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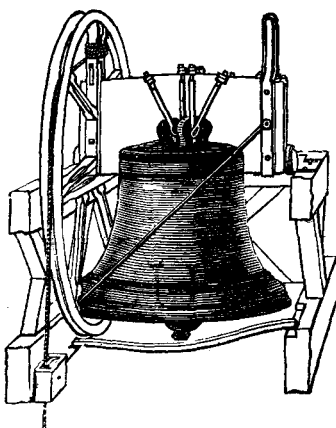
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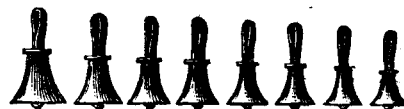
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ST. LAWRENCE'S SOCIETY, READING.—ANNUAL TOUR.

For the last two years this Society has made a tour of the surrounding villages by the use of brakes, ringing at all the churches where possible. This year, however, the programme has been slightly altered, for on Thursday, June 18th, they met at the Great Western Railway Station, and on the roll being called, there were found to be twenty present, including the tower warden, the Rev. W. B. Banting. The captain (Mr. Johnson), having procured return tickets to Oxford, marched his company into the station, and on the arrival of the 5.30 train from Paddington, (which is timed to start from Reading at 6.30), seats were taken, and the day's festivities commenced. On referring to the programmes which had been previously issued to each member, it was found that a break in the journey had to be made at Culham; consequently, on arriving at that station, the campanologists alighted, and found two brakes awaiting their arrival. It occupied but a very short time to effect a change of carriage, although there was rather a rush for No. 1 brake, which was drawn by a fine pair of greys; brake No. 2, being drawn by a pair of chestnuts, not quite so fine. Having become seated, an advance was made, but owing to Mr. Newell leaving his bugle at home, the greys were compelled to step forward in silence without the trumpet's martial sound. The first village passed through was Sutton Courtenay, but owing to illness, the bells were not allowed to be rung. Continuing the journey, Drayton was reached by eight o'clock. The Vicar, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, having previously granted permission to ring, the bells were raised in peal, and a 559 of Grandsire Triples (from Troyte), was rung in 20 mins. E. Bishop, 1; J. E. Willshire, 2; W. Johnson, 3; H. M. Bawden, 4; G. Talbot, 5; W. J. Williams, 6; W. Newell (conductor), 7; J. T. Waldron, 8. Also a 576 of Bob Major, in 21 mins. W. H. Holloway, 1; F. W. Round, 2; E. Bishop, 3; W. Johnson, 4; W. Newell, 5; W. Goseltine, 6; W. J. Williams (conductor), 7; J. E. Willshire, 8. Leaving Drayton at 9.30, the party pushed forward to the old county town of Abingdon, Berks, arriving there by ten o'clock. The first place visited was the grand old church of St. Helen's; here the company were very much interested. It is not many years ago since the church was restored, and now the tower and spire are undergoing restoration, consequently, the peal of eight have been taken away to the foundry, to be put in order and rehung on completion of the tower. The ringers were rather disappointed at not being able to ring, but the Vicar, the Rev. C. R. F. Griffith, gave them permission to ring at St. Nicholas, where there are a light peal of six. Here a start was made for a 720 of Bob Minor, which was completed in 26 mins. W. H. Holloway, 1; H. M. Bawden, 2; E. Bishop, 3; W. Goseltine, 4; J. E. Willshire, 5; W. J. Williams (conductor), 6. Also a 120 of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by W. Newell. As the clock struck eleven, "go" was called, and off started the steeds on their next stage, passing through the town, the recreation ground and public gardens hove in sight, which contain an old cannon, presumably taken from the south of Russia; also a memorial to the late Prince Consort, in the form of a statue. The country here is rather flat, although in the distance could be seen the long range of Berkshire hills. After nearly an hour's drive, the excursionists halted at the village of Appleton, a spot well known in the history of ringing. Here they were met by Mr. F. White, Church Bell Hanger, who kindly conducted the party to the tower. The belfry is very small, and yet (thanks to the mechanical skill of the White family), it can boast of a peal of ten, and to judge by the peal boards, which nearly cover the walls, some thorough good work has been done on them. Having raised the bells, several attempts were made for a touch of Grandsire Caters, but here they were unfortunate, for not a single touch was brought round. In wandering through the church-yard, a most perfect and appropriate memorial to a ringer was seen; it consisted of ten small gilt bells, surrounded by a rope, worked in iron, at the foot of which lay a clarinet, with the words.

"Praise Him upon the strings and pipe,
Praise Him upon the loud cymbals."

This was in memory of Alfred White, who died at the age of seventy-two. On the other side, cut in brass and let into the stone, were two lines of the old tune, "Hanover," with the words,

"My soul praise the Lord,
Speak good of His Name."

