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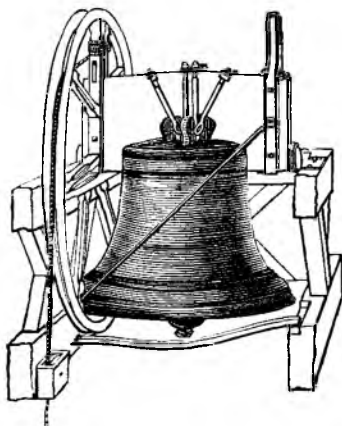
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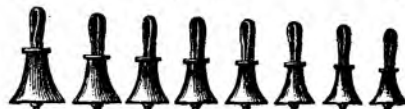


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THE MEETING OF AMATEUR RINGERS.

THE Lavenham Anniversary, as all the ringing world knows, takes place on the 21st of June, and every year this picturesque and interesting Suffolk village is resorted to by ringers, not only from the immediate neighbourhood, but from London and other distant parts, attracted by the fame of the admired ring of eight in the grand old Parish Church. This year the occasion was taken advantage of as a fitting opportunity for endeavouring to get together a meeting of gentlemen ringers, clerical and lay, in order to initiate, and if possible, organize, an annual gathering of amateurs. The very fact that such a gathering could be seriously contemplated, and the attempt be made, sufficiently testifies, if proof were needed, to the great advancement which the science of Change-ringing has made in public estimation during the last few years. We wish we could record a more pronounced success than was actually achieved, so far as concerns the number present on this occasion; but notwithstanding that nearly one hundred circulars of invitation were issued to amateur ringers in all parts of the country, only a very few found it possible to attend; previous engagements, distance, inability to spare the time, and perhaps, the shortness of the notice, compelling many, as usual, to decline, who would otherwise have desired and rejoiced to come. Of those who did attend we noticed particularly L. Procter, Esq., of Bennington; the Rev. A. Sutton; the Rev. G. H. Harris, Secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association; the Rev. J. B. Seaman, Secretary of the Essex Association; the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild; the Rev. H. E. Bulwer; Captain A. P. Moore; Gervas Holmes, Esq.; M. C. Potter, Esq., President of the Cambridge University Society; H. Reeves, Esq.; G. Meadows, Esq. Various touches on the bells having been assayed during the morning, and the magnificent church duly inspected and admired, the ringers present adjourned to a spacious marquee erected in the paddock behind the Cock Inn, where they found a most excellent dinner awaiting them, Dr. Barkway, of Lavenham, in the chair. As there was no speech-making, no time was lost, and the dinner being despatched, a select band, consisting of some of the above-named gentlemen, with Messrs. Jones, Winny, and Gooch, of London, and Mr. R. Sewell, of Barking, again ascended the tower, and accomplished the most successful piece of ringing during the day, viz.: two touches of Stedman Triples, under the conductorship of the Rev. E. Robinson.

Before dismissing the Lavenham meeting, we feel bound to say, that however much these bells may be admired, they might certainly be made to "go" better than they do, and with more comfort to those who ring them. What with the rattling of pulleys overhead, and the clatter of the ropes as they fall on the bare floor of the ringing-chamber, it is almost impossible to distinguish the striking of one's bell. Indeed, from an inspection of the bells, we were convinced that a thorough refitting and re-hanging is sorely needed. We would respectfully remind the Church authorities and the good people of Lavenham that their bells have a reputation to sustain, and therefore, should be kept "up to the mark," and not allowed to fall into decrepitude.

In the evening the amateurs repaired to Bury S. Edmunds by train, in order to try the ring of eight at S. Mary's, and the ring of ten at S. James's. Both rings are undoubtedly fine, but as is so often, alas! the case, they were so far from being in proper ringing order, that in neither tower was it possible to ring with any degree of comfort or satisfaction. It seems strange that in a town of the size and importance of Bury S. Edmunds, and possessing such really good bells, no effort is made to keep them in decent going order. After supper at "The Angel," a conference was held by the gentlemen present, as to the advisability of holding an annual gathering; with the result that the Rev. F. E. Robinson undertook, at the request of those present, to see what could be done towards organising an assembly of gentlemen ringers in some more central locality in the ensuing year. We sincerely trust that the rev. gentleman's efforts will be crowned with success, as we are confident that much good will result from such a meeting, and the interests of the science greatly advanced thereby.

