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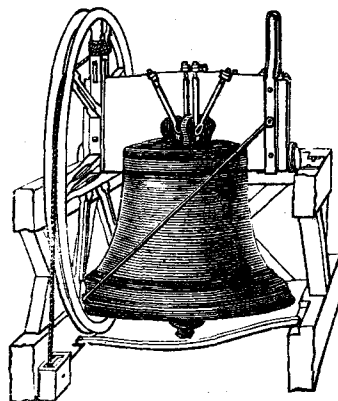
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DARJEELING, the sanitarium of Bengal, is situated on a fine spur of one of the Lower Himalayan ranges. In 1828, the officers who at that time were settling the boundary between Nepal and Sikkim, observed how well suited the place was for a sanitarium; in 1835 the Rajah of Sikkim, in consideration of an annual payment, conveyed Darjeeling to the East India Company.

The highest point of the spur lies to the south, and here is the convalescent depot for soldiers at Jellapahar, about 8500 feet above the sea. Below this is St. Paul's school for boys, and the ridge then slopes down to the Mall, rises again towards the church, and making a bend to the west, terminates in Birch Hill. The whole length of this ridge is about five miles: its summit and western face is thickly dotted with pretty little houses standing in well-wooded grounds. The eastern face is almost a precipice, down into the Rungeet valley, several thousands of feet below.

The "bazaar," or market-place, occupies the centre of a basin on the west side of the spur, some 600 feet below the average height of the ridge.

The mode of reaching Darjeeling deserves a word of notice. The steam-tramway, with a gauge of only two feet, is probably the greatest marvel of engineering skill in the world. Leaving the plains at a place called Sukna, the little toy-like train winds like a snake up a zig-zag road on a kind of shelf, with a wall of rock on one side and a tremendous precipice on the other. The engines, although small, are very powerful, the gradient being sometimes as much as 1 in 17. After ascending for thirty-five miles the highest point is reached at Ghoom, which is nearly 8000 feet above the sea, and then the train descends gradually about 5000 feet in four miles, until the terminus is found in the Darjeeling bazaar.

The climate of Darjeeling is decidedly moist, the average annual rainfall being upwards of 115 inches, the station is often enveloped in clouds, and then the whole landscape is blotted out, and objects one yard distant become invisible. But after a heavy fall of rain the air will suddenly clear, and the most glorious panorama will be revealed of the grand snowy range. This begins in the north-west, and extends through north to nearly north-east, some of the most remarkable peaks are—1. Janu, in Nepal, 25,000 feet high, and forty-six miles from Darjeeling; 2. Kabru, 24,015 feet high and forty miles distant; 3. Kanchinjanga, 28,156 feet high and forty-five miles away; 4. Pandim, 22,017 feet high, and thirty-six miles distant; and Chomiamo, 23,300 feet high and seventy miles away. Further to the north-east are the snowy peaks of Bhootan. Between the mountains there is a continuous stretch of snow, and the whole scene is one which it is impossible to describe in words, nor can any painting do it justice. These gigantic peaks, really so far away, seem to be quite near, and they produce a feeling of awe towards their great Creator exceeding that caused by any sight I have ever seen. The whole arc of the snowy range is only seen under particularly favorable circumstances, but on most fine days, in the morning, the mighty peak of Kanchinjanga is visible. This is surpassed in height by Mount Everest only, the latter being more than 29,000 feet high. This supreme peak is eighty miles west of Darjeeling, and is concealed by some intermediate ranges. By going to Sinchul, some six miles off, and ascending "Tiger Hill" (about 10,000 feet above the sea), a view of Mount Everest is obtained.

The church of Darjeeling, dedicated to St. Andrew, is a plain building, which will accommodate some 400 worshippers. On the south side has lately been erected a handsome campanile, with a spire, in all about eighty-five feet high, presenting a general resemblance to the tower and spire of Penge church, Surrey. Ascending to the first floor of this edifice, I found a machine like an enormous coffee mill, by which changes are ground out of five very fine and strong-toned bells above. This part of the machinery has got somewhat out of order, and the chimes are not now quite satisfactory. They are a good imitation of very bad striking, and as the leads are no longer open, I was unable with my best attention to make out in what method the chimes were being rung.

On the second floor is a magnificent clock, and above, on the third floor, are the five bells. These are fixed, and are struck by outside hammers, and have no clappers. At first a ringer is

inclined to regret this arrangement, but he must admit that the extra cost of hanging five bells "on the sally" would have been money thrown away, for there is no chance that bells in Darjeeling would ever be "rung up."

And here I must notice a most peculiar effect, which I attribute to the position of the church, with a valley thousands of feet deep in front, and the observatory hill (for a vast sounding-board) at the back. The effect to which I allude is, that when there is a breeze (as is generally the case up here) the chiming of the bells sounds exactly as if they were being rung. If I had not known that the bells were fixed, I should have declared that some kind of change-ringing was practised at Darjeeling. The bells, which are of excellent quality, were, I believe, supplied by Messrs. Warner and Sons; the tenor is about 38 inches in diameter, and its note is G. The latest addition to the furniture of the church is a very sweet organ, by Willis, of London.

The chief industry of the district is tea-planting. Darjeeling is surrounded on all sides by tea-gardens, where the tea-plants are growing on the terraced slopes of the hills. The cultivation of cinchona and the manufacture of the alkaloid febrifuge is the other important industry of this part of the world.

The natives belong to various hill tribes, and in appearance and disposition are very different from the inhabitants of the plains, being broad-chested and muscular, and of a merry and jovial temperament; they are the dirtiest people you can find, and when they "come between the wind and your nobility" the result is anything but pleasant. They have the Mongolian type of features, and look as if their faces had been sat upon in early infancy.

F. W. J. REES.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THIS little Essex town, situate almost midway between Chelmsford and Colchester, is probably known to many of our readers in the Eastern Counties, owing chiefly to the witless faculties that its inhabitants were once credited with. In the present day, the church authorities has set a noble example which many towns containing far more wealthy inhabitants might do well to follow. The parish church is a fine building in the Perpendicular style, with chancel and chancel aisles, nave and aisles, and a tower containing eight bells. Some few years ago its sitting arrangements consisted of the old country huge sleeping boxes with massive galleries. During the incumbency of the late lamented vicar (the Rev. J. W. Dampier), the whole of the noble edifice assumed an entirely new aspect, and it is doubtful if the beauty of the interior does not exceed that of any other church in the county. We will not take the reader through the whole of the various improvements made, but it has been estimated that £15,000 has been spent upon its restoration within twenty years. For some years the tower had exhibited a flaw, but no danger was apprehended. The rev. gentleman referred to above had a desire for an octave ring in the place of the six which were then in the tower. Accordingly a notice was issued that the tower was unsafe, and ringing forbidden. Notwithstanding the large amount raised for church work in the parish, the inhabitants could not put up with the loss of the sound of the bells, and it was not long before subscriptions were forthcoming, and what with funds realized from concerts and such like, the tower was restored, the bells rehung, with provision for two trebles, which after a brief interval made their welcome appearance. Unfortunately, the earthquake (or whatever scientific men may choose to term it), which did so much damage in the Eastern Counties last year, seriously affected the tower, and to the regret of many members of the Exercise, ringing had again to be suspended in a tower which so far as the go of the bells and the condition of the appliances is concerned, is unsurpassed. It is satisfactory to learn however, that ringing will not much longer remain in abeyance. It will be seen from the following paragraph from one of the county papers, that the work of restoration is again going on. We congratulate members of the Exercise in the locality upon the fact that they will shortly have a opportunity of practising upon such a noble ring of eight, and would advise all who have the work of belfry restoration in hand to take a pattern from the tenacious zeal displayed by those who have undertaken church work at Coggeshall, a parish containing a population of 3000 and a vicarage of the yearly value of £240. "The work of restoration is now going forward with all dispatch. The parapet has been taken down, in order to be rebuilt in a more substantial manner. The tower itself has been strengthened by several courses of iron bands, which has been built into it, and all loose rubble has been taken out, and is being replaced. The face of the south-west buttress has been rebuilt. When all is completed, the tower will, we venture to say, be stronger than when its builders of the fifteenth century left it."

RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. MEETING AT FINEDON.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Society was held at the church of St. Mary, Finedon, on Monday, May 11th. There was a large gathering of ringers. Teams from Burton Latimer, Higham Ferrers, Ringstead, Rushden, and Raunds rang touches in various methods during the day. The local ringers, with Mr. Churchwarden Henson leading, raised the bells in the early morning, and fell them again at the close of the day. Through the exertions of the energetic Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Hugh Bryan, of Raunds, this Society is now exercising considerable influence in the district, and has done much to raise the tone of both ringers and ringing. A bright day, a beautiful well-ordered church, a musical peal of bells, and the privilege of strolling in the grounds of Finedon Hall, all tended to render the day a most pleasant one. The Rev. G. W. Paul, Vicar, made the visitors most welcome, and spent some little time in the belfry. The following were present during the day: the Rev. Canon Barker (Rushden), Rev. Newman (Burton Latimer), Rev. Sanford (Ringstead), Rev. Baker (Hargrave), Rev. Bryan (Raunds), Rev. Leadbitter (Finedon), Revs. Pooley and Hildebrand, and Mr. E. J. Dennes (Wellingboro'), also Messrs. Henson and Meadows, churchwardens. There was a bright, hearty service in the church in the morning, with an appropriate and practical sermon by Rev. G. W. Paul. Luncheon was provided at the Star Coffee House, to which sixty-three sat down. The spread gave every satisfaction. Next came the business meeting. Twenty new members were proposed and admitted. The society now numbers seventy performing members, and has a balance of £9 in hand. The Vicar of Finedon, in an interesting and instructive address, gave the ringers much good advice, spoke of his long connection with belfries and bells, alluding to ancestors of his who had been ringers in the earlier days of the art. He trusted that ringers would endeavour to be church workers as well as church officials, and suggested the advisability of drawing up a sample set of rules for use in all the belfries connected with the Association. The Rev. Dolben Paul (Secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), wrote regretting his absence from the meeting, and desiring to be kindly remembered to Mr. Wallis, and other old ringing friends at Finedon, where he first learned to manage a bell. A committee was formed to consider the matter of uniform rules. The question of instructors was also discussed; the general feeling of the meeting being in favour of employing competent local ringers, in preference to men from a distance. It was decided that the next meeting be held at Higham Ferrers, providing the bells there were in ringable condition. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. G. W. Paul, for use of the church and bells; to Mrs. Mackworth Dolben, for so kindly opening her grounds; and to the hon. secretary.

There are six bells in the tower of Finedon Church. They were re-cast by Taylor in 1825; but the tenor (a bad bell), weighing 19 cwt., was again re-cast by the same founders in 1875. It now weighs 24 cwt., and is well known for its rich, mellow tone, though considered somewhat too powerful for the front bells. Why not add two trebles and make a bright, handy ring of eight? The idea was mooted among the members, and seemed to meet with general favour, though we should think that to add four more bells, making a nice handy ring of ten, would be still better.

FESTIVITY AT READING.

On Monday evening last, May 18th, a very interesting meeting of ringers took place at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, where, by the kind invitation of Mr. W. Newell, about forty-six members of the art from the several towers in Reading and neighbourhood, sat down to a capital repast, provided by Host Gosling. Mr. Newell presided, and was supported by the Rev. W. Banting, curate of St. Lawrence. After the repast, Mr. Newell explained that the object of the invitation was to fulfil an old promise of his to the members of one or two of the towers in Reading, and he thought it would be a good idea to invite the whole of the ringers in Reading and the vicinity, and thereby encourage a more friendly spirit between the members of the various towers. Nearly all the members invited were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Several capital songs and glees were sung, and the Royal Berks Handbell Ringers played several selections on their splendid set of bells in first-rate style. The meeting was brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Newell for his kindness, proposed by Mr. Johnson, which was accorded with musical honours, and the company separated after singing the National Anthem.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at Accrington, on Whit-Saturday, May 30th, the bells of St. James's church, will be open for ringing from one o'clock, tea in St. James's school, at four o'clock. After which the General Meeting will be held.

JAMES HIGSON, Hon. Sec.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, WALTHAMSTOW.

ON Wednesday last, May 20th, Mrs. Gladstone, wife of the Premier, laid the foundation-stone of the Sunday Schools in connection with the church (now building) of St. Michael and All Angels, Walthamstow. Many of the congregation who are awaiting the completion of the church attended, and a company of the local rifle corps turned out as a guard of honour to the distinguished lady. The church of St. Michael, when completed, will owe its erection to the exertions of the Rev. Edmund Ibbotson, the Vicar-elect, who is working incessantly for the object of providing the much-wanted church accommodation in such a populous district as Walthamstow is rapidly becoming. The plan of the new church includes a tower and spire, and we hope at no very distant period to have the pleasure of informing our readers that the tower contains a ring of bells in good going order. Meanwhile contributions are urgently required for the completion of so good a work, and we respectfully invite every one of our readers to help, by any small or large donation, the work in hand. Subscriptions in aid of the church fund may be sent to the Rev. E. Ibbotson, Walthamstow.

CHESHAM BOIS, BUCKS.

A large new clock has just been erected at Chesham Bois Church, Buckinghamshire, by John Smith and Sons, Midland Steam Clock Works, Derby. It is fitted with all the most recent improvements brought out by this well-known firm, and is guaranteed not to vary more than fifteen seconds a month. The same firm are making large clocks with chiming machinery for Beaconsfield Church, and for Winslow Church in the same county.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

ON their practice night, Tuesday May 19th, the following members of the above Society rang at the parish church, a half-muffled peal, the usual whole pull and stand, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. B. Heinemann, a well known and much respected parishioner. Mr. A. Heinemann, son of the above and a member of the society, attended expressly for the purpose of acknowledging for himself and for the family generally, this token of respect for the deceased gentleman. J. J. Scowen, 1; G. Genner, 2; E. Farrar, 3; E. Rushen, 4; F. Salter, 5; A. J. Rumbold, 6; R. Brealey, 7; A. Langdon, 8; W. Shapland, 9; S. Smith, 10.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

ON Saturday, May 16th, the above Association held a Quarterly Meeting at Sutton Coldfield. Members were present from Birmingham, Aston, West Bromwich, Moseley, Sutton Coldfield, and Erdington, some travelling by Midland, others by London and North Western railways, whilst a few availing themselves of the beautiful weather, walked from Birmingham, some four or five miles through some of the pleasantest districts in the vicinity of Birmingham. It was late before ringing commenced, on the fine peal of eight bells, which were rehung last year by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, and which have given so much satisfaction, the go of the bells being all that could be desired, and the tone, too, is also rich and musical, reflecting not only great credit on the style of hanging, but also of the quality of the bells, some of which were recast by Messrs. Taylor. After several touches, including Grandsire Triples and Major, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major, the whole party adjourned to the club house and transacted the ordinary business, after which the handbells of the Sutton Branch were brought into requisition. Touches of Triples and Caters, interspersed with tunes, were rendered, where after a very half-day's outing, the various companies betook themselves to their trains, most of which returned to Birmingham by the 10.45, L.N.W., but not till having passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, and also to the Sutton ringers who gave up their practice night for the use of the Association. The next Annual Meeting will be held at Birmingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A General Meeting will be held on Monday, May 25th (Whit-Monday), at South Church. The bells of St. Andrew's Church, a peal of eight, tenor 11½ cwt., will be at the disposal of the ringers.

