating chamber in basement. The entire structure is faced with light red Northwich bricks, with moulded brick strings and bands, and dressings of Cloughton-hill stone. The whole of the works have been carried out under the superintendence of Mr. David Walker of Liverpool.

CHESTER.—The church of St. Thomas, built from the designs of the late Sir Gilbert Scott, has just been completed. The building is of Runcorn Stone. At the south-east angle are provided the foundation and first stage of a tower, ultimately to be carried to a height of 73 feet, when a spire will be added.

It will be only an appropriate corollary to this record of the success Great Paul has now achieved—its transport and elevation having been performed without the slightest accident of any kind to life or limb—to add that it is by private subscription that the funds have been so far provided, and by private contribution will the balance still have to be completed. The total cost of the casting, transport, and erection will mount up, probably, close to £3000. Of this already half has been actually received, the Dean and Chapter and officials of the Cathedral having amongst themselves contributed £600. Of the City Companies, the Merchant Taylors, Mercers, Clothworkers, Grocers, and Fishmongers have each contributed one hundred guineas; the Stationers, Salters, and Drapers, fifty guineas; and some of the smaller guilds, as the Dyers and Plumbers, from five to ten pounds. The only bankers are Hoare and Coutts, who have presented £50 apiece.

A new church of St. Anne is approaching completion at Denton, from designs by Messrs. J. Medland and H. Taylor, of Manchester. It is cruciform in plan, and affords accommodation for about 400 worshippers. On either side of the altar and reredos are three subjects in burnished brass, from Old Testament history—viz., "Abel's Sacrifice," "Noah's Sacrifice," "Abraham Offering up Isaac," "The Scape Goat," "Aaron the High Priest Offering Sacrifice," and "Solomon's Sacrifice." The five-light east window has been filled with stained glass by Messrs. Heaton, Butler, and Bayne, of London, the subject of the three centre lights being "The Birth of Christ," flanked by representations of "The Annunciation," and "Angels Announcing the Birth of the Saviour," the tracery being occupied by "Angels in Adoration." A schoolroom and class-rooms are provided under the church.

The *Guardian* says:—"After voting in favour of the bill legalising marriage with a deceased wife's sister, the Prince of Wales attended the French play at the Gaiety Theatre, and we regret to see it announced that his Royal Highness had ordered for performance last evening the notorious French play, *La Dame aux Camélias*."

The parish-church of Langwathby is about to be restored, from plans by Mr. Seymour, of Carlisle. A gallery will be removed, choir-stalls placed in the chancel, the chancel-roof will be opened out, a new pulpit and reading-desk provided, and the windows raised in height.

The Rev. George Butler, late Principal of the Liverpool College, has, it is stated, been offered by Mr. Gladstone, and accepted the canonry of Winchester, vacant by the elevation of Canon Wilberforce to the see of Newcastle.

The Speaker has headed the guinea subscription for placing a memorial window in St. Margaret's, Westminster, as a tribute to Lord Frederick Cavendish. Names are coming in very rapidly from both sides of the house.

The *World* states Major Savory, the chairman of the committee of the Naval and Military Club, was so excited on hearing that a horse which he had drawn in a £500 sweepstakes had won, that he had an apoplectic fit of which he died.

The Bishop of Chichester laid, on Saturday, the foundation-stone of St. Barnabas' Church, Hove, and consecrated a new burial-ground in the same parish.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

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5 6 4 2 3	8 9	2 6 3 5 4 7 8
4 6 3 2 5	8 9	3 6 4 5 2 8 9
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6 4 5 3 2	7 8	nine consecutive courses behind the 9th.
4 5 6 3 2	7 8	

\* 7th in and out at two, with a double.  
 † 7th in and out at two.  
 ‡ 8th in two, and a 7 8.

DANIEL PRENTICE.

A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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

Nine times repeated; a single being substituted for the bob marked \* in the fifth and tenth parts.

W. A. TYLER (Willesden).

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The pieces for May consist of Selection—"Don Giovanni," by Mozart; Large Peal "Life's a Jumper," Glee, by Wainwright; with the Country Dance, "Drops of Brandy." Medium peal, &c., Price 3s. each.

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The above are arranged for two octaves of bells in G., with the F naturals and C sharps as well.