On Thursday morning, June 22nd, train was again taken for Harleston, where the visitors, having been joined by the Revs. W. Hutt, C. F. Blyth, N. Bolingbroke, and others, were hospitably entertained at luncheon by Messrs. Moore, Holmes, and Mackenzie, previous to paying a visit of inspection to the Redenhall Bell Foundry. Amongst those present at the luncheon, and afterwards at the foundry, we noticed the Ven. Archdeacon Perowne, the Rev. G. Franco, the Rev. J. H. White, the Rev. Moore-Stevens, E. A. Holmes, Esq. The immediate object of a visit to the foundry was to examine and pass judgment upon a ring of eight bells newly cast by this firm, and mounted in a wrought-iron frame, specially designed, and fitted with several most valuable improvements. The company having assembled on the cricket-ground adjoining the foundry, the bells were let down, one after the other, by the men in charge, and afterwards chimed, in order that their quality and accuracy of intonation might be tested at a distance. We were enabled to gather from the remarks of those present that the tone and quality of the bells were universally admired, an

opinion with which our own judgment fully coincided. We were particularly struck with the evenness of the quality throughout the ring, a feature which was also observed with emphatic approval by others in the company. The bells having been heard at a distance, were now subjected to a closer examination, the party adjourning for that purpose to the fitting shop in which they were mounted. Here they were found hanging in two rows, on the same level, in compact and close order, in a frame of wrought iron, bolted to wrought iron girders, which latter rested, without fastening of any kind, on a simple platform of planks: the whole structure presenting an appearance of extreme neatness, simplicity, strength, and lightness. All present were unanimous in their admiration, not only of the general appearance of the bells, frame, and fittings, but of the masterly skill which was apparent in the method of hanging, and the perfect accuracy and neatness with which the work had been carried out; the various improvements in the fittings were also much admired and highly approved by the practical ringers present. Of these we may mention, especially, with the warmest commendation, the brasses and their covers, the rope thimbles in the wheels, and the rolling sliders. The bells are also fitted with the Redenhall clapper, which received its due share of attention and admiration from the visitors present. As a test of the rigidity of the frame, one of the company requested that the bells might be raised, and then pulled off together, and allowed to fall, which was at once done, without the least movement, vibration, or tremor being perceptible in the frame by those who had their feet or hands resting upon it in safe positions; and this with all the bells swinging promiscuously. The noise was, of course, deafening, but as a test of the rigidity and steadiness of the frame, it was as complete as test could be. On the whole we congratulate the Redenhall firm on having turned out a ring of bells so excellent and uniform in quality, so thorough in materials and workmanship, and so admirably fitted and hung. The bells and frame, we hear, will remain on view at the foundry for a time, and we strongly recommend all those interested in bells, to pay an early visit of inspection.

From the foundry the visitors proceeded to Redenhall church, to ring upon the lovely peal of eight. The bells went splendidly, and were greatly admired by all those who had never heard them before. Some touches of Stedman, and a capital course of Superlative Surprise, with L. Procter, Esq. ringing the third, were accomplished. At the conclusion of the ringing, the visitors who intended to stay the night were most kindly and hospitably entertained at supper by the Ven. Archdeacon Perowne at Redenhall rectory.

On the following morning (Friday), those of the visitors who still remained, including Mr. Procter, paid a visit to Weybread, and went for a 720 of Kent on the six bells there, which were also turned out and hung by the Redenhall firm about three years ago. These bells go as well as bells can go, and with perfect ease and comfort to the ringers. The visitors expressed themselves as highly pleased with both the bells and their action.

Thus terminated the first meeting of gentlemen amateur ringers; a meeting which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part in it, and which we trust will be the forerunner of many more numerous-attended gatherings in the future.

THE RECENT PRIZE-RINGING AT CREDITON.

WE have been requested to publish the following resolution, condemnatory of the above wretched misuse of the bells of the Church, which was unanimously passed by the Devonshire Guild at their Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 24th. Proposed by the President (C. A. W. Troyte, Esq.), seconded by G. F. Coleridge, Esq.:

"The Members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers cannot allow their Annual Meeting to take place without formally recording their very great regret that a 'Prize-Ringing Match' should lately have been held at Crediton, with the full approval of the Vicar, one of the Prebendaries of Exeter Cathedral; and they wish earnestly to impress upon all persons connected with the Church in the Diocese, that infinite harm is done by such meetings."

A most sensible resolution to adopt, and just what might have been expected of the Devonshire Guild. It is only fair, however, to assume, that the rev. prebendary consented to officiate in utter ignorance of the nature of such proceedings, thinking, it may be, that he was imparting the weight of his influence as vicar of Crediton to some commendable and time-honoured practice. He may have casually discovered that in the present day it is the correct thing to have a kind of social relationship with his ringers, which may have led him to yield, too easily, to the request that he would preside on this occasion. Therefore, with all respect and deference, we should like him to know that this so-called ringing was not ringing at all, and that the whole of these "rope-haulers," the "triers" included, know no more what real scientific ringing is like than "the man in the moon." Fancy a dozen organ-grinders competing on the same instrument, with the full complement of "triers," and a mayor or some high functionary to distribute the prizes, and we have a spectacle not more absurd than the Crediton contest. We hope we have heard of the last of the Devon "Prize-Ringing" tournaments.

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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.

The following peal is a shortened variation, by Mr. Dains, of the peal by W. Harrison. Part II., p. 69.

5152.

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

H. DAINS.

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

N. J. PITSTOW.

PEALS WITH THE SIXTH THE EXTENT IN 5-6. FOUR COURSE-ENDS WRONG, AND EIGHT HOME.

The three following peals have the sixth at home eight out of the last nine course-ends. In the two first of these peals the last nine

course-ends are the same. Mr. Dains's peal is, however, contained in sixteen courses, while Mr. Pitstow's peal and the others that follow are in seventeen courses.

