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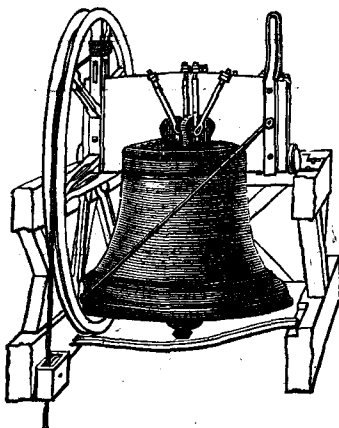
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2 3 1 4 5 6 3 4 5 6 7 8  
 3 5 6 4 1 2 - - - -  
 5 1 2 4 6 3 - - - -  
 3 4 2 5 1 6 - - - -

These three courses are the same as those used by Mr. Lockwood in his four-part peal. All the alterations, from repeating the calling of these three courses, are noted in the following peal. It will be seen that, as in Thurstans' peal, the first and last courses of the second half-peal consist respectively of twelve and two sixes, the bobs at three, four, five, six, which have to called in the first of these courses, correspond to bobs at five, six, seven, eight in a full course with the seventh, the observation-bell.

First Half.

2 3 1 4 5 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Call 7-8.  
 Call s. 14.

5040.

Second Half.

1 3 4 5 2 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Omit 7-8.

Omit 7-8.

Call s. 2.

BROOKS'S VARIATION.

The following variation of Thurstans' peal is by Mr. H. W. Haley, and is founded on the three following courses.

2 3 1 4 5 6 3 4 5 6 7 8 12 13  
 5 3 6 4 2 1 - - - -  
 3 4 5 2 6 1 - - - -  
 1 2 5 3 4 6 - - - -

The following are the course-ends of this peal with the various additions and omits noted, the calls at 3-4-5-6 in the first course of the second half-peal refer to the positions of the seventh at 5-6-7-8 in a full course.

5040.

First Half.

2 3 1 4 5 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Call 7-8.

Call 7-8.

Call s. 14.

Second Half.

1 3 4 5 2 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Call 3-4-5-6.

Omit 7-8.

Omit 7-8.

Call s. 2

HALEY'S VARIATION.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association was held on Saturday, January 31st, at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. There were present about forty ringers from Ashton, Bolton, Eccles, Heywood, Hyde, Manchester, Swinton and Walkden. After tea, a meeting was held in the schoolroom, where, in the absence of the president, the Rev. T. A. Turner, the chair was taken by Mr. A. E. Holme. A suggestion was made that the county should be divided roughly into districts, and that the members of each district should combine to hold at stated intervals, ringing meetings among themselves, the Quarterly Meetings remaining as before, meetings of the Association as a whole. By this means more work could be done, with far less individual expense. It was also mentioned that the system had already been adopted with considerable success in the Eccles district. The proposal and election of new members concluded the business of the meeting, which then adjourned to the tower. Here touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob Major and Minor, and Plain Bob Major were rung on the tower bells, and the evening concluded with courses of Caters, Royal and Maximus on the handbells. The thanks of the committee are due to the Vicar for the use of the tower and school, and to the Ashton Society for their kindness in making arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

ON Tuesday evening, January 27th, five members of the St. Lawrence's company, assisted by Mr. Johnson E. Hern, of Newuham in this county, rung for practice at the Parish Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27½ mins. G. Miles, 1; J. Yeates, 2; A. A. Waite, 3; J. E. Hern (conductor), 4; H. Mitchell, 5; R. A. Barrett, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

## THE ORMSKIRK SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 17th, the first meeting of the above society took place, and representatives from the following places attended: Aughton, Blackburn, Hindley, Liverpool, Southport, and Wigan. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and several long touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by mixed companies, the go of the bells being all that could be desired. Among the ringers present were Mr. H. Cave (Aughton), who had that day completed his seventy-third year, his brother-ringers wishing him "Many happy returns of the day." After lowering the bells at 6.45 p.m., a move was made to the house of Mr. Holcroft, where a good substantial dinner was provided. After doing justice to the inner man, Mr. John Prescott (Ormskirk), was voted to the chair, and Mr. Joseph Prescott (Hindley), to the vice-chair. The chairman's toast, "The Queen and the Royal Family," was drunk with applause, the company standing up and singing a portion of the National Anthem. The toast, "The Bishops and Clergy of the Diocese," having been duly honoured, the vice-chairman, in a few remarks said he was glad to be amongst a company of young ringers, and he invited them over to Hindley, where there was a good peal of bells and in good order, and he would be most happy to do all that lay in his power to assist them in any shape or form. "The Visitors" was proposed by the chairman and responded to by Mr. J. R. Pritchard (of Liverpool), the latter gentleman saying he was glad to be amongst them that evening, and was well pleased to see the interest in ringing that was being taken by the young members of the society; and he hoped they would all pull together and be united, and though the society was a young one they had put several long touches of Grandsire Triples to their credit. The toast "THE BELL NEWS," was received with musical honours, the company singing, "For its a jolly good paper," etc., and the proposer, Mr. W. Davies (Liverpool), dwelt at some length on the merits of the paper, and pointed out the good work it had done in regard to change-ringing, and he was very glad to know that several of the company present took it in weekly, and he hoped that they would all take it in. During the evening songs were sung by several of the company present, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, on handbells, retained in hand, and after a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess, and the secretary of the society a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 24th, the members of this society held their quarterly meeting at Darlaston, when the following bands were represented: Lichfield Cathedral, Lichfield St. Mary, Christ Church, West Bromwich, All Saints' West Bromwich, St. Peter's Wolverhampton, Tettenhall, Wednesbury, Tipton and Sedgley, all these being in connection with the society. The neighbouring steeples of Wednesbury (10 bells), and Willenhall (8 bells), were also open to members during the afternoon. At 5 p.m. a short evening service was held in the parish church, at which the rector of Darlaston, Rev. B. Webb, gave an address on "being fellow-workers with God." At the meeting afterwards the following new members were elected: *Hon. Members*: Rev. B. Wright, Rector of Darlaston; Mr. G. Partridge and Mr. Edwin Bruerton, Churchwardens, Darlaston; Mr. A. H. Partridge, Darlaston; Mr. Butcher, Wolverhampton. *Ringling Members*: Mr. Enoch Bruerton, and Mr. John Tinsley, Darlaston; Mr. John Goodman, Mr. David Bruce, and Mr. Wm. Mills, Sedgley. Tea was served in the coffee house, after which the Hon. Sec., Rev. J. R. Koble, made a statement with regard to the progress the society, and Mr. Reeves announced the number of peals rung by members since the last meeting. The ringing consisted chiefly of touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. The next meeting will be held at Stafford on Easter Monday.

## WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE peal of bells at this church have, through the exertions of Mr. E. Baldock, lately been augmented to eight, by the addition of two new trebles, from the well-known firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel. The opening took place on December 31st, 1884, and since then several long touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, etc. have been rung on them. On Tuesday evening last, eight members of the Kent County Association rang the first peal on them, particulars of which will be found on another page, after which an excellent supper was provided at the "Bear Hotel," when members to the number of about twenty sat down. The go of the bells is everything that can be desired, but the belfry is altogether the other way. It is a large place about thirty feet square, and of the slaughter-house type, with no window, only a rabbit-hutch door in one corner, from which hardly any light can be obtained. Mr. Baldock is, however, trying his best to get things remedied, and the ringers hope it will not be long before they can ring with a little more comfort. The Kent County Association intend to hold their Quarterly Meeting here shortly, notice of which will be given in "THE BELL NEWS."

## ST. PETER'S [CHURCH, SANDWICH.

On Saturday evening, January 17th, nine members of the Quex Waterloo Tower and Royal Cumberland Societies, by the kind permission of the Vicar, ascended the above tower, and rang three touches of Grandsire Triples, each touch containing 336 changes. C. Willshire, 1; E. Golder, 2; L. Willshire, 3; T. B. Reed, jun., 4; T. B. Reed, 5; J. J. Bristow, 6; G. Willshire, 7; S. Fulcher, 8. The striking was very good throughout, but we, the Quex band, regret to find that change-ringing appears to have quite died out in Sandwich. We hope that Sandwich will soon join in the reformation now going through the country. A great many have been prejudiced against ringing, because it has always been so much connected with beer drinking. To those I would say take the little weekly paper called "THE BELL NEWS," supplied by any newsagent, and they can there see that in many parish churches, the ringing is taken up by the clergy, and the bells are rung for Divine Service, and to the praise of God. We, the Quex Band, will attend a meeting if such might be called, and gladly assist in forming a local band, that this fine peal of bells may be again rung to the glory of God, and pleasing to the ear of every lover of music.

J. J. B.

## VISIT TO WALTON-ON-THAMES.

On Saturday, January 31st, the Godalming Church ringers, who are also members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, paid a friendly visit to the above place, and after ringing 168 of Grandsire Triples, an attempt was made for Taylor's six-part peal, but after ringing about 1950 changes, in 1 hr. and 10 mins., it unfortunately came to grief. An adjournment was then made for tea, and they then returned to the belfry for another 168 of Grandsire Triples, and some call changes by the Walton ringers. The evening was spent in pleasant harmony and the ringers returned to Godalming thoroughly pleased with their outing, and the kind reception they met with. The ringers stood as follows: C. Barnett, 1; W. High, 2; W. H. Poole, Esq., 3; J. Cooper, 4; J. Chanter, 5; G. Manfield (conductor), 6; A. High, 7; G. Riddle, 8. Tenor 27 cwt.

## ALL SAINTS', SHEFFIELD.

On Monday evening, January 26th, the members of the above society met at the church at 6.30. and after ringing a short touch of Grandsire Triples, proceeded to the vicarage, where they were kindly entertained to supper. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. Shaw, they were received by Mrs. Shaw and the children, whose funny remarks during the ringing at the tower elicited a hearty laugh. Said one of the young olive branches, "Ma, are the ringers now getting the bells down from the steeple to bring with them!" The ringers were joined by the churchwardens and a few other gentlemen. After supper tunes on the handbells, and songs were given, and with a neat little speech from the Vicar, who had arrived in the meantime, one of the most enjoyable evenings was brought to a close.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 4TH, 1885.—Thursday January 29th: attempted peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's Eastbourne, by the Eastbourne branch, 4368 changes rung in 2 hrs. 30 mins. S. Hart, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; T. Hunnisett, 3; L. Huggett (conductor), 4; F. Harding, 5; J. Potter, 6; T. Hart, 7; J. Rollinson, 8. Thursday, January 29th: at Kirdford, by the Billingham branch, sixteen 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. P. Wood, 1; J. Voice, 2; W. Chantler, 3; Wm. Chantler, jun., 4; Thos. Chantler (conductor), 5; A. Mitchell, 6. Saturday, January 31st: at St. Mary's, Horsham, by the Horsham and Warnham branches, a peal of 5040 of Oxford Bob Triples, in 3 hrs. and 17 mins. (see peal column). Sunday, February 1st: at St. Peter's, Brighton, by the Brighton branch, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for afternoon service, in 47 mins. A. Marshall, 1; J. Searle, 2; H. Weston, 3; G. King, 4; C. E. Golds, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; J. Jay, jun., 7; W. Vernon, 8. Tuesday, February, 3rd: at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, by the Eastbourne branch, attempted peal of Grandsire Triples, 4816 changes rung in 2 hrs. 45 mins. S. Hart, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; T. Hunnisett, 3; L. Huggett (conductor), 4; F. Harding, 5; J. Potter, 6; T. Hart, 7; J. Rollinson, 8.

GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING is fixed for Monday, February 16th, at West Malling, when the churches of Wrotham, Birling, West Malling, and St. Michael's, Maidstone, will be visited. Secretaries should communicate at once with the Hon. Sec. as to where their bands wish to ring.

R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGGESSEN, *Hon. Sec.*

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

5040.

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

The 5th and 6th each home at four course-ends.

5088.

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

The 6th home at five course-ends.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By JOHN HOPWOOD, Ashton-under-Lyne.

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

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5440.

By JOHN J. BRIERLEY, Saddleworth.

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

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5152.

By W. R. SMITH, College Youths.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By BENJAMIN FRANCIS, Diss.

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

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

13,440.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

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

Three times repeated. Singles instead of the bobs at the 2nd and 4th part-ends.

This peal contains the extent with the tenors together.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

6160.

By N. J. PITSTOW, Saffron Walden.

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

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

2	3	4	5	6	I	4	5	6
3	6	4	5	2				
3	2	4	6	5				
2	5	4	6	3				
5	3	4	6	2				
2	3	5	6	4				
4	2	3	6	5			S	
2	5	3	6	4				
5	4	3	6	2				
2	4	5	6	3				
2	3	5	4	6				
4	5	3	2	6				
5	2	3	4	6				
4	3	2	5	6				
3	2	5	4	6			S	
4	5	2	3	6				
5	3	2	4	6				
4	2	3	5	6				

Twice repeated. This peal contains the 6th twenty four times wrong and right.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIR TRIPLES.

1885.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, Oxford.

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

The above are the make up changes instead of the whole treble lead at starting. Start at back stroke. To make the singles, thus:—

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

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

Twice repeated. The above touch contains the twelve 4-6's, the twelve 7-4's, and the twelve 6-7's.

