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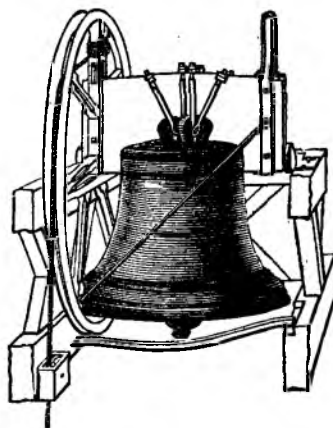
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THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AT ST. MARY'S, HARLOW, ESSEX.

On Saturday, March 24th, eight members of this society visited Harlow, by the invitation of Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Crescent Foundry, Cripplegate, London, this firm having just erected a new peal of bells in St. Mary's church. The bells were presented by W. Walford, Esq., and given in memory of his wife. They are hung in a massive oak frame, and are fitted with the latest improvements, among which is Warner's improved chiming apparatus, by which one man can chime the whole eight bells for service, and this machine does not interfere with the ringing of the bells. A special Dedication Service was held on Easter-even, after which several touches of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob were rung. On Easter-day an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. R. W. Hiley, and the following touches were rung before and after the services: 576 of Treble Bob; 265 of Grandsire Triples; 576 of Treble Bob; 420 of Stedman Triples and 1728 of Treble Bob. On Easter-Monday, 1260 of Stedman Triples; 2842 of Grandsire Triples; and 320 of Treble Bob. The ringers who took part in this were G. Newson, 1; C. Hopkins, 2; J. Rogers, 3; J. Hannington, 4; W. Hoverd, 5; H. Hopkins, 6; W. Baron, 7; J. Barrett, 8. Afterwards, four courses of that most musical and intricate method, Double Norwich Court, was rung by W. Baron, 1; J. F. Penning (Saffron Walden), 2; C. Hopkins, 3; H. Hopkins, 4; G. Rochester (Sawbridgeworth), 5; J. Hannington, 6; G. Newson, 7; J. Barrett, 8. The whole of the ringing was conducted by G. Newson. At 2.30 p.m., the company and friends, about thirty in number, repaired to the "Queen's Head" inn, where a good and substantial dinner was provided by the liberality of the donor of the bells. Ample justice having been done to the good fare, the health of Mr. Walford (the donor) was drunk with musical honours, after which the thanks of the company were expressed to the host and hostess for the manner in which they had looked after the comfort of their guests. A few well-timed remarks being made by Mr. Master Newson, Mr. Quick, and others, the company were entertained with several airs upon the handbells by Messrs. Newson, Hopkins Brothers, and Barry; as well as several musical touches of Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal, and Grandsire Triples. This brought the day to a close, and the visitors returned to town well pleased with their day's enjoyment.

Next week we will give the brief description of the bells forwarded for insertion.

It may not be improper to say, here, that it would be well if the various railway companies would offer increased facilities to enable ringers, at a moderate cost, to attend such gatherings as this. The Great Eastern company took a step in the right direction when they issued ringers' tickets for the Lavenham festival of last year, and we should be glad to see such a plan more extensively followed. It is almost needless to add that we should rejoice in giving publicity to such arrangements.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

On Monday, March 26th, the Eye ringers held their anniversary under very auspicious circumstances. The weather being fine induced many to attend who might have been disinclined to face the sleet and snow of the previous week. A most enjoyable day was spent, friends being present from Norwich, Redenhall, Diss, Fressingfield, Pulham, Otley, Wetheringsett, &c. The bells were kept going all day. Some excellent touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Kent, Oxford, and Bob Major, were rung. At two o'clock, between thirty and forty ringers sat down to a bountiful dinner at the "Eight Bells," presided over by the Rev. Blythe. Through the courtesy of Messrs. Day and Son, the visitors were allowed to inspect a new frame they have just constructed for the peal of eight in Monmouth parish church. This is a fine piece of workmanship, and was much admired. This tower is 14 ft. square and the tenor weighs one ton, but the frame is made to such a nicety that the bells will all hang level. They were also shewn the last portion of the fittings for the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. The restoration of this peal is nearly complete, and the bells will be hung in April next.

EASTER-MONDAY AT HERTFORD.

On Easter-Monday, a peal of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's six-part), was attempted in St. Andrew's tower, but owing to a "shift," the bells were brought round when rather more than half the peal had been accomplished. The ringers afterwards dined together, and then proceeded to All Saints' tower, where several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were rung. The ringers present were Messrs. A. Baker, H. Baker, F. G. Crawley, J. G. Crawley, Gathard, George, Godfrey, Randall, and Staples of Hertford; Messrs. Alps, Cleverley, and Pallett of Waltham Abbey; and Messrs. Lewis and Hills, of St. Albans.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Easter Sunday for early service at 6.30 a.m., at St. James's church, a date touch of 1883 changes in the following methods; 83 of Grandsire Minor, 360 of Yorkshire Court, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and 720 of Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 10 mins. S. Slingsby, 1; A. Taylor, 2; T. Stockdale, 3; R. Chaffer, 4; C. Bennet, 5; J. W. Stickney, 6. Arranged and conducted by J. W. Stickney. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERTFORD.—On Easter Sunday morning, at All Saints' Church, eight members of the Hertford College Youths rang a date touch of 1883 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins., containing Queens, Tittums, Whittingtons, and all the 6-7's. Joseph Cull, 1; William L. Randall, 2; James Staples, 3; Jasper G. Crawley, 4; Herbert Baker (conductor), 5; John Godfrey, 6; Thomas Gathard, 7; Frederick George, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. in Eb. The touch was composed by Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham.