5024.

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

H. DAINS.

First rung on June 24th, 1882, at All Saints, Ilkley, by the Yorkshire Association. Conducted by Jasper W. Snowdon.

5024.

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

N. J. PITSTOW.

5024.

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

N. J. PITSTOW.

First rung on November 26th, 1881, by the Yorkshire Association, at St. Stephen's, Lindley, near Huddersfield. Conducted by Jasper W. Snowdon.

5024.

2 3 4 5 6	M B W H	2 3 4 5 6	M B W H
5 2 3 6 4	2 2 2	2 3 5 6 4	2 2 I
6 5 3 2 4	I	2 4 3 6 5	2 I
6 5 2 4 3	- I	5 4 2 6 3	- I
4 6 5 3 2	- 2	3 4 5 6 2	- I
3 4 6 2 5	- 2	6 3 4 2 5	- 2
4 2 3 5 6	-	2 6 3 5 4	- 2
2 5 3 4 6	I -	2 6 5 4 3	- I
3 5 4 2 6	I - I	6 1 2 3 5	-
4 5 2 3 6	2 I	4 5 2 3 6	I 2
3 4 5 6 2	2 2 2	4 5 3 6 2	2 2 I
4 2 5 6 3	I 2	4 2 5 6 3	- I I
2 4 3 6 5	- I 2	3 2 4 6 5	- I
6 2 3 4 5	I	5 2 3 6 4	- I
2 4 5 3 6	2 -	6 4 5 2 3	- 2
4 3 5 2 6	I -	4 3 5 2 6	I 2
5 3 2 4 6	I - I	2 5 3 4 6	I - 2
2 3 4 5 6	I - I	2 3 4 5 6	I 2

N. J. PITSTOW.

First rung on June 10th, 1882, by the Yorkshire Association, at St. James's, Bolton, near Bradford. Conducted by Jasper W. Snowdon.

5024.

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

H. DAINS.

First rung on January 29th, 1881, by the Yorkshire Association at St. Lawrence's, Pudsey. Conducted by Jasper W. Snowdon.

5024.

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

CHARGES FOR ADVERTISEMENTS.

The charge for Advertisements is 4s. per inch single column, or 8s. per inch double column. Special arrangements for a series of more than four insertions. Displayed advertisements by special contract. All advertisements must reach the Publisher's by 12 o'clock at noon on Thursday.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1882.

THIS week, in consequence of the occurrence of so many events in the ringing world, we are compelled to withhold our usual editorial comment. Though such an omission should be avoided as far as possible, causing, as it does, a break in what may be considered an Editor's weekly intercourse with his readers, it has an advantage in showing that the questions with which this paper deals are increasing in interest, and that members of the Exercise are becoming fully alive to the value of making their proceedings known. However, when a greater number of our fellow-ringers support us than at present, and so justify us in increasing the size of this journal, such omissions will not then occur. With respect to our wishes for an enlarged circulation, we hope that all who are receiving circulars from the publisher will concur in the solicitations embodied in them, and act accordingly.

The Metropolis.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

On Saturday, June 24, 1882, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT ALL HALLOWS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S 10-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE BOWER †	Treble.	HENRY BARNETT †	5.
MATTHEW ELLSMORE †	2.	EDWARD BOWER †	6.
REV. AUGUSTIN STAREY †	3.	WILLIAM DORAN *	7.
ARTHUR H. GARDOM, ESQ.*	4.	J. BARRY *	Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR H. GARDOM.

The above is the first peal on the bells. * Members of the Royal Cumberland Society.

† First peal. † First Peal inside. E. and G. Bower, H. Barnett, and the Rev. A. Starey, knew nothing of Triples nine months ago.

The Provinces.

DERBY.—THE DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 23, 1882, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT ST. ALKMUND'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S 10-PART. Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

JOHN RIDGWAY	Treble.	RICHARD REDGATE	5.
REUBEN BOSWORTH	2.	HARRY C. WOODWARD	6.
AUSTIN TABERER	3.	JOHN HOWE	7.
JOHN NEWBOLD	4.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY	Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY C. WOODWARD.

This is the first peal rung in this tower for upwards of a quarter of a century.

ILKLEY.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1882, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES,

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES RALPH	Treble.	JAMES WOOD	5.
TOM LOCKWOOD	2.	JOSEPH HUTCHINSON	6.
JOHN WHITAKER	3.	JAMES WINDER	7.
JAMES BARRACLOUGH	4.	JASPER W. SNOWDON, ESQ. Tenor.	

Composed by H. DAINS and conducted by JASPER W. SNOWDON.

The calling of the peal will be found on another page.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 24, 1882, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY	Treble.	THOMAS LEE	5.
HERBERT MADIN	2.	GEORGE FLINT	6.
WILLIAM HARRIS	3.	JAMES HUNT	7.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	4.	JOHN BROADHEAD	Tenor.

The peal, with the sixth the extent each way in 5-6, was Composed and conducted by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

MANCHESTER.