Sir Robert J. Phillimore, late Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, died on Wednesday. He was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple, and in due course was created a Q.C. In 1855 he was appointed Judge of the Cinque Ports, and her Majesty's Advocate-General in Admiralty in 1862, when he received the honour of knighthood, and was created a baronet in 1881. He is succeeded in the baronetcy by his eldest son, Dr. Walter G. F. Phillimore.

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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, FEBRUARY 7, 1885.

**The Metropolis.**

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 31, 1885, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S 10-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

A. P. FENWICK* .. .. .	Treble.	G. TRINDER .. .. .	5.
G. ILSLEY .. .. .	2.	A. THOMAS .. .. .	6.
W. BARON .. .. .	3.	F. SLADE, JUN., ESQ. .. .. .	7.
W. FENWICK .. .. .	4.	W. PERRIMAN .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by W. BARON.

\*First peal; aged 18 years, and has had but four months' practice (under the able tuition of Mr. Baron) at change-ringing.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

On Saturday, January 31, 1885, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES; Tenor 25 cwt. in D♯.

WILLIAM FUSSELL* .. .. .	Treble.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. .	5.
HENRY HOPKINS* .. .. .	2.	†FREDERICK PITSTOW .. .. .	6.
CHARLES HOPKINS* .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM CHAPMAN .. .. .	7.
HENRY DAINS .. .. .	4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell.

The composition is the one first given on page 40 in Snowden's book of Double Norwich, and has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right in forty-nine courses.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY LONDON.

On Saturday, January 31, 1885, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT ALL HALLOWS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY A. BARNETT* .. .. .	Treble.	EDWARD F. STRANGE .. .. .	5.
ARTHUR H. GARDOM .. .. .	2.	FRANCIS E. DAWE .. .. .	6.
ARTHUR B. WARD .. .. .	3.	*J. MARTIN ROUTH .. .. .	7.
MARTIN MURPHY* .. .. .	4.	HERBERT L. BAKER .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by ARTHUR H. GARDOM.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 6th the extent wrong and home and in the latter position at seven course-ends; also the 5th at five course-ends. \*First peal in the method.

**The Provinces.**

WEST MALLING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1885, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

DAVID HALL .. .. .	Treble.	ALCHIN MOORCRAFT .. .. .	5.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. .. .	2.	THOMAS POTTER .. .. .	6.
EDWARD BALDOCK .. .. .	3.	CALEB PAYNE .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM HARDING .. .. .	4.	JAMES W. LEONARD .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CALEB PAYNE.

This is the first peal on the bells.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, January 29, 1885, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JAMES R. HAWORTH .. .. .	Treble.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. .. .	5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE† .. .. .	2.	SAMUEL SNELLING .. .. .	6.
GEORGE STANCOMBE .. .. .	3.	F. G. NEWMAN .. .. .	7.
REV. H. A. COCKEY .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE STANCOMBE.

†First peal with a bob bell. Previous to starting for the peal, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore and G. Stancombe were elected members of the above society. After ringing, the visitors were kindly entertained to supper at the "Bull" Hotel by a gentleman who takes a great interest in change-ringing, after which several touches on the handbells, singing, etc. brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, January 30, 1885, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

REUBEN SIMMONDS* .. .. .	Treble.	*REV. H. A. COCKEY .. .. .	5.
GEORGE STANCOMBE* .. .. .	2.	*WILLIAM H. JUDD .. .. .	6.
JAMES R. HAWORTH .. .. .	3.	*SAMUEL SNELLING .. .. .	7.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS* .. .. .	4.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE LONGDEN, Ashton-under-Lyne, and Conducted by F. G. NEWMAN.

\*First peal of Major, and the first peal in the method by all except the conductor. Seventy-seven years have elapsed since a peal of Bob Major was rung by the above society, the last being at Kensington in 1808. Previous to starting for the peal R. Simmonds was elected a member of this society.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A RINGING MEETING will be held on Saturday, February 14th, at St. Philip's Church, Hulme. This meeting is intended more especially for members living in or near Manchester. The tower will be open for ringing from three o'clock.

A. E. HOLME, } Hon. Secs.  
J. REDFORD, }

LINDLEY, HUDDERSFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1885, in Three Hours and Seven-and-½ Minutes, AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

J. BARROWCLOUGH .. .. Treble.	JOHN STEAD .. .. . 5.
THOS. STEAD .. .. . 2.	B. SHAW .. .. . 6.
F. SCHOFIELD .. .. . 3.	T. HAIGH .. .. . 7.
G. W. SCHOFIELD .. .. . 4.	WM. BROGDEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by S. MARSH and Conducted by T. HAIGH.

This is the first peal in the Oxford Variation ever rung on these bells.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, January 31, 1885, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JNO. WM. CARTWRIGHT† .. Treble.	*BERNARD W. WITCHELL.. 5.
THOMAS JAS. HEMMING† .. 2.	CHARLES STANBRIDGE .. 6.
HENRY BASTABLE .. .. . 3.	WILLIAM KENT.. .. . 7.
ARTHUR J. JONES .. .. . 4.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

This is the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung on the above bells.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—HORSHAM BRANCH.

On Saturday, January 31, 1885, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; SHIPWAY'S 10-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in E.

RICHARD DALE* .. .. Treble.	†HARRY COOK .. .. . 5.
JACOB BROWN .. .. . 2.	FELIX KNIGHT .. .. . 6.
WILLIAM SHORT.. .. . 3.	HENRY BURSTOW .. .. 7.
HENRY WOOD .. .. . 4.	JOHN BISHOP .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BURSTOW.

\*First peal of Triples. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Short, Wood, and Cook hail from Warnham, the rest belong to the local company. This is supposed to be the first time this peal has been rung.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTRIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, HYDE.

On Monday, February 2, 1885, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes, AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES SHAW.. .. . Treble.	ROBERT WOOLLEY .. .. 5.
JOHN SIDEBOTHAM† .. .. 2.	THOMAS WILDE .. .. . 6.
GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. . 3.	JAMES S. WILDE .. .. . 7.
WALTER SLATER .. .. . 4.	DAVID LEIGH .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by JAMES LONGDEN, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Conducted by JAMES S. WILDE.

† First peal in the method. J. Sidebotham hails from Mottram, and G. Longden from Ashton.

RUSHDEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Monday, February 2, 1885, in Three Hours and Two Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES; Tenor 20 cwt.

H. CLAYTON.. .. . Treble.	A. MARTIN.. .. . 4.
J. BAKER .. .. . 2.	C. BAKER .. .. . 5.
W. HALL .. .. . 3.	J. BARLEY .. .. . Tenor.

[No conductor mentioned.]