KIRKBYTON (Yorkshire).—On the evening of Easter Sunday, at the parish church, 1883 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 6 mins. D. Copley, 1; H. Kaye, 2; A. Armitage, 3; R. Hill, 4; J. Copley, 5; H. Pickering (conductor), 6; H. Shaw, 7; W. Metcalf, 8. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALSALL (Staffordshire).—On Easter Tuesday, at St. Matthew's parish church, for the election of churchwardens, a date touch of Stedman Triples, 1883 changes, was rung by the local company, in 1 hr. 5 mins. David Westley, 1; John Astbury, jun., 2; William Walker, 3; John Astbury, sen., 4; James Lees, 5; David Chapman, 6; William Hallsworth (composer and conductor), 7; Edmund Taylor, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On Thursday evening, March 22nd, at St. Martin's church, a 720 of Plain Bob, with four bobs and fourteen singles, was rung in 29 mins. William Post, jun., 1; David Hodgkin, 2; Edward Hyder, 3; Thomas Hodgkin, 4; William Hyder (conductor), 5; Philip Hodgkin, 6. Also on Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the morning, a 360 of Plain Bob. Charles Slingsby, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; E. Hyder, 3; T. Hodgkin, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Also for afternoon service, a 720 of Plain Bob, with two bobs and twenty-two singles, was rung in 27 mins. W. Post, jun., 1; T. Hodgkin, 2; P. Hodgkin, 3; E. Hyder, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. Also 360 of Bob Minor. W. Post, jun., 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; P. Hodgkin, 3; T. Hodgkin, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. After service, another 720 in the same method, with four bobs and fourteen singles, in 27 mins. W. Post, jun., 1; T. Hodgkin, 2; D. Hodgkin, 3; E. Hyder, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARKET.—On Tuesday evening, March 20th, six members of the above Association rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. John Smith (conductor), 1; William Tann, 2; William Culham, 3; Fred Surridge, 4; John Charles Allen, 5; William Roope, 6. Smith and Tann hail from Pulham St. Mary. Also on Easter-day, the following members rang, at six o'clock p.m., a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. Thomas Farrow (conductor), 1; Charles Brown, 2; William Culham, 3; Fred Surridge, 4; John C. Allen, 5; William Roope, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. in F. This is the first 720 in the method rung by a company of Pulham Market men for upwards of thirty years, four of whom are young hands. Mr. William Roope, on behalf of the company, wish publicly to thank the Pulham St. Mary ringers for their kind and able assistance they have rendered him and his colleague, Mr. Thos. Farrow.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Sunday morning, March 25th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. F. Fells, 1; J. Basden, 2; G. Basden, 3; J. Parker (conductor), 4; A. Batten, 5; C. Clark, 6. For Divine Service in the afternoon, a 504 of Bob Minor, in 20 mins. For Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Bob Minor, with twenty bobs and ten singles, in 26 mins. Also a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, with sixteen bobs and two singles, in 26½ mins. F. Fells, 1; J. Basden, 2; A. Fussell, 3; A. Batten, 4; J. Parker (conductor), 5; C. Clark, 6. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. C. Clark, 1; J. Parker, 2; J. Basden, 3; F. Fells, 4; A. Batten, 5; A. Fussell (conductor), 6. It might be mentioned that the band had only attempted Oxford Bob but once before, when they rang some plain courses only.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, March 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, at St. Mary Magdalen, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles, was rung in 25 mins. C. Boots, 1; F. Castle, 2; J. Collier, 3; J. Howes, 4; W. C. Baston (conductor), 5; J. W. Washbrook, 6. Also on Monday, March 26th, an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, at Merton College, but after ringing over 2700 changes, in 1 hr. 35 mins., was obliged to stop, owing to the volunteers being at drill close by, they could not hear the word of command. C. Boots, 1; J. Howes, 2; T. Payne, 3; W. C. Baston, 4; O. Thomas, 5; S. Hounslow, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; W. Finch and C. Walker, 8.