On Saturday, June 24, 1882, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

THOMAS MOSS	Treble.	SHEPHERD ANDREW	6.
THOMAS WROE	2.	SAMUEL WOOD	7.
WILLIAM SMITH	3.	BEN BROADBENT	8.
JAMES WOOD, JUN.	4.	JUSTIN ANDREW	9.
GEORGE MEE	5.	JOHN WITHERS	Tenor.

Composed and conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Of the above company, Messrs. Mee and Withers belong to Manchester; the rest hail from Ashton.

We shall give the composition of this peal in our next number.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST.—On Saturday, June 24th, six members of this Association paid a visit to the above place, and by the kind permission of Mr. Jones, in the absence of the Vicar, rang a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, and four six-scores of Bob Doubles, each differently called; also 216 changes of Grandsire Minor, and a course of Bob Minor. S. Cullip, 1; W. Hall, 2; F. Smith (son of the Vicar of Bromham), 3; J. Atkins, 4; J. Frossell, 5; Isaac Hills, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Wednesday, June 21st, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, supposed to be the first in the method on the bells, in 27 mins. J. Priest, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; G. Akers, 3; C. Holden, 4; E. Barnett, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (composer and conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt., in G.

LITTLE HEATH (Essex).—On Sunday evening, for Divine Service at St. James's, six 6-scores of Doubles, in the following methods: London Doubles, Grandsire Singles, Dream, Gog and Magog, Grandsire, St. John's. R. Gillinham, 1; J. Pye, 2; A. Pye, 3; B. Keeble (conductor), 4; A. Porter, 5.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, for Divine Service at the Parish Church (St. Edward the Confessor), on the back six, Mr. F. Pitstow's 720 of Bob Minor, having twenty-one bobs and twelve singles, in 27 mins. W. Keeble, 1; G. Roughton, 2; B. Keeble (conductor), 3; A. Pye, 4; A. J. Perkins, 5; A. Porter, 6. On Wednesday (Coronation Day), in consequence of not having sufficient members to ring, the following six-scores of Doubles were chimed upon the bells: Stedman Doubles, Reading and Grandsire Doubles, and Grandsire Singles, also 180 of Bob Minor. A. J. Perkins, 1-2-3-4; B. Keeble, 5-6. And a six-score of Grandsire: B. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; J. Keeble (aged 10) 5-6. The same evening a 120 of St. Dunstan's and 120 of Bob Minor by A. J. Perkins and B. Keeble.

ELTHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, June 24th, at St. John the Baptist's, being the Anniversary of the Dedication of the above church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 24 mins. F. Fraser, 1; G. Sheppard, 2; J. Sloper, 3; C. English, 4; T. Titchener, 5; F. French (conductor), 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

HAYES (Kent).—On Sunday evening, June 25th, for Divine Service at the Parish Church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. F. Fraser, 1; T. Durling, 2; G. Sheppard, 3; C. English, 4; T. Titchener, 5; F. French (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, June 25th, the following members of the local society rang a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. G. Jenkins, 1; E. Knight, 2; G. Vaughan, 3; G. Rapley, 4; J. Browne, 5; W. Redford, 6; F. Knight, 7; J. Bishop, 8. Conducted by H. Burstow. Tenor 24 cwt. in E.

HURWORTH-ON-TEES (Durham).—On Thursday, June 15th, the local society rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 27½ mins. S. Naisbitt (first 720), 1; Jas. Temple, 2; Henry Kirby, 3; Johnson E. Hern, 4; Geo. Garbutt, 5; Henry Thompson, 6. Tenor 17 cwt. On June 21st, the ringers had a trip up lovely Wensleydale, one, if not the finest of Yorkshire dales, and calling at Haysgarth, rang a 720 of Bob Minor on the bells of the parish church, in 27 mins. the ringers standing as above, with the exception that Mr. Joseph Simpson rang the treble. Both were called by Mr. H. Thompson. The fine waterfall of Hardrow Scawr, near Hawes, having a clear fall of 92 ft., was afterwards visited and much admired.

KEGWORTH (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, June 24th, five members of the Long Eaton Society, with Jos. Wibberley, Esq., of Nottingham, visited the above place, and by the kind permission of the Vicar rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with fifteen bobs, being the first 720 in that method ever performed on these bells. G. Bradley, 1; J. Ward, 2; J. Wibberley, Esq., 3; R. Hickton, 4; S. Clarke, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Time 28 mins. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 4th, the following members of the St. Nicolas society rang on the bells of the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles, in 26 mins. F. Palmer, 1; W. H. Sumner, 2; Fred. Palmer, 3; J. Cooks, 4; W. Palmer, 5; J. Wright (conductor), 6. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson, sen. Also on Sunday, June 25th, another 720 in the same method, in 25 mins. F. Townsend (first 720), 1; W. H. Sumner, 2; J. Cooks, 3; F. Scrivens (first 720), 4; J. Wright, 5; W. Palmer, 6. Composed and conducted by W. Palmer, and now rang for the first time. [This latter composition will be published in our next issue.]