Rung on the tenth anniversary of the opening of the church.

This is the first peal by all except W. Hall, and the first peal ever known to be rung in Rushden.

BRISTOL.—THE ST. STEPHEN'S COMPANY.

Muffled Peal.

On Monday, February 2, in Three Hours and Two Minutes, AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

G. MORGAN .. .. . Treble.	F. PRICE .. .. . 5.
A. YORK.. .. . 2.	H. PORCH .. .. . 6.
W. MARSH .. .. . 3.	W. EMERY .. .. . 7.
E. DUCKHAM .. .. . 4.	J. HINTON .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by J. HINTON.

†First peal of Major as conductor.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Major by all except J. Hinton. The above was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late D. Morgan, aged 61, who died on Saturday last, and who was for nearly forty years a member of the above company.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ECCLES.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1885, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes, AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

*THOMAS HEALD .. .. Treble.	JAMES BARRATT.. .. . 5.
EDWARD CASH .. .. . 2.	RICHARD ASHCROFT.. .. 6.
JOHN EACHUS .. .. . 3.	ALFRED EGGINGTON.. .. 7.
ALBERT E. WREAKS .. .. 4.	GEORGE H. JOHNSON .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WM. HARRISON, and Conducted by GEORGE H. JOHNSON.

This is Mr. Ashcroft's first peal in the method, though over 70 years old. This peal has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right in fourteen courses, also the twenty-four 8-6-7's, 8-6's, and 6-7-8's.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, February 4, 1885, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes, AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 26 cwt.

REV. JAMES H. FISH .. Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY.. .. . 5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 2.	JOHN JAGGAR .. .. . 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. . 3.	THOMAS HOLMES .. .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. . 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

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

This peal is in three parts, and contains the 4th its extent in 6th's place, see "THE BELL NEWS," vol. 1, p. 199. It is the eleventh peal on record, four of which have been rung by the above society.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEYWOOD (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, February 3rd, at St. Luke's church, the local company rang a date touch of 1885 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins. William Wharton, 1; George Crossley, 2; William R. Barrett, 3; Thomas Wharton, 4; John Millett (composer and conductor), 5; John Harrison, 6; Joseph Street, 7; James Millett, 8. Tenor 22½ cwt. in Eb.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CRETINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 27th, five members of this Association rang a date touch, 1885 changes, in the following methods: Earl Soham Doubles, Antelope, Gog Magog, Old Doubles, Plain Doubles, and Grandsire. Walter Bedingfield, 1; Harris Bedingfield, 2; William Walpole, 3; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 4; Stephen Wightman, sen., 5. The Earl Soham Doubles was com- by the Rev. J. T. Hardman, late of that parish. The above are also members of All Saints', Brandeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOKINGHAM.—On Thursday, January 29th, the St. Paul's company with the assistance of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and T. Newman, attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples; which, owing to a shift came to an untimely end. A move being made to the parish church (All Saints'), a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung. S. O. Meone, 1; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 2; T. Newman, 3; T. Houlton, 4; W. Houlton, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. Tenor 22 cwt.



**SHEFFIELD (Yorkshire).**—On Tuesday, January 20th, at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, being practice night, the members of the society rang a date touch of 1885 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 13 mins. W. Midgley, 1; J. Goacher, 2; Josh. Mulligan, 3; G. O. Dixon, 4; E. Woodward, 5; John Mulligan (conductor), 6; J. A. Dixon, 7; W. Smith, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. in D. The above touch was composed by a lady interested in the science, Miss E. Crnwys Sharland, Devonshire, and was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of January 17th.

### Miscellaneous.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—On Saturday, January 24th, eight members of the above society attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to some mysterious cause the minds of the ringers were taken away from the ringing and a break occurred, which brought the bells to a stand in 1 hr. 35 mins., 2700 changes having been rung. J. Weddle, 1; R. H. Richardson, 2; S. Power, 3; E. W. Scott, 4; J. Simm, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6; T. Denton, 7; G. W. Stobart, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. in D. Also on Monday, January 2nd, at St. John's Church, the members of St. John's Guild rang 1024 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 37 mins. E. W. Scott, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; W. Eggleston, 3; \*W. Bowes, 4; F. Lees, 5; W. Story, 6; W. G. Routledge (conductor), 7; R. S. Story, 8. \*First touch in the method inside.

**SOUTH SHIELDS.**—On Monday, January 19th, at St. Hilda's church for practice, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor in 27 mins. R. Hopper, 1; Jas. Moffit, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; J. Hopper, 4; \*J. R. Wheldon, 5; Jno. Moffit (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method. Also on Sunday, January 25th, for Divine Service, 720 in the same method. R. Hopper, 1; Jas. Moffit, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; \*C. Wawn, 4; J. Hopper, 5; Jno. Moffit (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. And on Monday, January 26th, for practice, two 720's of College Single and Oxford Bob Minor in 54 mins. R. Hopper, 1; R. Scrafton, 2; J. Hopper, 3; C. Wawn, 4; J. R. Wheldon, 5; J. Moffit (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, January 27th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. R. Hopper, 1; Jas. Moffit, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; C. Wawn, 4; J. Hopper, 5; Jno. Moffit (conductor). And on Monday, February 2nd, for practice, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob in 27 mins. J. T. Gibson, 1; Jno. Moffit, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; R. Wignall, 4; J. Hopper, 5; R. Smith (conductor), 6. First 720 for all the company in this method.

#### THE EASTERN COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**TERRINGTON (Norfolk).**—Recently, at St. Clement's church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins. F. Easton, 1; R. Grimes, 2; H. Hill, 3; G. Barrett, 4; Jno. Eastin, 5; Dr. Seccombe (conductor), 6. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob twice by the same company excepting Jno. Green, 4. R. Grimes and H. Hill hails from Walpole, the rest of the company belong to Terrington, and this was their first attempt at Treble Bob on the tower bells. Tenor 14 cwt.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**BARKING (Essex).**—On Saturday evening, January 31st, eight members of this Association rang at St. Mary's church, Mr. Hy. Tucker's musical quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., containing twelve 7-4's, twelve 4-6's, and twelve 6-7's. A. Deards, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; R. Sewell, 3; W. J. Aldridge, 4; A. Pye, 5; G. Pearl, 6; H. Randall, 7; A. Whight, 8. Tenor 22½ cwt. Afterwards some handbell ringing was indulged in at the meeting house, when several touches of Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, and a course of Caters were rung, and some very fair tune-playing by a mixed party.