A Dinner will be provided in the School-room at two o'clock. Dinner Tickets 1s. to members, and 2s. 6d. to non-members, should be applied for not later than Monday, May 18th, to the Secretary.

A meeting of the Committee will be held at the School-house, at one o'clock.

Members whose subscriptions are still due are requested to forward the same to the Secretary.

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3 5 4 6 2	7th in two.
5 3 4 6 2	7th in three.
2 5 3 6 4	7th in two.
4 2 5 6 3	7th in two.
3 4 2 6 5	7th in two.
4 3 2 6 5	7th in three.
5 4 3 6 2	7th in two.
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5 3 2 6 4	7th in three.
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6 2 3 5 4	7th in three.
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3 6 2 5 4	7th in three.
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6 3 4 5 2	7th in two.
3 6 4 5 2	7th in three.
2 3 6 5 4	7th in two.
4 2 3 5 6	7th in two.
6 4 2 5 3	7th in two.
4 6 2 5 3	7th in three.
3 4 6 5 2	7th in two.
2 3 4 5 6	7th in two.

The above contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, 5th twenty-four times right, with all the 8-5-7's, 8-6-7's, and 6-7-8's.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5216.
By A. KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

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

Repeated. The 5th and 6th twelve times wrong and right.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.
By JOHN J. BRIERLEY, Saddleworth.

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

Repeated, produces:

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5120.
By CHARLES PRICE, Ecclestone.

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5120.
By THOMAS FARROW, Pulham Market.

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

Five times repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5120.
By W. R. SMITH, College Youths.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

6608.

By H. W. HALEY, College Youths.

2 3 4 5 6	I	4	6	Continued	I	4	6
5 3 6 2 4	-	-	-	2 5 3 4 6	-	-	-
3 2 6 5 4	-	-	-	5 4 3 2 6	-	-	-
2 5 6 3 4	-	-	-	4 2 3 5 6	-	-	-
3 6 5 2 4	-	-	-	5 3 2 4 6	-	-	-
6 2 5 3 4	-	-	-	3 4 2 5 6	-	-	-
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	-	4 5 2 3 6	-	-	-
6 5 3 2 4	-	-	-	3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-
				2 4 5 3 6	-	-	-
				4 3 5 2 6	-	-	-
2 5 4 6 3	-	-	-	6 2 3 4 5	-	-	-
5 6 4 2 3	-	-	-	2 4 3 6 5	-	-	-
6 2 4 5 3	-	-	-	4 6 3 2 5	-	-	-
5 4 2 6 3	-	-	-	5 2 6 4 3	-	-	-
4 6 2 5 3	-	-	-	2 4 6 5 3	-	-	-
6 5 2 4 3	-	-	-	3 5 4 2 6	-	-	-
2 6 5 4 3	-	-	-	5 2 4 3 6	-	-	-
6 4 5 2 3	-	-	-				
3 2 4 6 5	-	-	-				
6 4 2 3 5	-	-	-	6 3 2 5 4	-	-	-
4 3 2 6 5	-	-	-	3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-
3 6 2 4 5	-	-	-	5 6 2 3 4	-	-	-
4 2 6 3 5	-	-	-				
2 3 6 4 5	-	-	-	3 6 4 5 2	-	-	-
3 4 6 2 5	-	-	-	6 5 4 3 2	-	-	-
2 6 4 3 5	-	-	-	3 4 5 6 2	-	-	-
6 3 4 2 5	-	-	-	4 5 3 6 2	-	-	-
				5 3 4 6 2	-	-	-
5 2 3 6 4	-	-	-	6 4 3 5 2	-	-	-
2 6 3 5 4	-	-	-	4 3 6 5 2	-	-	-
				5 6 3 4 2	-	-	-
4 5 6 2 3	-	-	-	6 3 5 4 2	-	-	-
				3 5 6 4 2	-	-	-
				5 4 6 3 2	-	-	-

This is the greatest number of changes ever produced in this method with the tenors together with bobs only.

The peal of Grandsire Major by Matthew Pailthorpe, of Stalybridge, published in our issue for May 2nd, is false.

The Bishop of Lincoln was enthroned in the Cathedral on Wednesday, May 20th. The Mayor and Corporation met the Bishop at the Sub-Deanery, and accompanied him to the Minster, passing through the 3rd battalion of the Lincolnshire regiment.

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THE issue of this work in penny numbers will shortly be commenced. Our country friends, who have prevailed upon us to issue it in this form, can have copies from local newsagents at the same time they get their "BELL NEWS." Care must be taken in ordering, and local booksellers should be informed of the importance of attending to all orders for these weekly numbers, because a reprint is out of the question. We again give notice that whoever is negligent enough to miss this opportunity of getting SHIPWAY on such easy terms, will probably never again have the chance of doing so. We lay great stress upon this fact. There has always been a great demand for our Christmas numbers when it is too late, and after we have commenced this weekly re-issue we shall be very sorry to hear of any one being disappointed in this publication. The book will be printed in a popular style, upon good paper, and when finished will be found worthy of admittance into any library. We hope the efforts made to bring it out in this shape will meet with a commensurate support from all our friends, and perhaps we can rely upon those who have pressed upon us to publish it in this form, to urge their ringing acquaintance to become possessors of copies of every number. The various prefaces of the author will be issued when each part is complete.

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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, MAY 23, 1885.

The Provinces.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1885, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

DAVID HALL .. .. .	.. Treble.	GEORGE PAWLEY .. .. .	.. 5.
CALEB PAYNE .. .. .	.. 2.	†JAMES W. LEONARD .. .. .	.. 6.
ALFRED H. WOOLLEY .. .. .	.. 3.	*ALCHIN MOORCRAFT .. .. .	.. 7.
EDWARD BALDOCK* .. .. .	.. 4.	GEORGE J. MOORCRAFT .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Conducted by ALCHIN MOORCRAFT.

*College Youths. †First peal of Triples with a bob bell.

CHELTENHAM.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE CHELTENHAM SOCIETY.

On Thursday, May 14, 1885, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN BELCHER .. .. .	.. Treble.	T. HOOPER .. .. .	.. 6.
G. H. PHILLOTT, Esq. .. .. .	.. 2.	F. MUSTY .. .. .	.. 7.
H. HODGES .. .. .	.. 3.	H. KARN .. .. .	.. 8.
F. E. WARD, Esq. .. .. .	.. 4.	G. ACOCKS .. .. .	.. 9.
W. MORRIS (AGED 75) .. .. .	.. 5.	A. HUMPHRIES (AGED 20). Tenor.	

Conducted by JOHN BELCHER.

The above was rung on the occasion of the mustering of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars for their annual drill. And is the longest length on the bells since the rehang of the tenor by Messrs. Moore, Holmes, and Mackenzie.

LEEDS, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 15, 1885, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR; 6048 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

R. SIMMONDS* .. .. .	.. Treble.	A. H. WOOLLEY .. .. .	.. 5.
G. PAWLEY .. .. .	.. 2.	*W. H. JUDD .. .. .	.. 6.
A. MOORCRAFT* .. .. .	.. 3.	*S. SNELLING .. .. .	.. 7.
J. M. COOPER* .. .. .	.. 4.	*H. PEARCE .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Conducted by H. PEARCE.

*College Youths. Messrs. Cooper, Judd, and Snelling hail from Sittingbourne; the rest from Maidstone.