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, June 27th, at SS. Mary and Nicolas, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Wilson, 1; R. Creasey, 2; G. Richardson, 3; R. Mackman (conductor), 4; J. S. Wright, 5; J. R. Jerram, 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).—On Sunday, June 24th, for Divine Service at the Abbey of St. Lawrence, the following members of the local company chimed a touch of 504 changes of Stedman Triples. T. C. Powell (conductor), 1-2; W. A. Alps, 3-4; G. Thurgood, 5-6; D. Turling, 7-8. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples, 363 changes, by P. Cleverly, 1-2; W. A. Alps (conductor), 3-4; G. Thurgood, 5-6; T. Colverd, 7-8.

VISIT OF THE WALTHAMSTOW SOCIETY TO WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

On Saturday, June 24th, the members of the Walthamstow branch of the Ancient Society of College Youths paid a visit to this old-fashioned market town. Two capacious wagonettes, each drawn by a pair of horses, conveyed the company thither, and the road lay through a beautiful neighbourhood which is dear to the heart of many a Londoner. On arriving at the market-place of Waltham, the party alighted at that well-known hostelry, yclept "The Three Tuns," which house very few ringers in London, Birmingham, and other large towns require to be told is kept by that genial host and sound ringer, Mr. Thomas Powell. It is not out of place to allude to the fact that previous to Mr. Powell's occupation of "The Three Tuns," its victualling arrangements were controlled by another talented ringer and most affable gentleman—Mr. Thomas Britten, who, though he has retired from peal-ringing as well as business, enjoys meeting his young as well as his old friends each recurring practice-night. Both these gentlemen are members of the above society, and both have taken part in one—at least—peal of Stedman Triples, double-handed, upon handbells. We confess to a great predilection for Waltham Abbey, and we are by no means alone in our tastes. Not that the bells themselves possess any extraordinary merit, but matters relative to the ringing company have always appeared to move along in so harmonious a strain, while the internal arrangements of the belfry leave nothing to be desired. For many years the bells were under the charge of the late Mr. Carr—another sound ringer—who with his brother could ring well—as will be seen by a copy of a tablet which will be found below. At Mr. Carr's death, the most legitimate man in the company for the post—Mr. Powell—was appointed steeple-keeper, and he has amply maintained the high state of efficiency and good order in which the bells have always been kept. And we take leave to add that it is owing to his exertions chiefly that the members of the company are such efficient in the science as they are. Whoever attaches himself to the Waltham Abbey Society, if he possesses any inherent talent whatever, is almost sure to become a good ringer. We are afraid, however, that even in this model society there are not wanting the elements of disturbance and discord. One or two are to be found whose ambition is to reign; the restraints of order and wise regulations chafing their turbulent and restless natures. Such as these we know from painful experience, inflict an immense amount of harm to the peace and well-being of a company. We are told in one of the sacred writings that "it is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him through whom they cometh!" A great responsibility therefore attaches to the individual or individuals who effect a rupture in the good feeling which till his or their appearance upon the scene, had always existed; a responsibility we should not care to share, especially when it is aggravated by vows of determination never to ring again with one or other of their fellow-ringers, or under any circumstances, to again pass the portals of a certain brother-ringer's dwelling. Those who descend to such conduct must be the victims of a morbid intellect, and such persons are to be pitied rather than despised. Our teaching in the science comprised the injunction to respect the opinions of better ringers than ourselves, and however such may be contrary to the disposition of vain temperaments, no reasonable person would allow his feelings to carry him into open rebellion and ungentlemanly defiance. Why, it may be asked, do we descend to concern ourselves with local disputes? We answer, in the interests of the ringing science. We are not acquainted with the actual facts which have given rise to an estrangement between one or two of the company under consideration, but if we can induce the Church authorities to bring about a settlement of the questions at issue—a just settlement, by the way—it is clearly our duty to do so. Men of influence, men of good report in the town are enquiring, with feelings of honest indignation, who they are that have interrupted the harmony of the ringing meetings. These parishioners know, and we know, and many ringers throughout the country know, that the gentlemen we have above named—Mr. Britten and Mr. Powell—would never be parties to any arrangement or transaction only of an honourable character. The duty of the Church authorities is therefore clear. We implore the worthy Vicar, who on several occasions has shown himself a patron of ringing, to determine that all these differences shall be satisfactorily adjusted without delay, at the same time using the power he holds of refusing to any fractious or contumacious person the right of admission to the steeple. We conclude our remarks by saying that a jury of practical ringers would adjudicate upon the matter in a very short period.

To return to our subject after what may be considered a lengthy interlude. On arriving at the above-named inn, the visitors hastened to recruit the inner man, for which purpose, with admirable forethought, Mrs. Powell had provided a repast known as a "meat tea," and though that lady had bountifully endowed the tables with all manner of good things, and herself directed the satisfying of, and attendance on her guests, the toothsome delicacies disappeared with a marvellous rapidity, to be accounted for, perhaps, by the effects of the

journey. At the tea, the chair was taken by John Wilkins, Esq., who dispensed the good things around in his usual courteous and obliging manner. At the close, an adjournment was made to the belfry near at hand, where some very good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Then the party once more returned to the "Tuns," where they were met by Mr. Britten and others of the local company. Conversation was too freely indulged in to allow time for anything of importance to be performed upon the handbells, but a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by W. Manning, 1-2; W. A. Alps (conductor), 3-4; H. Reeves, 5-6; D. Tarling, 7-8. Mr. James Dwight, who is always an attendant at these kind of meetings of the Walthamstow company, was prevailed upon to give his ballad, written by himself, on

The famous peal of Stedman Cinques,
The College Youths did ring.