CAVENDISH (Suffolk).—On Easter-eve, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 28 mins. F. J. Thompson, 1; J. S. Page, 2; C. W. Hurst, 3; S. Slater (Glemsford), 4; H. Thompson, 5; A. Hurst (conductor), 6. On Easter-day, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 17 mins. F. J. Thompson, 1; H. Thompson, 2; J. S. Page, 3; F. P. Adams (Glemsford), 4; George Maxim, 5; A. Hurst (conductor), 6. Also the same evening, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 26 mins. F. J. Thompson, 1; H. Thompson, 2; F. P. Adams, 3; A. Ives, 4; G. Maxim, 5; A. Hurst (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 27th, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese held a confirmation in the parish church, when the following were rung during the day:—A 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 25½ mins. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 24 mins. And a 720 of New London Pleasure, in 26 mins. F. J. Thompson, 1; J. S. Page, 2; S. Slater, 3; A. Ives, 4; H. Thompson, 5; A. Hurst (conductor), 6.

CHEADLE (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday evening, March 20th, at the parish church for practice, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 28½ mins. Called in three different ways. G. Waugh, 1; J. Cartledge, 2; J. Burton (conductor), 3; J. Shenton, 4; H. Booth, 5; T. Coxon, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHELTHENHAM.—Muffled Peal.—On Wednesday, March 14th, on the occasion of the funeral of the late Lord Sherbourne, eight members of the Cheltenham society rang at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins., with the bells half-muffled. J. Belcher, 1; W. Morris, 2; H. Hodges, 3; F. Musty, 4; G. Phillott, Esq., 5; H. Karn (conductor), 6; G. Acocks, 7; T. Hooper, 8. After the quarter-peal the age was rung out in the usual manner with the whole pull and stand.

CHESTER.—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, Church, several touches of Grandsire Triples, Union Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major; also at the conclusion of the evening service, a quarter-peal of Union Triples, 1260 changes, with thirty-eight bobs and four singles, taken from Holt's six-part peal, in 46 mins. Alfred Peers, 1; Arthur Jones, 2; Joseph Griffiths, 3; Alfred Cross, 4; William Walton, 5; Peter Griffiths, 6; Freeman Ball (conductor), 7; William Ball, 8. Tenor 33 cwt. in C.

CODDENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 25th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, on the back six, in 25 mins. —. Hawkey, 1; —. English, 2; E. Wells (conductor), 3; Thos. Sadler, 4; H. English, 5; W. Meadows, Esq., 6.

COVENTRY.—On Easter-Monday, March 26th, a party from Birmingham and Wednesbury paid a visit to this city and rung upon the bells of St. Michael's a touch of Grandsire Caters. T. Elliott, 1; T. Horton, 2; S. Lenton, 3; H. Johnson, sen., 4; C. Horsfall, 5; W. R. Small, 6; C. Standbridge, 7; J. Fullwood, 8; S. Reeves, 9; T. Lenton, 10. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples, conducted by S. Reeves. Tenor 32 cwt.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six of the parish church, in 25 mins. F. M. Jacobs, 1; G. Conyard, 2; H. Shade, 3; C. Hammant, 4; J. Saxby, 5; F. French (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 25th, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, was rung for early service, in 27½ mins. G. Smith, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. Also for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Violet, in 28 mins. G. Smith, 1; J. Shaw, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 14 lbs.

HAYFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 25th, the local ringers rang at St. Mary's church a 720 of Violet Treble Bob Minor, with twenty-one bobs. Joseph Brocklehurst, 2; Dan Lyne, 2; Thomas Whitehead (conductor), 3; Joshua Wheatcroft, 4; Abel Hadfield, 5; Thomas Brocklehurst, 7. First 720 by any of the band.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Easter Monday, March 26th, a mixed company of College Youths and Cumberlands rang at St. Stephen's, a 500 of Grandsire Triples, on the back eight. S. Clark, 1; J. R. Haworth (conductor), 2; N. Alderman, 3; W. Foskett, 4; H. Cutter,

5; E. Chapman, 6; G. Turl, 7; W. Haskell, 8. Also some touches of Grandsire Caters. W. Williams, 1; J. Pain, 2; J. R. Haworth (conductor), 3; W. Foskett, 4; E. Chapman, 5; H. Cutter, 6; W. Payn, 7; N. Alderman, 8; G. Turl, 9; W. Haskell, 10. Tenor 27 cwt.

KINGSWINFORD (Staffordshire).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening, six of the South Staffordshire ringers rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor at St. Mary's church, in 26½ mins. The bells at this church are very old and hang very peculiar, making it very difficult to ring, the treble man stands in the centre. This is the second 720 on record as having been rung here. Thomas Darby, 1; George Howell, 2; John Guest (conductor), 3; Richard Bidmead, 4; William Lawrence, 5; Ernest Samuel Chapman, 6.

LEYLAND (Lancashire).—On Easter Sunday, the local company met at seven o'clock in the morning, and rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. Oliver Warden (conductor), 1; Thos. Bowling, 2; Willm. Bowling, 3; H. Greckson, 4; Thos. Baron, 5; Jas. Banister, 6. Tenor 18½ in F#. This is the first time a 720 has been rung so early on Easter Sunday.