SHIPLEY.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1885, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES ANGUS .. .. .	.. Treble.	SIMON LANGSTAFF .. .. .	.. 5.
EZRA KEIGHLEY .. .. .	.. 2.	JOSEPH H. HARDCASTLE .. .. .	.. 6.
BENJAMIN A. DODSON .. .. .	.. 3.	GEORGE BOLLAND .. .. .	.. 7.
WILLIAM BOLLAND .. .. .	.. 4.	JOHN HALEY .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Composed by TOM HAIGH, of Huddersfield, and Conducted by JOSEPH HENRY HARDCASTLE.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1885, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;
TAKEN FROM THE "CLAVIS." Tenor 28 cwt in D.

FREDERICK WHITING* .. .. .	.. Treble.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN., Esq. 6.	
JOHN HOWE .. .. .	.. 2.	*RICHARD REDGATE .. .. .	.. 7.
ARTHUR BERTRAM WARD* .. .. .	.. 3.	*HARRY CHAS. WOODWARD 8.	
JOHN NEWBOLD* .. .. .	.. 4.	*A. P. HEYWOOD, Esq. .. 9.	
SAMUEL PRICE .. .. .	.. 5.	*GEORGE BEESON .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY CHARLES WOODWARD.

J. W. Taylor, jun., Esq., hails from Loughborough; A. Percival Heywood, Esq., from Duffield; the rest belong to Derby. *First peal of Caters. It is over thirty years since a peal of Caters was rung in Derby.

Date Touches.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

SEDGLEY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, May 16th, eight members of the above Association visited Sedgley parish church, and rang a date touch of 1885 Grandsire Triples containing the tittums and twenty-four 6-7's, in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. E. Claridge, 1; B. Dalton, 2; W. R. Small, 3; J. Tinsley, 4; R. Cartwright, 5; J. Fullwood (composer and conductor), 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Jones, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, May 17th, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. Adam Butterworth, 1; Saml. Stott (conductor), 2;

John Greenwood, 3; Thomas Egerton, 4; Jas. Bailey, 5; Fred. Crossland, 6; John Hilton, 7; Joshua Platt, 8. Composed by Mr. Charles Jackson, of Hull. Tenor 18½ cwt. A. Butterworth belongs to the local company, the rest hail from Leesfield.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, May 14th, at St. Mary's church, the local company rang a date touch (1885 changes), in the following methods, viz.: 445 Grandsire Minor, composed by J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal, Bucks., 720 Colledge Single Minor, and 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 6½ mins. J. Hurst, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. This is the greatest length ever rung by the above band, except the conductor. Tenor 10 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

STRATFORD-LE-BOW (Middlesex).—On Tuesday evening, May 19th, eight members of this Society rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, at St. Mary's church, in 42 mins. J. Bonney, 1; A. Cutmore, 2; E. Wallage, 3; M. A. Wood, 4; R. Turner, 5; I. G. Shade (conductor), 6; York Green, 7; H. J. Shade, 8. This was intended for a peal of Treble Bob, but meeting one short, had to resort to the above. Tenor 14 cwt.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, May 3rd, at the church of SS. Mary and Nicholas, for Divine Service in the morning, a 360 of Oxford Bob. And after Divine Service in the evening a 720 of Plain Bob. C. Neverson, 1; G. Skeef, 2; R. Mackman, 3; W. Wyche, Esq. (Crowland), 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; J. S. Wright (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, May 12th, a 712 of Plain Bob. G. Skeef, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; R. Mackman (conductor), 3; J. Burrows (Gosberton), 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; J. Brown, 6. And on Sunday, May 14th, Ascension Day, at 7 a.m., a 720 of Plain Bob. And at 10 a.m., a 480 of Oxford Bob. J. W. Jarvis (first 720), 1; J. S. Wright, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; G. Skeef, 4; R. Mackman (conductor), 5; J. Brown, 6. And for evening service three 120's of Bob Doubles. J. W. Jarvis, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; G. Skeef, 3; R. Mackman, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5. And on Sunday, May 17th, for Divine Service in the evening, 480 of Plain Bob. J. W. Jarvis, 1; G. Skeef, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; R. Mackman, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; J. Brown, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday morning, May 17th, a course of Stedman Triples. B. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4-5-6; W. Nash, 7-8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, May 17th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, for Divine Service, a 720 of Double Stedman Slow Course Minor, with twenty-two singles, in 25 mins. F. A. Castle, 1; H. Castle, 2; W. Baston, 3; Job Howse, 4; A. F. M. Custance, Esq., 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. This is the fourth 720 in this method ever known to have been rung by any company, and the first by the above Guild. And on Monday, May 18th, at St. Thomas' church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins. *F. A. Castle, 1; *Job Howse, 2; O. Thomas, 3; *H. J. Castle, 4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5; W. Baston, 6. *First attempt in the method. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. W. Baston, 1; O. Thomas, 2; *W. Wood, 3; *W. J. Burgess, 4; H. J. Castle, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob bell.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WROTHAM (Kent).—On Friday, May 1st, at St. George's church, eight members of the Wrotham branch of the above Association, rang for practice 672 of Bob Major. G. Barham, 1; F. Taylor, 2; G. A. Osborne, 3; F. Shoobridge (conductor), 4; W. Taylor, 5; J. Rodgers, 6; R. Edge, 7; C. Taylor, 8. And on Wednesday, May 6th, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Taylor, 1; F. Shoobridge, 2; W. Taylor, 3; G. A. Osborne, 5; R. Edge (first 720), 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BELCHAMP WALTER (Essex).—On Sunday, May 10th, the following band visited Belchamp to pay their respects to their friend and brother ringer, Mr. N. Hawkins, of Belchamp, and attempted to ring a peal of Bob Major with him on the bells, but after ringing 4400 in 2 hrs. and 35 mins., the treble jumped out of her hangings, which brought the ringing to an end. Zachariah Slater, 1; Samuel Slater, 2; Frederick Paul Adams, 3; Wm. Howell, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5;

Nelson Hawkins, 6; James Bird, 7; N. J. Pitstow (composer and conductor), 8. Messrs. Slater hail from Glemsford; Howell from Sudbury; W. J. Nevard from Great Bentley; N. Hawkins from Belchamp; Bird from Long Melford; Pitstow from Saffron Walden.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Thursday, May 7th, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. John Slater, 1; George Hammond, 2; Charles Honeybell, 3; Oliver Garwood, 4; James Bird, 5; S. Slater, 6. Also the same evening, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. John Slater, 1; F. P. Adams, 2; C. Honeybell, 3; F. Wells, 4; O. Garwood, 5; S. Slater, (conductor), 6.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Saturday, May 16th, at St. Stephen's Church, eight members of the above Society attempted a peal of Cambridge Surprise, but after ringing upwards of an hour it came to grief through the frequent slipping of the fourth rope, it being then too late to start for the peal, a touch containing 576 changes was rung in 25 mins. B. Foskett, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; G. Newson (conductor), 3; J. Hannington, 4; T. Titchener, 5; A. Jacob, 6; E. Chapman, 7; J. Barrett, 8. Tenor 27 cwt.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 2nd, six members of the above society, rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. Z. Slater, 1; P. C. S. Scott, 2; *G. Hammond, 3; S. Slater, 4; *J. Bird, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE NEAR WOBURN (Beds).—On Tuesday, May 12th, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), was rung by the local company, being their first without extraneous help, in 26 mins. Geo. Usher, 1; J. Carwell-Cooke, 2; J. W. Mynard, 3; Rev. J. C. Maltby (Rector), 4; Mark Lane (first 720 as conductor), 5; W. Chibnall, 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

SEDGLEY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, May 16th, eight members of the above Association visited Sedgley parish church, with the intention of starting for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to funerals taking place at 5 p.m. and Divine Service at 7.30, the start was not made. After the funeral service a date touch was rung, an account of which will be found elsewhere. And a 320 Grandsire Major. J. E. Claridge, 1; B. Dalton, 2; J. Tinsley, 3; J. Jones, 4; R. Cartwright, 5; W. R. Small, 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Fullwood (conductor), 8. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in F. J. E. Claridge was elected a member of the Association previous to the bells being raised. Messrs. Cartwright and Claridge hail from Wombourn; Dalton and Jones from Tettenthal; Tinsley and Smith from Darlaston; Small and Fullwood from West Bromwich.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TONG (Yorkshire).—On Sunday afternoon, May 17th, for Divine Service at St. James's church, six members of the above Association rang 240 of London Scholar's Pleasure, 240 Arnold's Victory, 240 of College Pleasure, and 360 of City Delight. George Carter, 1; Samuel Oddy, 2; Edward Webster, 3; William Bolland, 4; George Bolland (conductor), 5; Henry Oddy, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

BRISTOL.—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday morning, May 17th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. Also a 320 of Grandsire Major. J. Brain, 1-2; J. Hinton, 3-4; G. Townsend, 5-6; A. Bendall, 7-8. Also in the evening, a 630 of Grandsire Triples by the above, conducted by J. Hinton.