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Sunday, February 1st, for morning service, a 720 of Bristol Surprise. F. Bumpsted, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; S. Hammond (conductor), 4; F. Rudkin, 5; A. Huckson, 6. This is the first in the method by all. Tenor 14 cwt.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

**BOCKING (Essex).**—On Sunday, January 25th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, a mixed band rang a 720 of Bob Minor. A. Spurge (Bocking), 1; Wm. Moore (Bocking), 2; H. E. Hammond (Braintree), 3; F. Saunders (Stisted), 4; E. Radley (Stisted), 5; C. Bearman (Bocking), conductor, 6. And on Friday, January 30th, six of the local company rang a 720 of Court Single. \*A. Spurge, 1; Wm. Moore, 2; Wm. Bearman, 3; \*S. Sargeant, 4; J. Hayes, 5; C. Bearman, 6. \*First 720 in the method. Tenor 19½ cwt.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HAUGHTON (Lancashire).**—On Wednesday, January 28th, at St. Ann's Church, the St. Ann's Society, rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with nine bobs, in 28 mins. James A. Thomas, 1; John

Bardsley, 2; William Wilde, 3; John S. Leach, 4; \*John Howard (conductor), 5; Peter Smith, 6. \*First 720 as conductor, also the first 720 in the method by all the above. Tenor 15 cwt.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.**—On Saturday, January 31st, at St. Peter's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, with fifteen bobs, on the front six. James A. Thomas, 1; John Bardsley, 2; William Wilde, 3; Samuel Wood (conductor), 4; John Howard, 5; Peter Smith, 6.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**BRETON (Notts).**—On Tuesday, February 2nd, eight members of the above Association paid a visit to St. John's, Beeston, and rang upon the bells, 1148 of Kent Treble Bob Major in 49 mins. A. Archer, 1; S. G. Henson, 2; J. Wilson (composer and conductor), 3; J. Wibberley, 4; H. W. Abbott, 5; J. Hickman, 6; S. Burton, 7; G. Middleton, 8. Tenor 19 cwt.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BRANDESTON (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, February 1st, after Divine Service, a 720 of Cambridge Snrprise. S. Meadows, 1; E. R. Todd, 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; D. G. Wightman, 4; A. S. Wightman, 5; S. Wightman (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and a 240 of Double Court. D. G. Wightman (conductor), 1; E. R. Todd, 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; A. S. Wightman, 4; H. Mattin, 5; J. Howard, 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. S. Wightman, 1; E. R. Todd, 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; J. Howard, 4; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, 6.

#### THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY, AND THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**OXFORD.**—On Wednesday, February 4th, at New College, on Seage's Apparatus, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with thirty-four bobs and two singles, in 26 mins. \*C. W. Bennett, Esq. (Worcester), 1; H. Castle, 2; F. Castle, 3; J. R. Vincent, Esq. (St. John's), 4; W. Finch, 5; C. W. H. Griffiths, Esq., C.C.C. (conductor), 6. \*First 720.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CAVERSHAM (Oxon).**—On Tuesday, January 27th, the St. Peter's Society rang their first 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins., being the first in the method by the Reading branch of the Guild. J. Butler, 1; G. Essex, 2; E. Menday, 3; T. Newman, 4; E. Pottinger, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

**BENHILTON (Surrey).**—On Friday, January 30th, at the weekly evening practice six members of the local company rang at All Saints' church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 28 mins. W. Walker, 1; T. Guiger, 2; C. Trendall, 3; G. Petrie, 4; James Trendell, 5; John Trendell (conductor), 6. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

**CAPEL (Surrey).**—On Tuesday, February 3rd, the local company rang a 720 of Association Surprise Minor, with nine bobs, in 24½ mins. A. Tidy, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; E. Jordan, 4; R. Worsfold, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Tenor 7½ cwt.

**HACKNEY (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, February 1st, at the parish church of St. John, for Divine Service in the evening, six courses of Stedman Triples. E. F. Strange, 1; A. Cutmore, 2; C. Lee, 3; J. Pettit (conductor), 4; W. B. Manning, 5; A. B. Ward, 6; R. J. Turner, 7; W. D. Smith, 8. Also after Service, two courses in the same method. T. Scarlett, 1; W. D. Smith, 2; C. Lee, 3; J. Pettit (conductor), 4; W. B. Manning, 5; A. B. Ward, 6; A. H. Gardom, 7; P. A. Coard, 8. A. B. Ward hails from Derby, and is a member of the Midland Counties' Association.

**HIGHER SUTTON (Cheshire).** On Monday, January 26th, at St. James's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles in 26 mins. Wm. Walmsley (conductor), 1; Jas. Simpson, 2; W. Henshall, 3; Wm. Henshall, 4; W. Ingham, 5; Thos. Mottershead, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in G. First 720 in the method by Simpson and Henshall Brothers, who hail from Gawsorth, Cheshire.

**HORNSEY (Middlesex).**—On Thursday evening, January 29th, a 720 of Plain Bob, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 27 mins. G. Griffin, 1; H. A. Barnett, 2; J. Nunn, 3; T. Titchener, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; \*G. B. Lucas (conductor), 6. First attempt as conductor. Also a 720 of Treble Bob in 28 mins. \*H. A. Barnett, 1; \*J. Waghorn, jun., 2; J. Nunn, 3; G. B. Lucas, 4; T. Titchener (conductor), 5; G. Griffin, 6. \*First 720 of Treble Bob. And 60 of Stedman Doubles. H. A. Barnett, 1; J. Waghorn, 2; T. Titchener (conductor), 3; J. Nunn, 4; G. Griffin, 5; Rev. A. O. Brandon, 6.

**LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).**—On Tuesday evening, January 20th, at Holy Trinity Church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. P. Bixby, 1; Zachariah Slater, 2; G. Hammond, 3; Percy Scott (conductor), 4; John Slater, 5; Samuel Slater, 6. Also on Friday evening, January 23rd, two 720's of Bob Minor in 1 hr. by G. Hammond, 1; Samuel Slater, (conductor), 2; Owen Read, 3; Percy Scott, 4; Oliver Garwood, 5; James Bird, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.



**LYMINGE (Kent).**—On Sunday, January 18th, at the church of SS. Mary and Eadburgh, for Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 28 mins. Alfred Beer, 1; Richard Andrews, 2; William Drixoll (Cheriton), 3; James Andrews, 4; William Fordred, jun., 5; Albert Tanton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

**MITCHAM (Surrey).**—On Sunday, February 1st, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, the local company rang a 720 of Grandsire Triples, in 25 mins. C. Brockwell, 1; J. Drewett, sen., 2; J. Foster, jun., 3; J. Drewett, jun., 4; J. Fayers, 5; A. Brockwell, 6; G. Welling (conductor), 7; Jas. Currell, 8. And for Divine Service in the evening a 714 of Grandsire Triples, in 30 mins. G. Foster, jun., 1; J. Drewett, sen., 2; G. Foster, sen., 3; J. Drewett, jun., 4; A. Brockwell (conductor), 5; G. Welling, 6; J. Fayers, 7; Jas. Currell, 8.