LONDON.—Muffled Peal.—On Thursday afternoon, March 15th, at St. Botolph's, Aldgate, eight members of St. Botolph's Society, rang a funeral peal with the bells deeply muffled (being the usual whole pull and stand), as a mark of respect to the late Alderman Sir Thomas White, late alderman of the ward of Portsoken, and Lord Moyer of London in the year 1876, who died at his residence on Thursday, March 8th, in his sixty-fifth year. J. Charters, 1; W. Williamson, 2; J. Marshall, 3; H. Brand, 4; S. Strutt, 5; W. Gray, 6; J. May, 7; J. Scholes, 8. Conducted by W. Williamson. Tenor 28 cwt.

TYLEHURST, NEAR READING.—Handbell Ringing.—On Easter Monday, at the Rectory, on handbells, retained in hand, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with thirty-four bobs and two singles, in 23 mins. Miss Beatrix Routh, 1-2; Miss Rosa Routh, 3-4; J. Martin Routh, Esq. (conductor), 5-6. Also a 336 of Grandsire Triples. Miss B. Routh, 1-2; Miss R. Routh, 3-4; J. Martin Routh, Esq. (conductor), 5-6; Cyril E. Routh, Esq., 7-8.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Easter Sunday, March 25th, after Divine Service in the afternoon at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. John Astbury, jun., 1; Thomas Horton, 2; John Astbury, sen., 3; Joseph Fullwood, 4; Joseph Bate, 5; Samuel Reeves (conductor), 7; William Rock Small, 7; Joseph Malborn and William Best, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Easter Sunday, at St. Mary's, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1260 changes, in 54 mins. Albert Pittan, 1; *Harry Cutter, 2; *Joseph Jackman, 3; *Frederick Weare, 4; *Richard Kilby (conductor), 5; Walter Wellar and Albert Kirby (alternately), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. *College Youths.

WOLLASTON (Worcestershire).—On Easter Sunday, six of the South Staffordshire ringers rang at St. James's church, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. Edward Pugh, 1; Henry Deakin, 2; George Howells (conductor), 3; Richard Bidmead, 4; William Lawrence, 5; James Lewis, 6.

TO OUR READERS.—When we say that this is the only occasion since this paper was commenced that we have been unable, from lack of space, to insert all records of performances sent to us, we hope those of our friends who feel disappointed after a perusal of this number, will extend to us their kind indulgence. All reports and other matter standing over, will appear next week.

SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ON Monday last, the Annual Meeting of this Association took place at Spalding. During the day, some excellent touches of Grandsire Triples by different companies and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, on the back six of St. Paul's Fulney. C. Creasey, 1; E. Quinton, 2; R. Creasey (conductor), 3; E. Mason, 4; J. W. Creasey, 5; J. Croxford, 6. At SS. Mary and Nicholas, several 720's of Bob Minor were rang, also a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. S. Wright, 1; R. Creasey, 2; T. Taylor (aged 77), 3; W. Pearce, 4; F. W. Flatters, 5; R. Clarke, 6. At 12 a.m. the members, to the number of twenty-six, met in the National Schoolroom, the Rev. R. G. Ash, in the chair, and the Rev. J. M. Coates in the vice-chair. The minutes of the last meeting was confirmed, and the balance-sheet passed, which proved the Association to be in a very prosperous state. The President and Vice-Presidents were re-elected, also the treasurer; the committee were also re-elected except Mr. Creasey, Mr. T. Rogers of Boston, being elected in his place, Mr. R. Creasey being elected Secretary in the place of Mr. J. R. Jerram, who has left the county. After nominating a place for the Quarterly Meeting—Wainfleet St. Mary,—they then sat down to an excellent dinner provided by Mr. J. Herrison of the "Pied Calf" Inn, in his usual style. After dinner ringing was continued until dusk, when the various companies had to leave by train well pleased with their day's enjoyment.

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Everything for insertion in this Journal to be addressed "The Editor of THE BELL NEWS, Walthamstow, London." Letters forwarded for publication must reach us not later than Wednesday morning; the insertion of Performances coming later than the first Postal delivery on Thursday morning cannot be guaranteed in that week's number.

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.

M. ELLSMORE.—As the discussion now appears to be at an end, we think it inadvisable to re-open the question, and the publication of your letter would very likely lead to a lengthy correspondence quite irrelevant to the points at issue, and from those who felt little or no interest in the truth or falsehood of the peal.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1883.

EASTER has arrived this year just one week too soon for us. Had it happened a week later, we should no doubt have had room for the various reports, correspondence, and other matters, which are crowded out of this number. We ask the kind forbearance of our friends who have to wait till next week before their contributions appear.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
BERMONDSEY.

On Monday, March 19, 1883, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT ST. JAMES'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN W. ROWBOTHAM .. Treble.	EDWIN GIBBS 6.
RICHARD FRENCH 2.	EZRA CARTER 7.
GEORGE BREED 3.	HENRY J. TUCKER 8.
MATTHEW A. WOOD 4.	EDWIN HORREX 9.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 5.	JOHN M. HAYES Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and conducted by J. M. HAYES.