And very amusing and interesting it was, full of humour and epigram. Several allusions to well-known ringers who took part in this long peal were productive of much hilarity, and the line—

Though one was Wood, they all were men of metal,

"brought down the house." Soon after, the time of departure for home was announced, and the visitors wended their way in the special conveyances, under the promise of a return visit at the earliest possible period.

The following is a copy of the tablet in the Abbey steeple, which we referred to:—

"WALTHAM ABBEY YOUTHS.—On Sunday, February 1st, 1824, was chimed on the steeple bells of the parish church of St. Lawrence, Waltham Holy Cross, four true and select touches of musical changes in the Art of Ringing, comprising in the whole, 1150, as follows:—Oxford Treble Bob Major, 576; Grandsire Triples, 350; Grandsire Major, 112; Bob Major, 112. This arduous task was performed by two brothers, Messrs. William and John Carr, of Waltham Abbey, chiming four bells each, and it is believed by the most competent judges in this art to be the first time ever performed in the kingdom." The Rev. W. M. Whalley, Incumbent.

THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY, ESSEX.

ESTABLISHED 1623.

ON Tuesday, as was announced in our issue of the 17th ult., the Two Hundred and Fifty-ninth Anniversary took place. Leonard Procter, Esq., with his band of ringers, attended, also ringers from Stansted, Sawbridgeworth, Cambridge, and other places. Some excellent touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples, were rung by mixed bands during the day, and Mr. Procter's party rang 672 of Cambridge Surprise Major, 448 of Superlative Surprise Major, 448 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and 420 of Stedman Triples, in first-rate style.

The "Memorial Sermon" was preached by the Rev. J. J. Daniells, in the absence of the Rev. Canon Jelf, from the text—"O, go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise." (Psalm c. 3.)

After dinner, which was served up in a most satisfactory manner at "The King's Arms" Inn, Mr. Procter and Mr. John Kitchener amused the company with some capital tune-playing, which was well received and applauded. It is to be hoped that Mr. Procter may live many more years to keep up his band in the state of proficiency they now are. It might be expected that a peal would now and then be rung by the Bennington ringers in one or other of the "classical" methods practised by them, but it should be remembered that some of them are getting near three-score and ten, and thus being hardly inclined to stand for three hours under the severe mental strain required to ring these intricate methods.

RE-OPENING OF STISTED BELLS, ESSEX.

ON Saturday, June 24th, this musical ring of six bells was re-opened by the Braintree company. Ringing commenced at Two o'clock, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung in fine style. This was soon followed by a 720 of Bob Minor, having nine bobs and six singles, composed by the late Mr. H. Hubbard. After a short interval, a 720 of New London Pleasure, 720 of Double Court Bob, and touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung, Mr. H. Bowell, bell-hanger, and Mr. Jonathan Miller, both of Ipswich, taking part in the ringing during the afternoon. The company then adjourned to the "Onley Arms," where a capital dinner was provided.

The Stisted bells for years past have been in a very bad condition, and latterly were not capable of being rung, but although in the repairs just effected new material has not entirely taken the place of the old, they have put in good going order by Mr. Bowell. A chiming apparatus has also been added.

The Braintree company who took part in the opening were H. E. Hammond, F. Calthorpe, *W. Dyson, *S. Hammond, *F. Rudkin, and *A. Hucksion. [College Youths.] All are members of the Essex Association.

The town-council of Aberdeen have resolved to obtain from M. Aerschodt, of Louvain, Belgium, a peal of bells for the tower of St. Nicholas, at a cost of £3000.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT Meeting will be held at Redenhall, on Monday, July 17th. Those wishing to attend are requested to communicate with the Secretary on or before Tuesday, the 11th.

Tunstead Vicarage, Norwich.

G. H. HARRIS, Hon. Sec.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING of the above Association was held on Saturday, June 24th, 1882, at Eccles. Over 30 members were present from various towns in the neighbourhood of Manchester. Ringing was commenced at 3 p.m., and continued until 9 p.m. A 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung, and numerous touches of Grandsire Triples.

Tea was provided at 6 p.m., and at the meeting afterwards eight new members were elected and various routine business transacted. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Bolton.

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

A signal-house, containing a new form of fog bell, has just been erected at Toward Point by the Clyde trustees. The bell weighs 10 cwt., and has attached to it worm gearings, arranged so that at intervals of 18 seconds it is struck by its hammer three times in rapid succession. The bell was cast at the foundry of Messrs. Wilson and Co., Glasgow. We should like to know more about this foundry.

PROPOSED ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF SALISBURY.—We hear that a Ringers' Association is about to be started for the Diocese of Salisbury. The source from which we derive our information is most trustworthy, therefore we trust that the projectors of such a movement will go to work in such a manner that their efforts may be crowned with success, and we wish them prosperity in their undertaking.