DERBY.—On Wednesday evening, May 13th, for practice at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Shardlow, 1; J. W. Thompson, 2; C. Hart, 3; W. Midgley, 4; H. W. Found, 5; G. Mottashaw, 6; A. E. Thompson (conductor), 7; T. Alton, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in Eb. This is the first quarter-peal in which all were St. Andrew's ringers.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 26th, at St. Mary's church a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. S. Slater, 1; David Ward (Foxearth), 2; Walter Gridley (Foxearth), 3; F. Wells (Glemsford), 4; J. Lee (Foxearth), 5; O. Garwood (Glemsford), 6. Composed by the late John Marvin, of Copdock, and conducted by S. Slater, and contains fifteen bobs. Also on April 29th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. S. Slater, 1; G. Hammond, 2; P. C. S. Scott, 3; J. Bird, 4; E. W. Downs, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, May 3rd, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. S. Slater, 1; James Chatters (Belchamp Walter), 2; C. Adams, 3; Frederick Hawkins (Belchamp Walter), 4; Nelson Hawkins (Belchamp Walter), 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, April 29th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 29 mins. S. Slater, 1; G. Hammond, 2; P. C. S. Scott, 3; J. Bird, 4; E. Downs, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, May 7th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. J. Slater, 1; G. Hammond, 2; C. Honeybell, 3;

O. Garwood, 4; J. Bird, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, May 16th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. *F. Wells, 1; *G. Hammond, 2; *W. P. Gridley, 3; R. Mingay, 4; *J. Bird, 5; *S. Slater (conductor), 6. *Cumberland Youths.

GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Sunday, May 17th, at St. George's church for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. G. Hayes, 1; H. Weekes, 2; F. Hayes, 3; H. Davis, 4; B. Spinner, 5; J. Atkins, 6; W. Harper (conductor), 7; J. Atkins, jun., 8. Tenor 18 cwt.

HIGHER SUTTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, April 3rd, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-six bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. Alfred Lawton, 1; William Henshall, 2; Walter Ingham, 3; J. M. Davenport, 4; William Walmsley, 5; Thomas Mottershead, 6. And on Wednesday, May 13th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. William Walmsley, 1; James Simpson, 2; William Henshall, 3; J. M. Davenport, 4; Walter Ingham, 5; Walter Henshall, 6. And on Sunday, May 10th, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), with Walter Ingham, 2; William Henshall, 3; the rest as before. And on Sunday, May 17th, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles), in 22 mins. Alfred Lawton, 1; William Walmsley, 2; William Henshall, 3; J. M. Davenport, 4; Walter Ingham, 5; Thomas Mottershead, 6. This 720 is the quickest rung in this tower and was well struck. Conducted by W. Walmsley. Messrs. Henshalls and Simpson hail from Gawsorth. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

LAWTON (Cheshire).—On Saturday, May 9th, the company of St. Mary's parish church, Sandbach, visited this place, and rang at All Saints' church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 28 mins. John Davies, 1; Elijah Evans, 2; Samuel Dickinson, 3; John T. Elsby, 4; Peter Mason, 5; Thomas Johnson (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the Rector and churchwardens for the use bells, which are in a splendid condition, and also the local company for the very cordial welcome given to them, who entertained them after the 720 with a quarter-peal on their handbells, and a few tunes in a very creditable manner.

LICHFIELD.—On Saturday, May 16th, after a Committee Meeting of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Association, the following rang touches of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's church. G. Woods (Tamworth), W. A. Wood (Lichfield), Rev. J. R. Keble (Lichfield), E. Cashmore (West Bromwich), J. Fowler (Tettenhall), H. Meacham (Lichfield), A. Whitby (Lichfield), — Nicholls (Sedgeley), F. J. Cope (Lichfield), G. Robinson (Burton-on-Trent). And on Sunday, May 17th, at St. Michael's, Greenhill, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. *E. Gallimore, 1; H. Meacham, 2; R. Anniss, 3; †W. Tredgold, 4; F. J. Cope (conductor), 4; *A. Greenwood, 6. *First 720 in the method. †First 720 with a bob bell.

LIVERPOOL.—On Tuesday evening, May 12th, at St. Luke's church, the following met to ring Brook's variation of Stedman Triples, but on arrival found that no gas was to be had, so had to be content with half a peal, 2520 changes, which was rung in 1 hr. 28 mins. R. S. Mann, 1; J. R. Pritchard, 2; J. H. Brown, 3; W. James, 4; G. Fisher, 5; W. Davies, 6; T. Hammond (conductor), 7; R. Gowans, 8.

LONDON.—On Saturday, May 16th, at St. Olave's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. S. Joyce, 1; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 2; J. Barry, 3; W. Meadows, 4; E. E. Vinen, 5; W. H. Fussell, 6. Also some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in which the steeplekeeper and others took part, conducted by W. H. George. Tenor about 16 cwt. On Sunday, May 17th, for Divine Service at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins. H. Alford, 1; W. C. Collins, 2; W. Hoverd, 3; M. Murphy, 4; E. Rogers, 5; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 18th, the following rang at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 48 mins. W. Cecil, 1; J. Bonney, 2; S. Joyce, 3; H. J. Shade (conductor), 4; E. Wallage, 5; I. G. Shade, 6; C. Lee, 7; W. Williamson (first quarter-peal), 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, May 19th, the local band rang for practice at All Saints' church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. C. Smith, 1; T. Cooper, 2; A. Cresser, 3; J. W. Taylor, jun., 4; R. Lane, 5; E. D. Taylor, 6; S. Smith (conductor), 7; E. Wightman, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, May 3rd, at St. John's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. Bamber, 1; Ben. Taylor, 2; Jno. Fell (conductor), 3; Jno. Salthouse, 4; Wm. Gregson, 5; Jno. Miller, 6. Also on Sunday, May 17th, a 720 in the above method (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23½ mins. Wm. Bamber, 1; Jno. Fisher, 2; Jno. Salthouse, 3; Chas. H. Kerr, 4; Jno. Fell (conductor), 5; R. Whiteside, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Thursday, May 14th, after morning service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Slater, 1; O. Garwood, 2; O. Read, 3; J. Bird, 4; G. Hammond, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. And in the afternoon, another 720 in the same method. J. Slater, 1; S. Slater, 2; O. Read, 3; G. Hammond, 4; J. Bird, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. All the above with the exception of O. Read, belong to the Cumberland Youths.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, May 17th, the St. Thomas's society, Leesfield, visited the above place, and rang 1344 changes of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins. for the afternoon service. J. W. Holme, 1; Samuel Stott (conductor), 2; John Greenwood, 3; Thomas Egerton, 4; James Bailey, 5; Fred. Crossland, 6; John Hilton, 7; Thos. B. Shaw, 8. And after evening service, this being anniversary day, 518 of Grandsire Triples in 18 mins. Adam Butterworth, 1; Fred. Crossland (conductor), 2; John Hilton, 3; James Taylor, 4; John Greenwood, 5; Samuel Stott, 6; Thomas Barrett, 7; Luke Hampson, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt. Messrs. Butterworth, Taylor, Barrett and Hampson, belong to the local company, Moorside; all the rest hail from Leesfield.