It is upwards of forty-one years since a peal in the Oxford Variation was rung in London on ten bells, which was also rung at the above church, and by members of the same society.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
BIRTHDAY PEAL.

SOUTHWARK, SURREY.

On Tuesday, March 20, 1883, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5134 CHANGES;
Tenor 52 cwt. in Bb.

MATTHEW A. WOOD Treble.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 7.
WILLIAM CECIL 2.	EDWIN GIBBS 8.
GEORGE A. MUSKETT 3.	GEORGE DARRINGTON .. 9.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 4.	WALTER B. JONES 10.
GEORGE MASH 5.	FRANCIS E. DAWE 11.
JAMES R. HAWORTH 6.	GEORGE BREED Tenor.

Composed and conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

This peal was rung to commemorate the birthday of the conductor, who attained the age of twenty-one years on Friday, the 16th instant.

Several prominent members of the Exercise bore testimony to the regular striking on the melodious and heavy ring of twelve at the above church.

Mr. G. Breed hails from the city of York, and returns home much pleased at having succeeded in the performance he came so far to take part in.

The figures of this peal will be found on another page.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
BARKING, ESSEX.

On Monday, March 26, 1883, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT ST. MARGARET'S ABBEY,

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

ROBERT SEWELL Treble.	RICHARD FRENCH 5.
EDWIN GIBBS 2.	JOHN M. HAYES 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 3.	EDWIN HORREX 7.
EZRA CARTER* 4.	EDWARD A. DAVIS Tenor.

Conducted by J. M. HAYES.

* First peal in the method.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
BETHNAL GREEN.

On Saturday, March 24, 1883, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH,

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

MATTHEW A. WOOD Treble.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 5.
WILLIAM CECIL 2.	THOMAS HAIGH 6.
HARRY PAGE* 3.	RICHARD FRENCH 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 4.	JOHN M. HAYES Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and conducted by J. M. HAYES.

* First peal in the method.

Mr. Page hails from Stoke-upon-Trent; Mr. Haigh from Huddersfield.

The Provinces.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

On Saturday, March 24, 1883, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs.

JOHN ELDRIDGE* Treble.	*EDWARD ROGERS 5.
GEORGE WILKINS, JUN. .. 2.	WM. ALFRED GARRAWAY 6.
JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS 3.	EDWIN ROGERS 7.
HEZEKIAH ROGERS 4.	EDWARD KEELEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ALFRED GARRAWAY.

[*First peal.]

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

On Saturday, March 24, 1883, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S 10-PART PEAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES ADAMS Treble.	BENJAMIN BROADBENT .. 5.
THOMAS WROE 2.	JOSEPH GILLOT 6.
SAMUEL WHITWORTH .. 3.	GEORGE LONGDEN 7.
JOHN THORP 4.	JOSEPH MELLOR Tenor.

Conducted by GEO. LONGDEN.

Mr. Whitworth hails from Rawmarsh, Yorkshire, formerly of Ashton; the rest of the company from Ashton.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM.

On Sunday, March 25, 1883, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

DANIEL LEES Treble.	GEORGE DUNKERLEY .. 5.
GEORGE H. BEAVER 2.	CLEMOND DRONSFIELD .. 6.
JAMES RILEY 3.	ALBERT CLEGG 7.
WILLIAM WARD 4.	JAMES PRIESTLEY Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, West Bromwich, and conducted by GEORGE H. BEAVER.

J. Priestley hails from Lees; the others from Glodwick. First peal in this method by all except the conductor. This peal has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right; the fifth twenty-four times right; with all the 8-5-7's, 8-6-7's, and 6-7-8's.

RANMORE, NEAR DORKING, SURREY.

On Monday, March 26, 1883, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT ST. BARNABAS, CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S 10-PART PEAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HOWARD Treble.	EDGAR KENWARD 5.
FRANCIS T. HOAD 2.	ROBERT HARDEN 6.
WILLIAM WEBB 3.	STEPHEN BROOKER 7.
WILLIAM ARGENT 4.	GEORGE HOLDEN Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD.

The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th bells hail from Reigate; the 6th from Epsom; the 7th from Leatherhead; and the tenor-man from Dorking.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

On Monday, March 26, 1883, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

SAMUEL WHITWORTH .. Treble.	JAMES WOOD 5.
JOHN HOPWOOD 2.	JOSEPH MELLOR 6.
WILLIAM SMITH 3.	SHEPHERD ANDREW .. 7.
SAMUEL WOOD 4.	GEORGE LONGDEN Tenor.

Composed and conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

On Monday, March 26, 1883, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

HENRY FILDES Treble.	JOHN FILDES 5.
RALPH PRICHARD 2.	SAMUEL BRADLEY 6.
JAMES S. WILDE 3.	THOMAS WILDE 7.
ROBERT WOOLLEY 4.	DAVID LEIGH Tenor.