**NOTTINGHAM (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday evening, February 1st, for service at All Saints' church, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major. Professor J. Button, 1; T. Cooke, 2; W. Langley, Esq., 3; J. Wilson (conductor), 4; E. Robinson, 5; J. Wibberley, 6; H. W. Abbott, 7; G. Middleton, 8. Our correspondent adds: "This was rung especially to oblige our friend, the professor, who has been away for a considerable period, and with which he was highly delighted to think that he had not forgotten the art and science of change-ringing."

**ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, February 1st, for Divine Service in the evening, a touch of 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. John Prescott, 1; W. J. Taylor, 2; J. Sholicaz, 3; Jas. Prescott, 4; W. Ellis, 5; W. Bentham (conductor), 6; Geo. Prescott, 7; W. Lloyd, 8. Tenor 25½ cwt.

**RAUNDS (Northamptonshire).**—On Monday, January 26th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, Mr. Penning's 720 of Plain Bob, with forty-six calls. A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; G. Kirk, 4; J. Willmott, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Oxford Bob, with eighteen bobs and twelve singles. A. Coles, 1; W. Hall, 2; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 3; G. Kirk, 4; N. Martin, 5; J. Stubbs, 6.

**RINGSTEAD (Northamptonshire).**—On Saturday, January 24th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, with thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles. W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; J. Braybrook, 2; E. Mayes, 3; W. Hall, 4; J. Sawford, 5; T. Roberts, 6. Also another 720 of Plain Bob, with eighteen bobs and two singles. E. Mayes, 1; J. Braybrook, 2; R. Shipley, 3; W. Hall, 4; T. Roberts, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Plain Bob, with fifteen bobs and two singles. W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; J. Braybrook, 2; T. Roberts, 3; E. Mayes, 4; J. Sawford, 5; W. Hall, 6. And a 240 of College Little. G. Roberts, 1; J. Sawford, 2; R. Shipley, 3; H. Arnold, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6.

**RUSHDEN (Northamptonshire).**—On Wednesday, January 28th, a 360 of London Single. H. Clayton, 1; W. Groome, 2; A. Martin, 3; W. Hall, 4; W. Parker, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Also two 360s of Plain Bob. H. Clayton, 1; W. Groome, 2; A. Martin, 3; W. Hall, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; W. Parker (conductor), 6. Second. H. Clayton, 1; J. Baker, 2; C. Baker, 3; W. Hall, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; A. Martin (conductor), 6. And on Friday, January 30th, for practice, thirteen 120's of Bob Doubles, in 58 mins. H. Clayton, 1; J. Baker, 2; W. Hall, 3; A. Martin, 4; C. Baker, 5; F. Clayton, 6.

**SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).**—On Wednesday, January 15th, at Christ Church, a 720 of Treble Bob Minor, in 28½ mins. J. Barrett, 1; G. Griffin, 2; B. Foskett, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; E. Chapman, 5; Geo. Newson, 6. The party met with the intention of attempting a peal but met short of the full company.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A GENERAL MEETING will be held on Monday, February 16th, 1885, at Winlaton. The bells at the disposal of the ringers will be Winlaton peal of six, tenor 10 cwt., and Blaydon peal of six, tenor 7½ cwt. A Dinner will be provided at two o'clock at "The Highlander" inn, Winlaton, 1s. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. Dinner tickets should be applied for not later than Monday, February 9th, to the Secretary. A Meeting of the Committee will be held at the inn, at one o'clock. Subscriptions for the current year are now due, and should be paid to the Secretary. G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.  
Post Office Chambers, Stockton-on-Tees.

#### BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The following is an account of the ringing done by the Braintree branch of the above Association during the month of January.—January 4th, 720 of Cambridge Surprise; January 11th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 720 of Violet, 216 Oxford Treble Bob, 120 New London; January 18th, 720 of College Exercise, 240 of New London, 240 Cambridge Surprise; January 20th, 720 of Double Court Bob, 720 London Surprise; January 25th, 720 of Cambridge Surprise, 120 of Double Bob Minor.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—ALL SAINTS', NOTTINGHAM BRANCH.

On Saturday, January 31st, being the monthly meeting, there were members and friends from Derby, Duffield, Loughborough and Mansfield. Ringing commenced about 4 p.m., and was kept up until about 7 p.m. with great zeal. The first touch was Grandsire Triples, by S. Wilkinson, J. Wibberley, S. Wilkins, J. Wilson, Rev. A. Baker, W. Gosling, A. Percival Heywood, Esq. (conductor), W. Sadler. Next was a touch of Stedman Triples conducted by J. Wilson, followed by another conducted by A. P. Heywood, Esq., other touches intervening. A touch of 768 of Kent Treble Bob Major was well struck. A. Archer, S. Burton, 2; J. Wilson (conductor), 3; J. Wibberley, 3; Rev. A. Baker, 5; W. Gosling, 6; A. Percival Heywood, Esq., 7; John Howe, 8. It is very pleasing to state that a goodly number assembled on this the first meeting this year, and the local company hope there will also be a good gathering at Long Eaton, on Saturday, February 14th.

#### THE YORK MINSTER COMPANY.

THE Annual Dinner of the Minster bellringers', was held on Monday at Mr. G. Breed's, Sun Inn, Acomb. The ringers met at half-past one in the afternoon, and rung 1260 changes of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Daniel, 1; M. West, 2; G. Breed, 3; T. Hodgson, 4; T. Haigh, 5; J. Thompson, 6; W. H. Howard (composer and conductor), 7; W. Morrell, 8. Tenor about 18 cwt. At six p.m. they sat down to a substantial repast, and after the removal of the cloth, Mr. W. H. Howard was voted to the chair, and Mr. W. H. Morrell to the vice-chair, when the usual loyal toasts were given, followed by the "Archbishop," "The Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral," "The City Members," (reference being made to Sir Frederick Milner's patronage), "The donors to the entertainment," "Prosperity to the science of bell ringing," "The host and hostess," with musical honours, and after songs, handbell ringing, recitations, etc., the company rode back to York, having spent a very pleasant evening.

#### OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

THE thirteenth anniversary of the above society will be celebrated at Drayton, Berks., by the kind permission of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, on Tuesday, February 10th. All old members are invited to attend.  
C. W. H. GRIFFITH, C.C.C., Hon. Sec.