PORTHWICK (Cheshire).—On Monday, May 11th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung by the Witton company, in 30 mins. William Forster (conductor), 1; Samuel Foster, 2; John Houghton, 3; Thomas Foster, 4; Richard Chantler, 5; Thomas Moore, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. This is the first 720 that John Houghton has rung with this company.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, May 13th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 27 mins. A. Symonds (conductor), 1; Wm. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; Wm. Snell, 4; H. Smith, 5; Jno. Levitt, 6. And another 720 in the same method (nine bobs and six singles), in 26½ mins. H. Symonds (conductor), 1; Wm. Snell, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; Wm. Hollocks, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds, 6. And on Sunday afternoon, May 17th, after Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. H. Symonds (conductor), 1; Jas. Levitt, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; Wm. Snell, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

RAUNDS (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, May 16th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Willmott, 1; J. Stubbs, 2; W. Hall, 3; R. Pendered, 4; N. Martin, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, May 17th, for service, it being the annual school sermons, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles). A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; W. Hall, 4; A. Martin, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And 144 of London Single, G. Kirk, 1; the rest as before. And for evening service, a 360 of London Single, with nine bobs. A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; G. Kirk, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Oxford Bob, with nine bobs. A. Coles, 1; J. Willmott, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; N. Martin, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. And a 240 of College Little (six bobs and two singles). G. Kirk, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; T. Stubbs, 4; J. Willmott, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6. A. Martin hails from Higham Ferrers; and T. Roberts from Ringstead.

RIPPLE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, May 17th, some members of the Tewkesbury Abbey Society visited the above place, and by kind permission of the rector (the Rev. — [Holmes]), they rang 730 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. [R. H. Witherington, 1; S. Cleal, 2; T. Devereux, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. This is probably the first 720 in the above method upon the bells. The Ripple ringers rang some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. The visitors wish to thank the rector through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," for allowing them to ring upon the bells; also the brothers George and Charles Hayling, who with other members of the Ripple Society, are always ready to meet their brother-strings.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 17th, after afternoon service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and a 720 of Plain Bob, in 52 mins. S. Slater (conductor), 1; W. P. Gridley, 2; O. Garwood, 3; G. Hammond, 4; J. Lee, 5; J. Bird, 6. Messrs. S. Slater and O. Garwood hail from Glemsford; G. Hammond and J. Bird from Long Melford; W. P. Gridley and J. Lee from Foxearth. All the above are members of the Cumberland Youths except J. Lee.

STAND, WHITEFIELD (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, May 12th, for practice, at All Saints' church, a 720 of Bob Minor, by a mixed band, in 28 mins. A. Barrett, 1; J. Hardman, 2; J. Rothwell, 3; W. Warburton (conductor), 4; E. Fitton, 5; W. Hilton, 6. W. Warburton and W. Hilton are local ringers, A. Barrett and J. Hardman, hail from Radcliffe; J. Rothwell and E. Fitton from Prestwich. Tenor 21½ cwt.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, May 5th, at St. Mary's parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25½ mins. J. H. Moore, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; W. Sumner, 4; R. Stockley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Grandsire Minor (eighteen bobs). J. Hurst, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; J. H. Moore, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning May 10th, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Hurst, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; H. Spinks, 6. Also in the evening, a 720 College Single Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. And on Sunday evening, May 17th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles, 3rd the observation), in 25 mins. J. Hurst, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. J. H. Moore hails from Liverpool, W. Sumner from Croston, near Preston. Tenor 10 cwt.

WEST MALLING (Kent).—On Sunday, May 10th, for Divine Service, 1680 of Bob Major. S. Cole, 1; E. Baldock, 2; A. Moorcraft, 3; W. Harding, 4; J. M. Cooper, 5; D. Hall, 6; C. Payne, 7; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 8. J. M. Cooper hails from Sittingbourne.

WITTON (Cheshire).—On Monday, May 11th, six members of the local company rang a 720 of Plain Bob. Wm. Foster, 1; Samuel Foster, 2; J. Houghton (first 720), 3; T. Foster, 4; Richard Chantler, 5; T. Moore, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit-Monday, May 25th. Divine Service in the parish church at 12.30. The Sermon will be preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Johnson. Dinner in the charity school at 1.30. Business Meeting immediately after the dinner.

Dinner tickets may be obtained from the Secretary at 1s. each up to May 18th; after that date at 2s. each. Return tickets at a single fare and a quarter will be issued by the G.E.R. to members of the Association, provided that they inform the Secretary before May 18th, from what station they intend to travel; and shew at the booking office their E.A.C.R. receipts for the present year.

The following belfries will be open to members from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m., and from 4 to 8 p.m. Galleywood (eight bells); Widford (six bells); Springfield (six bells). Writtle (eight bells) will be open from 4 to 8 p.m. The charity school will be open for handbell ringing throughout the day.

Rayleigh, S.O., Essex.

H. A. COCKEY,
Hon. Sec.

BELLS AND RINGERS IN 1885.—(Continued.)

BY F. W. J. REES.

LIST OF RINGS IN THE COUNTY OF NORFOLK.—(Continued from page 56.)

Ashill	6 .. ..	..	..
Attleborough ..	6 .. ..	..	..
Banham	6 .. 12 ..	B. T.B.	.. 3, 4, 5, 6 old bells.
Blofield	6 .. ..	..	..
Brockdish	6 .. 11 ..	B. T.B.	..
Brooke	6 .. ..	..	..
Buckenham, New..	6 .. 11 ..	..	.. Downham Foundry, 1814.
Buckenham, Old ..	6 .. ..	..	..
Bunwell	6 .. 10 ..	..	.. Rehung, 1885.
Burgh-Apton .. .	6 .. 12 ..	..	..
Caston	6 .. 9 ..	..	..
Cawston	6 .. ..	..	..
Coltishall	6 .. 10 ..	..	..
Creake, North ..	6 .. 15 ..	..	..
Cromer	6 .. ..	..	.. New in 1874.
Dersingham .. .	6 .. ..	..	..
Ditchingham .. .	6 .. ..	..	..
Felmingham .. .	6 .. 11 ..	..	.. Whitechapel, 1819.
Fincham	6 .. 7 ..	B. T.B.	.. Whitechapel, 1844.
Foxley	6 .. ..	..	..
Garboldisham ..	6 .. 12 ..	G. B. T.B.	..
Grimston	6 .. 9 ..	..	.. Downham Foundry.
Halvergate .. .	6 .. CII ..	..	..
Harling, East ..	6 .. 12 ..	B.	..
Hedenham	6 .. 7 ..	..	.. Whitechapel, 1838.
Heydon	6 .. 7 ..	..	..
Holme-Hale .. .	6 .. ..	..	..
Horsham, S. Faith's	6 .. ..	..	.. New about 1873.
Lopham, South ..	6 .. 20 ..	..	..
Ludham	6 .. ..	..	..
Marham	6 .. 12 ..	..	.. Downham Foundry, 1802.