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE, and conducted by THOMAS WILDE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—SADDLEWORTH.

On Monday, March 26, 1883, in Three Hours,
AT ST. CHAD'S CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES; IN 14 DIFFERENT METHODS UPON
SIX BELLS,

A 360 of each method, in the following order:

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DELIGHT; KENT TREBLE BOB; MERCHANTS' RETURN; NEW
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Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. BRIERLEY .. Treble.	JAS. WRIGLEY 4.
JOHN HOLDEN 2.	EDGAR BUCKLEY 5.
FRANK BRIERLEY 3.	EDWARD WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOLDEN.

MANCHESTER.

On Monday, March 26, 1883, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5580 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

SAMSON KNIGHT .. Treble.	JOSEPH GRIMSHAW .. 6.
SAMUEL WEST* 2.	†ALBERT E. WREAKS .. 7.
JOHN E. POLLITT* .. 3.	JOHN EACHUS 8.
JOHN LOWCOCK 4.	JOHN WITHERS 9.
GEORGE MEE 5.	JAMES PARKINSON Tenor.

Composed by JAMES WOOD, SEN., and conducted by JOHN EACHUS, and taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of March 17th, 1883.

* Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. † First peal of Caters.

The Cathedral bells were opened as a ring of ten on Easter-Monday, 1825, and this peal was rung to commemorate the 58th anniversary of that event. This is the greatest length of Caters rang in the present tower.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
ERITH, KENT.

On Monday, March 26, 1883, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S 10-PART PEAL. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. REEVE .. Treble.	JAMES SAXBY 5.
FREDERICK FRENCH .. 2.	ALFRED COLE 6.
GEORGE CONYARD 3.	FREDERICK M. JACOBS .. 7.
CHARLES HAMMANT .. 4.	THOMAS WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK FRENCH.

The above are all members of the Crayford Company.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—DERBY.
(Late Derby and District Association.)

On Tuesday, March 27, 1883, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THE ORIGINAL BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 20½ cwt., in Eb.

REUBEN BOSWORTH .. Treble.	ALFRED ARCHER 5.
JOHN WARD* 2.	HY. CHAS. WOODWARD .. 6.
JOSEPH HARDY* 3.	JOHN HOWE 7.
JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR, JUN. 4.	LEWIS LEONARD LOMAS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOWE.

* First peal.

Messrs. Bosworth, Woodward, Howe, and Lomas belong to Derby; Messrs Taylor and Hardy hail from Loughborough; Mr. Ward from Long Eaton; and Mr Archer from Nottingham.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

On Monday, March 26, 1883, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 7½ cwt.

T. GREENWOOD Treble.	P. SADDLER 5.
C. CLEMENTS 2.	R. STACKWOOD 6.
J. FIDDAMENT 3.	F. KNIGHTS 7.
REV. G. H. HARRIS 4.	J. EDRIAGE Tenor.

Conducted by T. GREENWOOD.

Messrs. Greenwood and Edridge belong to Marsham; Messrs. Fiddament, Sadler, and Knights hail from Norwich; Clements and Stackwood from Aylsham; and the Rev. G. H. Harris from Tunstead.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Late Derby and District Association.)

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, March 26, 1883, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN JAGGAR Treble.	GEORGE APPLEBY 5.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 2.	FREDERICK W. APPLEBY.. 6.
HARRY WAKLEY 3.	THOMAS HOLMES 7.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

This peal, which in seventeen courses, with the 6th six course-ends each way in 5-6, has never been previously performed.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

On Sunday, March 25, 1883, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S 10-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

JOSEPH PRESCOTT Treble.	EDWARD KAY 5.
EDWARD PRESCOTT 2.	THOMAS TICKLE 6.
EDMUND BROWN 3.	JOSEPH W. HALL 7.
WILLIAM CHISNALL 4.	THOMAS ECCLESTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH PRESCOTT.

Mr. Hall hails from Wigan; the rest of the company belong to Hindley.

BARNSELY, YORKSHIRE.

On Monday, March 26, 1883, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. BEDFORD Treble.	WILLIAM ELLIS† 5.
CHAS. HOLLIN 2.	MATTHEW TOMLINSON* .. 6.
JOSEPH FOX 3.	GEO. TYAS† 7.
WILFRED RICHARDSON† .. 4.	ROBERT SPARKS† Tenor.

Conducted by GEO. TYAS.

* Member of the Yorkshire Association. † College Youths.

[*First peal.]

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

On Tuesday, March 27, 1883, in Four Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7008 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ZACHARIAH SLATER Treble.	OLIVER GARWOOD 5.
ALEXANDER HURST* 2.	FREDERIC WELLS 6.
HARRY THOMPSON 3.	FREDERIC PAUL ADAMS .. 7.
SAMUEL SLATER 4.	HARRY HARPER Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON; conducted by FREDK. PAUL ADAMS.

* First peal of Major.