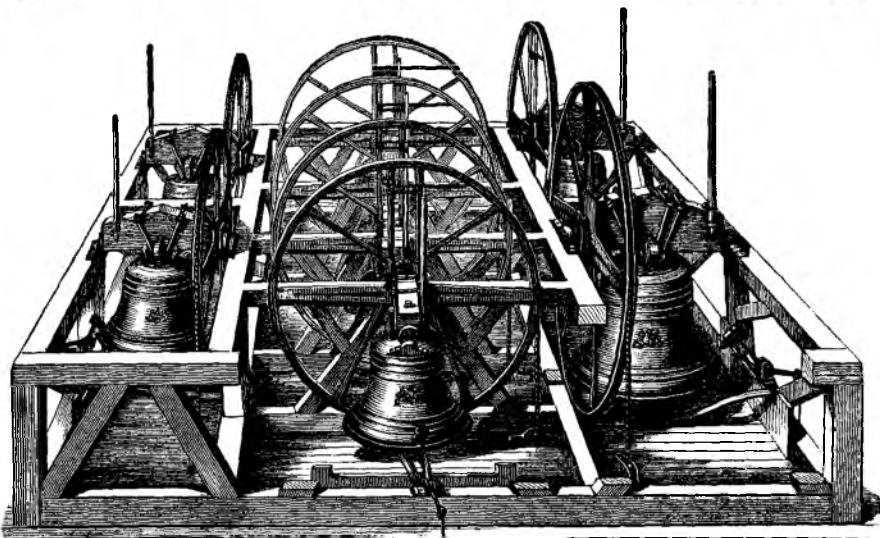
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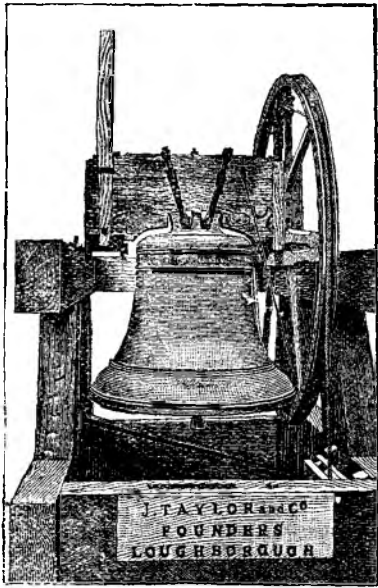
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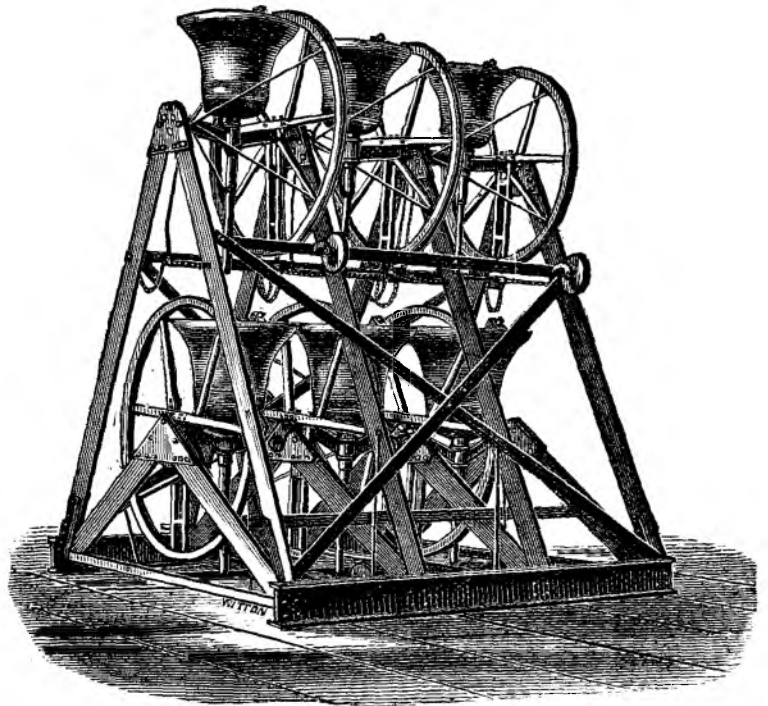
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