Martham	6 .. ..	..	..
Mattishall	6 .. c24 ..	..	.. Grand old tenor 1584
Mendham	6 .. 13 ..	..	..
Methwold	6 .. 13½ ..	..	.. By J. Draper, 1630.
Necton	6 .. 13 ..	..	.. Whitechapel, 1833.
Norwich, S. John ..	6 .. 12 ..	..	..
.. S. Lawrence .. .	6 .. 15 ..	..	..
.. S. Gregory .. .	6 .. 11 ..	..	..
.. S. Mary	6 .. 7 ..	..	..
Outwell	6 .. 12 ..	..	.. Downham Foundry, 1778.
Pulham Market ..	6 .. 17 ..	T.B.	..
Pulham, S. Mary ..	6 .. 15 ..	T.B.	..
Rushford	6 .. ..	..	.. By Taylor, 1855.
Saham-Toney .. .	6 .. 13 ..	..	..
Sall	6 .. ?? ..	..	.. 5 very heavy bells in 1552.
Saxlingham	6 .. ..	..	..
Sheringham	6 .. 7 ..	..	.. Whitechapel, 1814.
Shipdham	6 .. ..	..	..
Shouldham	6 .. CII ..	..	.. Made 6 in 1873.
Stratton-Strawless..	6 .. ..	..	..
Terrington, S. John.	6 .. 12 ..	..	.. Downham Foundry, 1784.
.. S. Clement .. .	6 .. 14 ..	B.	..
Thetford, S. Mary..	6 .. ..	..	.. This is in Suffolk.
Tibham	6 .. 20 ..	T.B.	.. Downham Foundry, 1787.
Tilney	6 .. ..	..	..
Tottington	6 .. 9 ..	..	..
Upwell	6 .. 15 ..	..	..
Walsoken	6 .. 15 ..	..	.. Downham Foundry, 1795.
Walpole	6 .. 12 ..	B.	..
Whitwell	6 .. 9 ..	..	.. 4, 5, 6 are old bells.
Wiggenhall	6 .. 12 ..	..	.. Whitechapel, 1767.
Wilton	6 .. 7 ..	..	..
Wiveton	6 .. 12 ..	..	.. Downham Foundry, 1809.
Winterton	6 .. 8 ..	..	.. Redenhall Foundry, 1884.
Woodton	6 .. 9 ..	B. T.B.	..
Worstead	6 .. 22 ..	..	.. Reputed weight of tenor.
Wroxham	6 .. 9 ..	..	.. Whitechapel. 1780. Treble added 1856.

Change-ringing is practised at many of the above towers by ringers who do not send reports of their peals. In such cases it is not possible to note the methods rung.

I trust that the above list will be found complete and tolerably accurate, but if any errors have crept in I hope some one will take pains to point them out and correct them.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

A heavy thunderstorm passed over this town shortly after 2 o'clock, on Sunday last. One or two flashes of lightning came in contact with the large belfry window at the parish church, and besides cutting a small hole through the leaden sashes, cut the gas pipe outside the window completely through, and set light to the gas. Mr. A. Pye, of Little Heath, who was sitting close to the window at the time (which was partly open), had a miraculous escape. Having observed signs of the storm approaching, he had hastened to the tower, and at the time of the occurrence was sitting in front of the window which was partly open. Not feeling any injury, he considered he had escaped, but upon retiring to rest at night he observed some bright spots upon his trousers, which upon searching were found to be pieces of lead, and it was further found that the trousers were singed in a number of places.

In connection with the paragraph that appeared in our last issue, respecting the movement to restore the above belfry, we have the pleasure to state that on Monday last an inspection was made of the tower by one of Messrs. Warner and Sons' employes, with a view of estimating for the necessary overhauling.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Guild will be held at Spalding, on Saturday, May 30th. Ringing to commence at 2.30. A knife and fork tea will be provided in the National Schoolroom at 5 o'clock, free of charge to all skilled members sending in their names to the Rev. B. Matthews, Hon. Sec., the Chantry, Spalding. All members can travel on the Midland, from Lynn, for a fare and a quarter for double journey on application to Dr. Seccombe, Terrington Lodge, Lynn.

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."

FALSE PEALS IN MR. SNOWDON'S BOOKS.

SIR,—As it is now some time since my collection of Treble Bob peals was published, it is probable that some of the books may be in the hands of those who may not have noted the various false peals which have from time to time been pointed out. When I now send out any of my books in which false peals are known to exist, I mark the same, but I may add, copies obtained from my London publishers will not always be found to be so marked.

The following is a list of these false peals, and those who possess my books will do well to make a mark against the same:—

Treatise on Treble Bob, Part II.

Page 16.—5280 by H. Dains will prove false at the lead-ends.
 " 17.—6336 by J. Lockwood " " "
 " 61.—5024 by W. Sottanstill " " " course-ends.
 " 67.—5056 by W. Harrison " " "
 " 67.—5056 by H. Dains " " "
 (This is the peal underneath Harrison's false peal).
 Page 97.—6000 by S. Marsh. (The uppermost 6000 by Marsh.)
 " 114.—5088 by W. Harrison.

Rope Sight. (Third edition).

Page 106.—The 5448 by T. West is false.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Page 28.—The 8448 by H. Dains is false.
 " 30.— " 5024 by " " "

Should any one know of any other peals in these books which are false, I should be glad if they would point the same out to me or mention it in these columns.

JASPER W. SNOWDON.

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BELFRY REFORM.

SIR,—Of late we have been treated, almost periodically, with a letter on the above subject, into which there is occasionally scraped together matter which in my opinion has no more to do with the subject than the man in the moon.

Your readers will remember a few weeks ago a letter in reply to one on the subject by Mr. Jerram, in which the writer compared London ringers to a band of wandering minstrels, but he did not mention the inevitable accompaniment of passing the tin hat round, into which solicitations would be invited, but the fact of ringers strolling from church to church, has the same object in view, although not mentioned, but the writer apparently deprecates the fact, "as do many persons, I believe," of there not being a qualified band ready to give a gratuitous peal both on Sundays or other days, as occasions require, at our very many London churches containing rings of bells.

In your issue of the 2nd instant appears a long letter upon "London Societies," in which your correspondent inveighs very heavily upon both societies and ringers. The ringers are most narrow-minded and exclusive in their ideas, they are very selfish, and look after the loaves and fishes more than ringing itself. I suppose your correspondent, "A New Man," knows, otherwise he draws heavily on his imagination. But, sir, he does not stop here. The rivalry between the two old societies is not friendly, and even among themselves there are petty jealousies, which apparently displeases "A New Man." The St. James's Society he holds up as one that should be looked upon as the principal society. How on earth can this be, when he himself says it is composed of rivals, and especially if this rivalry is of an unfriendly nature? Now sir, this society, as you know, was established to enable members of the rival societies to ring peals together, and the principal composition of such a band being half-and-half. But of the fourth society your correspondent fails to discover the object of its existence. Well, perhaps he does; "a new man" would! and perhaps he will think me presumptive, but, sir, in my opinion, "A New Man," and many others, owe their existence as ringers to this very society or its influence. This may seem strange, but I believe it indisputable, and if your correspondent will have a little chat with some of his friends, he will find it so.

In this week's issue you give another letter under the peculiar heading, Belfry Reform, by the author of "Thumbnail Sketches." I will just have a word about these celebrated sketches, as I really never knew the object they were intended to serve. But, Sir, it appears as follows, and should I be wrong I hope to get pardon for misconstruction. The author in his "Gulliver's Travels" appears to come in contact with several of the many disappointed ringers, who would be, perhaps, rather obtrusive with a pet grievance, or in their conversation. We know there are amongst us plenty of blighted

spirits, some who have been years vainly striving to get a peal, even at the tenor; another will just manage a treble through a peal and there stop; while another will ring Grandsire well, and never look at another method; others will ring any method on odd or even numbers of bells, but never call bobs, and some will call bobs and not look into the composition of the various peals; and again many good ringers never attempt to ring on handbells, and there are to be found quite a host whose capacity only goes as far as Churchyard Bob, and the author must, I imagine, have come in contact with several of these cases, and thus he terms them bores, nuisances, and characters to be met with caution, and, if possible, to be altogether avoided, if this could be conveniently accomplished.