This peal, which will be found in Snowdon's *Treatise*, p. 29, has never been previously performed.

(The remainder of performances will be found on another page.)

THE DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING was held at Derby, on Easter-Monday, March 26th, 1883, when the bells of All Saints, St. Werburgh's, St. Alkmund's St. Luke's, and St. Andrew's churches were kindly placed by their respective Vicars at the disposal of members. A short service was held in St. Andrew's Church in the course of the afternoon, which was well attended, an excellent sermon being preached by the Rev. F. Atkinson, Rector of Darley Dale, and an honorary member of the Association.

Between sixty and seventy members sat down to tea in St. Andrew's Schools at 5 o'clock, and at the meeting held subsequently several gentlemen were admitted as honorary and ringing members, and the following, amongst other business, was done: Mr. Beresford (Derby), proposed and Mr. Maskery (Derby), seconded, and it was carried, that "The report of the Committee and the balance-sheet be approved." Mr. Henson (Lenton), proposed, and Mr. Jaggar (Burton), seconded, and it was carried, that "The amended rules as printed in the Annual Report, together with the two alterations suggested at this meeting, be adopted."

On the motion of Mr. H. C. Woodward (Derby), seconded by Mr. Cooper (Leicester), the Rev. J. H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, was re-elected President; Mr. W. Wakley, Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. Joseph Griffin Hon. Sec. for the ensuing year.

The Quarterly Meeting was fixed to be held at Burton-on-Trent. The effect of the amendments passed at this meeting will be to change the name of this Association from that of the "Derby and District Association," to that of the "Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers," leaving Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, and Burton-on-Trent as district centres, each choosing its own Secretary, and sending two members to serve on the General Committee of the Association.

Touche of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung during the day, and a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in the early morning at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, in honour of the occasion.

BATH AND KEYNSHAM UNITED DEANERIES ASSOCIATION.

THE Fifth Meeting of this Association will (by the kind permission of the Rev. T. P. Rogers, Vicar) be held at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Bathampton, on Saturday, April 7th next. Hours of ringing from six o'clock to nine p.m. There is a good ring of six bells at this church, which were rehung about five years ago. Weight of tenor said to be 18 cwt. Distance from Bath about 2½ miles. Nearest station Bathampton, Great Western Railway, 15 minutes' walk.

Also by kind permission of the Rev. J. Harford, Vicar, the tower of the Parish Church (St. Swithin's) Bathford, will be open on the same evening. There is a light but sweet toned ring of six bells at this church, which were supplied by Messrs. Warner and Sons of London, and hung by them in the new tower shortly after its completion in the latter part of the year 1880. Weight of tenor about 10 cwt. Distance from Bath about 3½ miles. Bathampton is the nearest railway station, fifteen minutes' walk.

EASTER AT SADDLEWORTH.

EASTER MONDAY will long be remembered by the ringers and friends of Saddleworth church. At 8 a.m. the ringers ascended the tower, and rung 5040 changes, in fourteen different methods, finishing at 11 a.m., a report of which will be found amongst our records of performances. At one o'clock the whole of the local ringers fourteen in number, were treated to a sumptuous dinner by Mr. J. Bradbury, one of the retiring Churchwardens. After the usual loyal toasts, Mr. John Holden proposed the health of Mr. Bradbury, also the best thanks of the ringers for the very liberal treat he had that day given them, stating that he was very pleased to see that the ringers were being acknowledged as church-workers, for he was quite sure they would be willing to assist in any work which would tend to promote the interests and prosperity of the Church. Mr. Bradbury, in a very able speech responded, and said that nothing gave him greater pleasure than to hear the sweet tones of the bells on a Sunday morning. He was about to resign his office as Churchwarden; in leaving it, he had only one cause of regret, that was that the beautiful peal of six had not been augmented to eight, but he hoped his successor would see that that was accomplished before next Easter. At 2.30, a vestry meeting was held for the appointment of Wardens, presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. Thomas Fletcher, D.D. The accounts for the past year were submitted and passed, after which the Vicar appointed Mr. Ellis Meanock as his Warden for the ensuing year, and Mr. Bradbury proposed Mr. John Holden for the people's Warden, and hoped that Mr. Holden, being a ringer himself, would make an effort to get two new trebles added. Mr. Edgar Buckley seconded the resolution, which was carried. Votes of thanks to the retiring Wardens and the Vicar closed the proceedings,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

5134.