#### In Memoriam.

##### JOHN COX.

The readers of this paper will learn with deep regret that Mr. Cox died on Thursday, January 29th, at 9.30 a.m. The writer saw him on Tuesday, the 27th ult., when he chatted as lively as he had done for some time, and although he was much wasted and attenuated, and though of late years he had not a very robust appearance, it was thought he might survive the winter. The Creator of all things, however, willed it otherwise, and thus at the age of a little more than man's usual allotted time, three-score years and ten, we have had removed from amongst us one of the most prominent ringers ever known in the science. We suppose there is scarcely a town containing a ring of bells whose ringers have not some knowledge of the name of John Cox, and more especially those of 20 or 30 years ago, and if we mistake not many a muffled peal or date touch will be rung in his memory. He has gone hence, to the great tower above, where we all some day hope to meet him, and his predecessors, where there are no rival companies, and where all ring the same method and the same composition. The remains of Mr. Cox will be buried at Nunhead Cemetery at 3.30, to-day, Saturday, February 7th. This arrangement is made so as to enable most of his many friends to pay the usual respect. At 5.0 to 5.30 the Royal Cumberland, in which Society Mr. John Cox commenced and ended his ringing career, meet by permission at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, to ring a muffled peal in memory of the deceased.

##### THOMAS DAWSON.

ON Thursday, January 29th, this old ringer died at his residence, Shirley Street, Saltair. Mr. Dawson was for many years a ringer at Bradford Parish Church, and was one of the company who rang the opening peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal in 1846. For some years, however, he has not taken an active part in ringing, being much troubled in his breathing, his last ring of note being at Guiseley in 1869, when with H. Hubbard, sen., C. Isles, and others, he rung the "veteran peal," a 5000 of Kent Treble Bob Major. By his death, the last of an old Bradford company has passed away, and the bells of the parish church were muffled on Sunday last. The deceased, who was in his eightieth year, was interred on Monday last, at St. Paul's Church, Shipley.

## Correspondence.

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

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

TO WHAT COMPANY DOES THE PEAL BELONG?

SIR,—In your last issue of "THE BELL NEWS" there appears an account of a peal of Treble Bob rung at Walthamstow with the following heading: "The Wanstead Amalgamated Society and the St. James's Society, London," with the following note appended: "Previous to attempting the above, Messrs. Gobbett, Akers, and Manning were elected members of the St. James's Society in the tower." Now, Sir, I ask your correspondent if it is a fact that these gentlemen were not elected either before starting for the peal or after it was rung, because I think I have it on good authority, that such election did not take place: and is it not a fact that after the peal was rung a discussion took place as to what society the peal should belong to? Now Sir, if the gentlemen above alluded to were elected members of the St. James's Society previous to starting for the peal, what occasion I ask for the discussion, which, if I am rightly informed, certainly took place, and not a word was mentioned about the St. James's Society previous to starting for the peal, for it is a well understood rule that such election must take place in all ringing Societies before starting if there are any non-members, or the peal is lost to such society.

SAMUEL HAYES.

ANSWER TO COLLEGE SINGLE.

SIR,—Composers—especially tyros in the art, may, and frequently do, obtain peals, which, though true, possess no special qualities of interest. I do not consider the publication of such conducive to "the good of the change-ringing community in general." But if "College Single" will favour me with his name and address, he shall become the happy possessor of a 720 or two of mine in that method, together with several in other plain methods, if he desires them.

Weston Street, Reading.

HENRY EGBY.

UNMUSICAL HANDBELLS.

SIR,—Will some of your readers give us the benefit of their advice and experience concerning the following matter? Early last summer a set of eight handbells were sent by order to Mr. Lewis Mackenzie, Vice-President of our ringing society; they were supplied by a provincial agent who orders them from a well-known firm of bell founders. I was asked to test them, and pronounced them to be out of tune; moreover one of the bells had a very unpleasant jar when struck at all loudly. They were returned, and not until within the last fortnight has a set been forwarded again to Mr. Mackenzie. Again I tried them, and could only repeat my unfavourable opinion of them; indeed, as the same bell in the scale had still an unpleasant, jarring sound, I mentioned my suspicion that they were the same bells sent back after a lapse of some months. At Mr. Mackenzie's request, I wrote him a short note to the effect that such and such bells were out of tune; this was forwarded, accompanied by a note from himself to the firm by the provincial agent. The answer that has been received from the Secretary of the firm is an impertinent one; the gist of it being that the bells are correct, but if we wish them tuned to suit our ears, we must be present whilst this is being done. The postscript quite confirms my suspicion as to the same bells having been returned untouched, for the writer says he has known some peculiar people before, to wit a lady (whose name he mentions) who rejected and then approved the bells at a different time. I do not think that this acknowledgement reflects credit on the firm. I am a musician of many years, experience, and Mr. Mackenzie requested me to pronounce judgment on the handbells, because he has faith in the accuracy of my ear; but his own opinion as to the falseness of some of the intervals coincided exactly with mine, and he could hardly have won a reputation for being a distinguished violinist, far above the average of amateur performers, did he not possess an ear trained to the perception of every fine shade of difference in tuning and playing his instrument. The provincial agent has had the bells tested and pronounced out enough to require tuning, which he undertakes to do; but our society do not feel justified in consenting to this step, which would amount to a tacit acceptance of a set of bells out of tune when received from the firm of founders. We should be glad to hear what other ringers have to say on the subject.

E. C. SHARLAND.

Tiverton, February 2nd, 1885.

THE RINGERS OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BASINGSTOKE.

SIR,—In reading the letter that was copied from the *Basingstoke Standard*, under the above heading, and signed "A College Youth," I cannot help commenting on the last sentence: "The men are willing to learn, also to join the Guild, but cannot, because they have not, and never will without an instructor attain the standard required." Now Sir, I do not like that "never will," it sounds un-English; surely the St.

Michael's company have a little spirit of their own. I will just tell your correspondent how we got started at our church. Three of our company went to a London tower, where they had been several times before, but upon presenting themselves this time were politely informed by the rector that he had made up his mind to allow no more call-change-ringing in his tower; so our ringers thanked the rector and making the best of their way home communicated the fact to the rest of the company, and it was resolved unanimously, upon the spot, that we never be refused again if that was the only thing to stop us. Now, sir, I hope the St. Michael's company will show their spirit, and say they will be Guild Members, but not till they have rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, and that without a Guild Instructor. I may tell your correspondent that in less than twelve months from our being refused, we rang, without an instructor, three quarters, two halves, and one peal of Grandsire Triples, which was on the 8th of November, 1878, and since that time, about twenty-four peals in Caters, Major and Triples. I hope your correspondent and the rest of his company will go into it with a will.

JAMES W. TRAPPITT.

Church Lane, Beddington, Surrey.

P.S.—If your correspondent will send me his address, I should like to correspond with him privately.