But, Sir, belfry reform is the theme, which, however, develops itself into London ringing-chambers and ringers in this letter. London twelve-bell ringers do not appear to meet as often and regular as the author desires, and when they do it seems it is for the selfish purpose of earning money. Certainly a very deplorable state of things, if true, quite as bad as the unfriendliness which is said to exist between rival society members. But, Sir, these accusations are subject to grave doubt. I have been in twelve-bell and other towers scores of times where rival members meet, and never to my knowledge without seeing the solicitory compliment passed to have a pull. I therefore consider the assertion cut in halves, and the less we hear of it the better. As regards the pay, how often is a man expected to be out during a week for ringing, once or twice? the latter is quite enough in my opinion, and if placed as some of our London ringers are, bound to do two peals upon each Sunday, one other meeting is enough in a week, be it for pay or otherwise. But it seems, Sir, that your correspondents think that a ringer, after passing his majority in the science, has little else to do than rush off to each meeting place for the ostensible purpose of giving the young people practice, and all free and gratuitous. Why, my dear sir, the whole idea is monstrous. In what other art or science is it done, and where are we to look for example. In music? no; In drawing? no; nor in learning of any kind.

A good deal too has been said one time and another as to paid ringing, and all under the same familiar heading. Now for a ringing day a man gets from four to five shillings, and which sum is so very remunerative, that unless a man can do part before and after business hours, he certainly would be at a loss by the transaction. But Sir, upon State occasions, says our correspondent, one would have two and even three churches to ring at, and look at the amount he would make upon these occasions, ten to fifteen shillings, a great deal too much for a ringer, no wonder he does not care to come to practice. Well sir, I say the more the better, and wish the double or treble days came a little oftener, so that one could make up a good bonus at the end of the year. But Sir, your correspondents are not yet finished; they ingeniously argue that all ringing should be done free and gratuitous, and some of the clergy think this, and indeed there is some truth in such an argument. But until we see all church workers working for love only, with the principals setting the example, why should ringers, who it must be acknowledged, performs the most laborious task of all the staff?

LONDON RINGER.

WATERLOO TOWER, BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

ON Friday, May 15th, by request of H. H. Powell Cotton, Esq., of Quex Park, the bells were deeply muffled, and four 500's of Grandsire Triples, each called differently, were rung by the local band, as a mark of respect to the late T. N. Talfourd, Esq., of Margate, a very dear friend of Mr. H. H. P. Cotton, having spent most of their time boating together, of which pastime both were passionately fond. About thirty years ago, in conjunction with the late Mr. Fagg, of the White Hart Hotel, the deceased gentleman and Mr. Cotton were mainly instrumental in the revival of the Margate Regatta, and for many years did the principal part of the work connected with the management of the same. The late Mr. Talfourd always took great interest in the welfare of the Margate boatmen, ever ready to lend a helping hand with the lifeboat, or aid any member in sickness or distress. He was greatly respected by all who knew him, and his loss will be felt for a long time in Margate.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.—MIDLAND RAILWAY.—On Saturday May 23rd, 1885, cheap trains for three or six days will leave St. Pancras and other Metropolitan Stations for Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Nottingham, Leicester, Derby, York, Hull, Carlisle, Scarborough, English Lakes, Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield, Barnsley, Wakefield, Buxton, Matlock, Lincoln, Newark, Staffordshire Potteries, etc. Also, on Whit-Monday, to Birmingham, for one or four days, from St. Pancras, 6.5 a.m., and Kentish Town, 6.10. Bills giving particulars may be obtained at the several Midland Railway Stations and booking offices, and of Thos. Cook and Son, Ludgate Circus; 445, West Strand; and front of St. Pancras Station, Euston Road.

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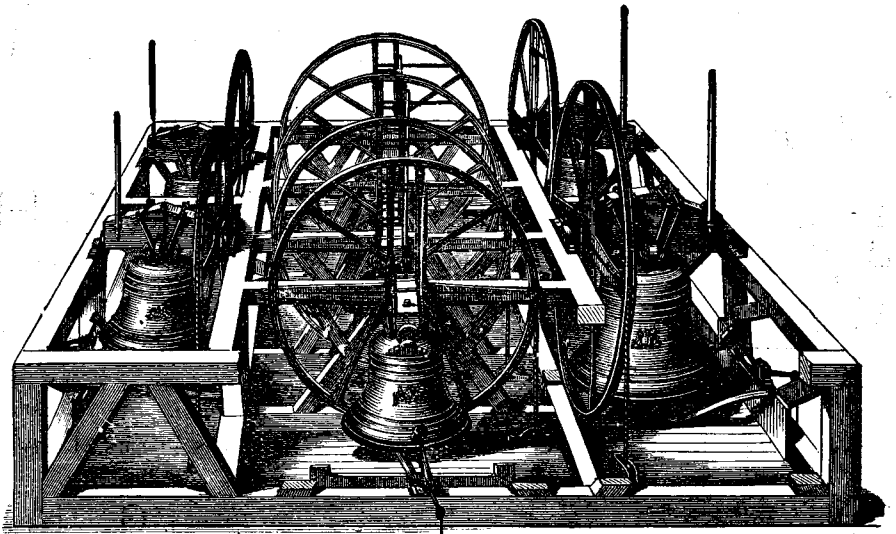
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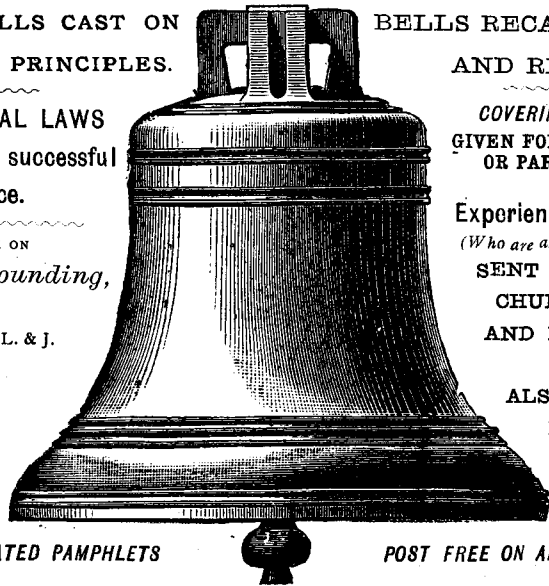
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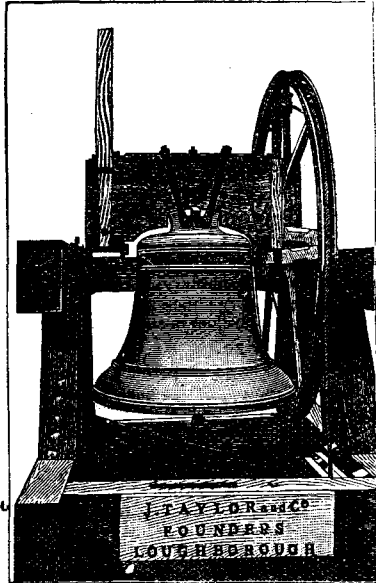
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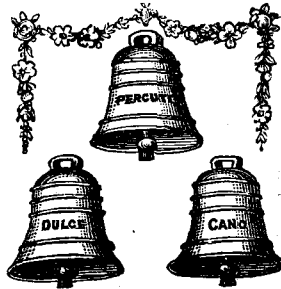
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