By F. E. DAWE, *College Youths.*

2 3 1 4 5 6	Bob on 9, 10, 11.
	5 6 7 19
3 1 5 6 2 4	- - -
5 1 3 4 2 6	- - -
5 1 6 3 2 4	- - -
5 1 4 6 2 3	- - -
4 1 5 3 2 6	- - -
4 1 6 5 2 3	- - -
4 1 3 6 2 5	- - -
3 1 4 5 2 6	- - -
2 1 4 6 3 5	- - -
2 1 5 4 3 6	- - -
2 1 6 5 3 4	- - -
6 1 2 4 3 5	- - -
6 1 5 2 3 4	- - -
6 1 4 5 3 2	- - -
4 1 6 2 3 5	- - -
3 1 6 5 4 2	- - -
3 1 2 6 4 5	- - -
2 1 3 5 4 6	- - -
2 1 6 3 4 5	- - -
2 1 5 6 4 3	- - -
5 1 2 3 4 6	- - -
5 1 6 2 4 3	- - -
6 1 5 3 4 2	- - -

These last eight courses twice repeated, omitting the last course in the last part, produce—3 1 2 4 5 6; when the peal is brought round by bobs at the following sixes:—12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19.

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The last chapter is devoted to a list of the names of Composers of the different peals, with various particulars, and in the cases of deceased Composers with the dates of death, age, etc.

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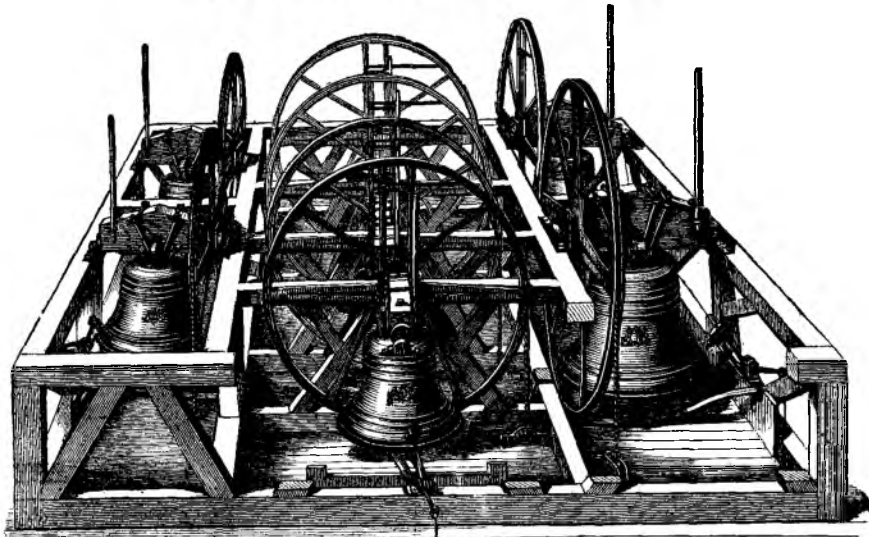
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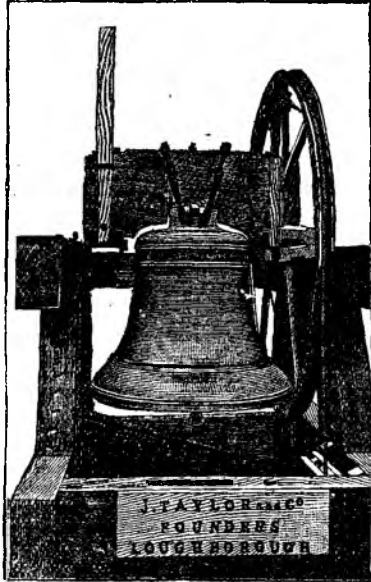
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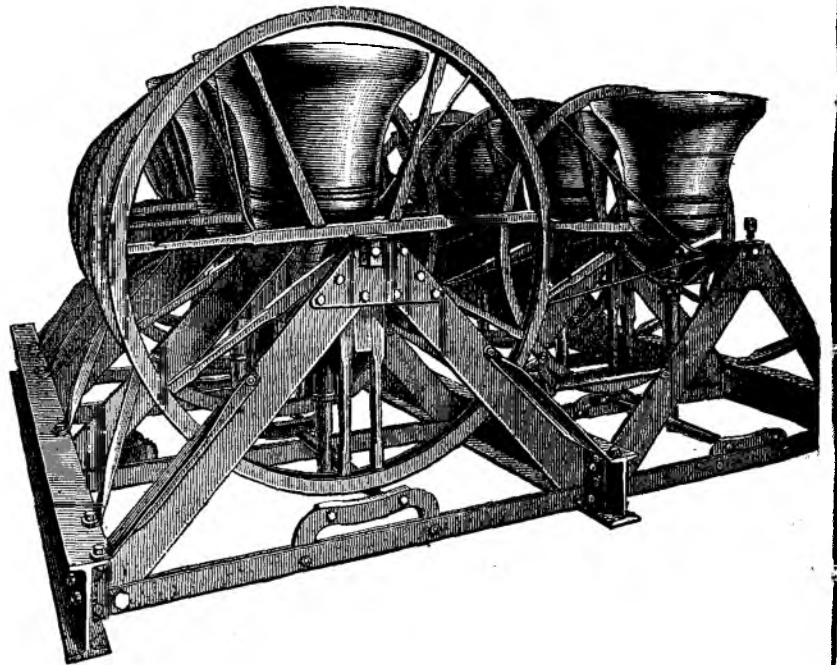
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