EXHIBITS AT THE BRADFORD TECHNICAL SCHOOL EXHIBITION.—Messrs. Shaw, Sons, and Co., bell founders and clock manufacturers, of Bradford, have sent the following goods to the above Exhibition which was opened on Friday, June 23rd, by their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales. One church or public clock, driving wheel fifteen inches in diameter, with Denison's double three-legged gravity escapement, 1½ seconds compensated pendulum, fitted up for striking Cambridge quarters and hour upon five bells, capable of driving four dials eight feet in diameter. One church or public clock, driving wheel 15 inches in diameter, pin wheel escapement, 1½ seconds compensated pendulum, fitted for striking hour upon bell weighing 30 cwt., capable of driving four dials eight feet in diameter. One case containing set of 61 musical hand bells (in the Key of C.) Set of Musical clock, tapping, and other bells.

At a Conservative dinner which took place at Brentwood, Essex, last week, Mr. T. C. Baring, M.P. for South Essex, introduced a joke by alluding to the Essex Association of Change Ringers. It appears that Sir H. J. Selwin-Ibbetson, M.P. for West Essex, and Mr. Baring's colleague, Colonel Makins, had both addressed the company present upon the Egyptian Question and the present condition of the Sister Isle. Mr. Baring is reported to have said "that as the two previous speakers had gone so fully into the burning questions of the day that not being a member of the distinguished body known as the Essex Change Ringers he should not attempt to follow them." Judging from Mr. Baring's pun one is led to believe that he must have an impression that in ringing, bells follow one after the other, if so, he may not be far wrong, but as a staunch supporter of the Church, Mr. Baring has not followed the example set him by one of the Liberal members for Essex (not a Churchman), who in response for a subscription as an honorary member at once sent a cheque and became a life member of that which Mr. Baring calls a "distinguished body," and which, being a non-political body, need not to be alluded to at a political meeting.

THE CHURCH BELLS OF DEERHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—The Rev. G. Butterworth, (vicar), with the churchwarden and Major Barnard, have issued an appeal for help towards the cost, estimated at £80, of re-casting the treble bell, and re-hanging the whole ring of six. It seems that the third bell had to be re-cast in 1872, and a recent examination shows that the hanging of the whole ring is very imperfect. The circular states:—"It is much to be regretted that when the church was restored in 1862, at a cost of £2700, the architect did not call in the services of some expert who had given his attention to the art of bell-hanging. But while regretting past errors of omission, we feel that our business lies chiefly with the present. We cannot rest content with less than putting our musical peal of bells into good condition. We must do what those before us did in the year 1735, when, at a considerable cost, the parish re-arranged their church bells and made six take the place of five." The list of contributions is headed with £5 from Major Barnard and £10 from the Vicar. The eldest sons of the Earls of Coventry take their title from this town; would it be considered out of the way to solicit the present peer for help in such a praiseworthy undertaking?

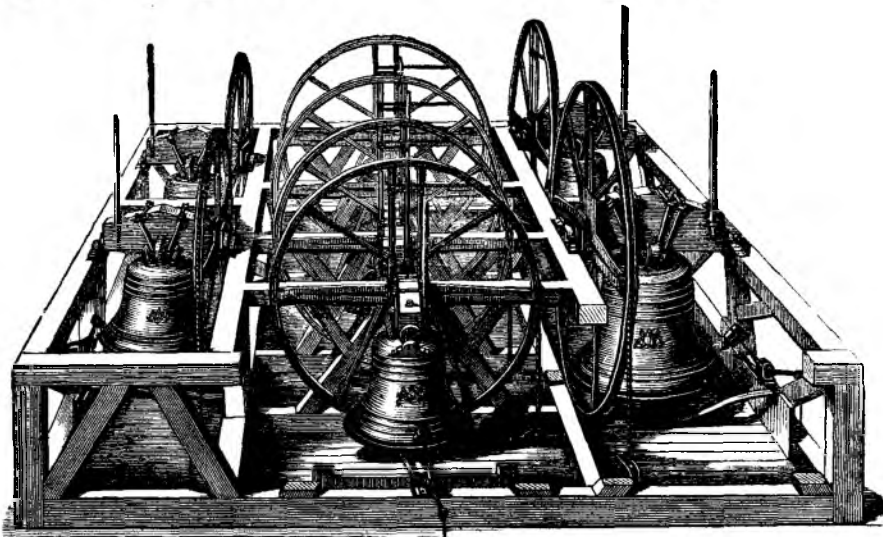
A RING OF NEW BELLS FOR BRIGHTON.