SIR,—The letter quoted in your last issue with reference to the Ringers at St. Michael's church, Basingstoke, signed "A College Youth," appeared in the *Hampshire Chronicle*, and has been fully answered in that paper, but for the sake of your readers I will again state shortly the facts of the case. The Winchester Diocesan Guild are willing and anxious to send an instructor to any band wishing to join them and to pay half the expenses of instruction, but the Basingstoke ringers have not expressed any wish to join the Guild or to receive instruction. Rule viii. of the Guild is as follows: "That funds permitting, the committee shall assist any local band to secure the services of an instructor in change-ringing." If the head ringer at St. Michael's, Basingstoke will communicate with me, expressing a desire to join the Guild, he will receive all the assistance we have in our power to offer.

H. A. SPYERS,

Hon. Sec. to the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Permit me to point out an error in two well known treatises on ringing. Mr. Hubbard (Ed. 1876, p. 60), and Mr. Banister (Ed. 1874, p. 45), say that a plain six between two bobs in any same part of each course in Stedman Triples four times repeated produce five courses. The first six at which a bob is called in any course will be found to repeat with the six between the two bobs in the course next following.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS.

THE following is the ringing done by the (Holy Trinity) Rothwell company, during the month of January, 1885:—January, 1st: 720 of Violet; January, 3rd: 720 of New London Pleasure, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 360 of New London Pleasure, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob; January 5th: 360 of Duke of York; January 11th: 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, 360 of Violet; January 12th: 360 of Kent Treble Bob, 360 of Violet; January 18th: \*720 of Duke of York, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, 360 of Violet; January 23rd: 720 of Violet; January 25th: 720 of Violet, 360 of Violet; January 27th: 720 of Duke of York, 360 of New London Pleasure; January 30th: 720 of Duke of York, 120 of Bob Minor. The following are the ringers. J. Verity, 1; Alf. Chapman, 2; J. Harrison, 3; Wm. Abbshaw (conductor), 4; S. Stacey, 5; J. M. Chadwick, 6. \*First 720 of Duke of York, since 1857 on these bells, and the first 720 to all except J. Chapman, who rung the fifth on this occasion.

ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

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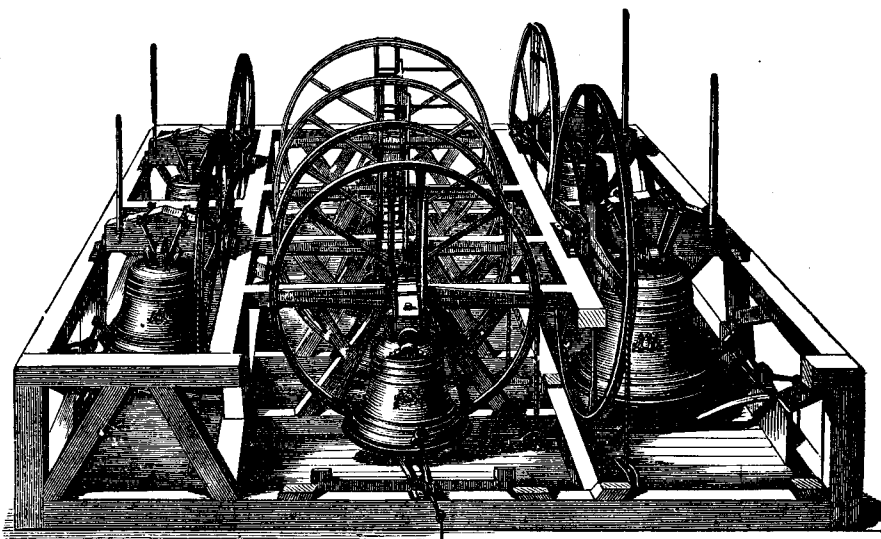
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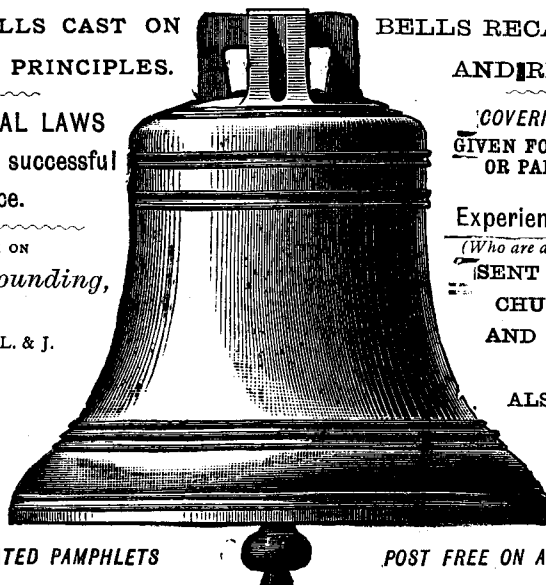
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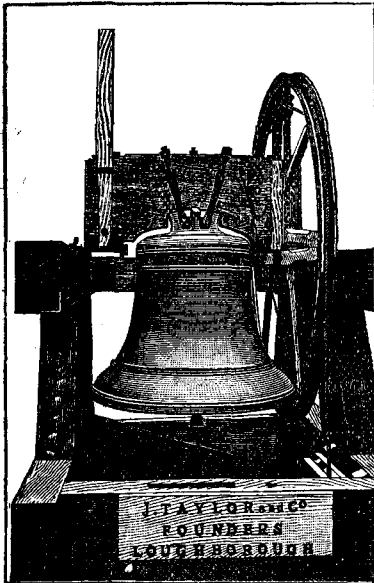
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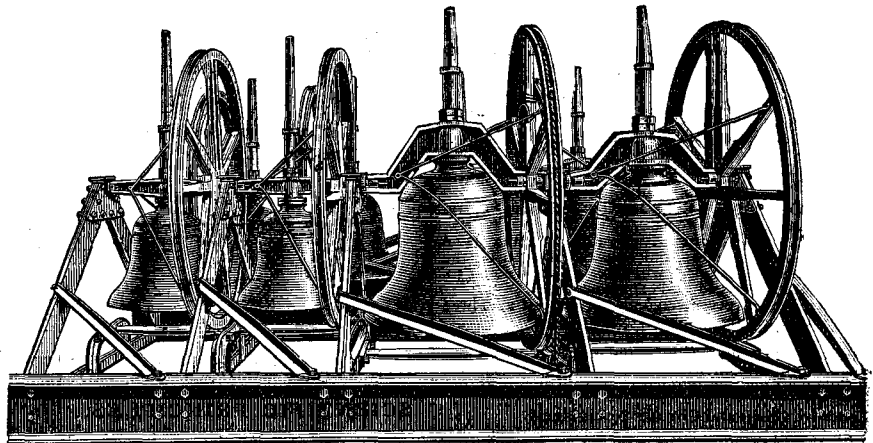
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