We cull the following from the *Brighton Herald* :—

"ST. PETER'S CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.—ARRIVAL OF THE BELLS.—Allusion was made at the last Easter Vestry Meeting to the fact that a movement had been set on foot by the Churchwardens for providing St. Peter's (Parish) Church with a peal of eight bells; and it being stated, at the same time, that each bell would be provided free of cost to the Parish funds, no opposition was offered to the proposition. In addition to this unanimity on the subject, it was further stated that only one person in the immediate vicinity of the Church had refused to subscribe towards the necessary funds. The bells, which have been cast by Messrs. Warner and Sons, the eminent bell-founders of London, at whose works "Big Ben" was cast, arrived in Brighton on Monday; and the work of hanging them has been in progress throughout the week and is nearly completed. It was intended that the first peal upon the new bells should be rung on "S. Peter's Day," which was last Thursday, when there were to be anniversary services commemorative of the dedication of the Church. Should the funds permit, it is intended to add the "Westminster Chime" to the clock, and to further prosecute the very great improvements which have been made, and are still in progress, in the interior of the Church. About £225 is now required by the Churchwardens to enable them to defray the cost of the peal, the chimes, and other incidental expenses connected with this work; and it is hoped that this amount was subscribed before the first peal was rung, for the Churchwardens themselves have set a worthy example to those whom they ask to contribute. The two chiming bells, which have been removed from the tower, have been taken back to St. Nicholas Church, whence they were taken when St. Peter's was opened; and this will restore the peal at St. Nicholas to its original number of 10. The donors' names are cast on the new bells. The next to the largest is No. 7, bearing the following inscription:—'The gift of John Hannah, Vicar and George Attree, Churchwarden.' The others are inscribed as follows:—No. 6, the Corporation of the Borough and the Arms. No. 5, the Congregation of St. Peter's Church. No. 4, Benjamin Bennett, 1881 to 1883; William Baker, 1881 to 1882; Henry C. Davis, 1882 to 1883, Churchwardens. No. 3, The Clergy of Brighton. No. 2, Eardley Nicholas Hall. No. 1, Somers Clarke and Samuel Hannington. The work of removing the old bells and hanging the new peal has so far been carried on with despatch and ability by Mr. Dunn, the representative of Messrs. Warner and Sons. We may perhaps add that, originally, it was decided to sell the old bells; but in deference to a strong feeling which has been expressed, the largest bell will be retained in Brighton. This will involve an expenditure of £125; and it is hoped that those who have desired its retention will kindly come forward with additional support."

WHILE Mr. Duncan S. Miller and the Royal Poland-street Hand-bell Ringers were in Philadelphia, they gave an entertainment to the Bethany Schools and Mr. Wanamaker's employés on condition that a contribution should be sent to Mr. Spurgeon's Orphanage. The meetings were very successful, and in fulfilment of the contract we have, says Mr. Spurgeon, received from Mr. Wanamaker a draft for £20, for which we heartily thank him and the scholars at Bethany, and our good friends the ringers.

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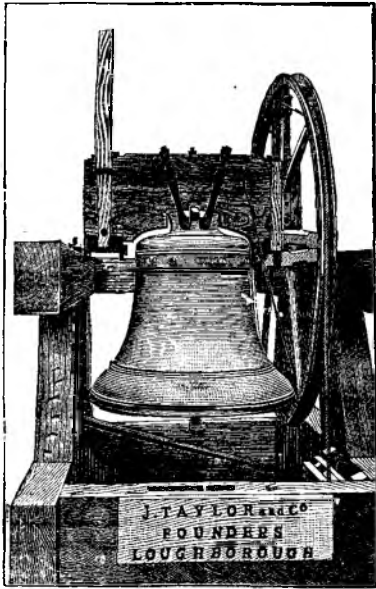
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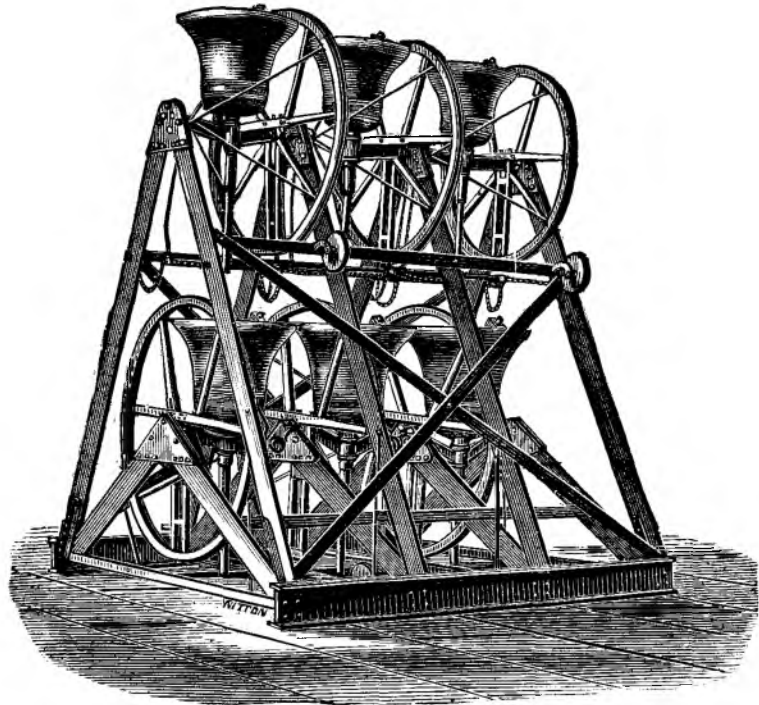
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