This was in memory of Henry White, who died at the age of forty. Leaving the church, the party had some light refreshment, and Mr. F. White kindly shewed the ringers the new frame for Merton College, Oxford, which job he has now in hand. The peculiarity of this frame is that the bells have to be hung on the outer side, there being no bells in the centre, owing to their having to be rung in a gallery. The time had now arrived for proceeding on the road, so mounting the coaches, the ringers started off for the neighbouring village of Cumnor; here the bells are being rehung, so they had to be content with looking over the church, which possesses a chained Bible, and in the churchyard can be seen the remains of an ancient cross. Now comes the last stage, which was commenced at 2.30, the party being seated, the horses

turned their heads towards the great University. The scenery now became grand, for from Cumnor the road gradually declines into Oxford, so that it was easy to pick out the various towers and colleges, on which the sun was shining with magnificent splendour. Oxford was reached by three o'clock, and the company having dismissed their vehicles, sat down at Messrs. Hemmings, 4 Cornmarket Street, to a sumptuous repast. Considering the morning's ride in the fresh country air, ample justice was done to the good things provided, and which was served up in first-rate style. Dr. Coleman, organizing secretary of the Church of England Temperance Society, and late tower warden of St. Lawrence's, occupied the vice-chair. He remarked how pleased he was to meet his old friends again. After dinner, Mr. Banting kindly shewed the party round the various colleges; Keble College Chapel was admired, as was Exeter College Chapel, also the Sheldonian Theatre, from the top of which a splendid view of Oxford can be obtained. Meeting at Christ Church at a quarter to six, the company were enabled to have a pull on the peal of ten. Here they met Messrs. Field and Washbrook of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Having raised the bells, Mr. Washbrook acted as conductor, and a 395 of Grandsire Caters was brought round. At a quarter to seven, an adjournment was made to Dr. Coleman's, who had kindly invited his old ringers to tea. Having partaken of the cup that cheers, and thanking the rev. gentleman for his kindness, a move was made towards New College, and soon the peal of ten were set swinging to a 500 of Grandsire Caters. There was now only time to make for the train, so wishing their Oxford friends good bye, the party had to make rather a hasty departure, however the station was reached just in time, and the train steamed out at 9.5 p.m., arriving at Reading by 9.50. Thus ended a most pleasant and enjoyable day, every member having thoroughly enjoyed himself, and expressing a wish that it may be continued year by year. St. Lawrence's ringers wish through the medium of this paper, to thank those gentlemen who so kindly gave or got permission for the use of the bells in the various towers they visited.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 22nd, Messrs. Buckingham, Cartmel, Battle, Godman (2), Hills, and Lewis, members of the St. Albans branch, paid a visit to the village of Hunton Bridge, Herts. Meeting about five p.m., they were conveyed by wagonette, through beautiful country, past Leavesden Lunatic Asylum, to the village, which was reached about 6.30 p.m., where they were met by the captain of the local ringers, Mr. J. Walker, and conducted to the church, which is dedicated to St. Paul. The tower contains a nice little ring of six bells, tenor about 9 cwt., which were put up about twenty years ago by Mears and Stainbank. The go of the bells is excellent, but change-ringing is rendered difficult owing to the noise of the bells, which however could easily be altered by adding a deadening floor, which is much to be desired. After a look round the church, which was much admired, the party set to work and accomplished a well-struck 720 of Grandsire Minor, particulars of which will be found in another column. The ringers were much gratified on being informed that it was the first 720 on the bells. Some Bob Minor, Grandsire, Bob and Stedman Doubles, were also rung. After some refreshments, and a course of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Hills and Lewis, the visitors started for St. Albans, which was reached about eleven o'clock.

A RINGERS' OUTING.

On Monday last, June 22nd, a mixed band journeyed to the above place in the morning, and there found Mr. Gordon, the professor of music, who promised to spend the day with them, as they were one short. In the forenoon Cheadle, in Cheshire, was visited, and after looking round the beautiful village, permission to ring was obtained, and pulling up the bells, a few short touches, and then a touch of about 1000 changes of Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by Edward Matthews, and one short touch of Grandsire Major, which was conducted by William Walmsley. The next move was to Mr. Roberts' Church, Barlow Moor, Lancashire, and gaining permission to ring of that gentleman, the following attempted Taylor's Bob-and-Single peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing four out of the six parts, in 2 hrs. and 2 mins., one of the band was taken ill, and the bells were brought round. James Holt, 1; Charles Bamford, 2; William Gordon, 3; William Henshall, 4; John M. Davenport, 5; Edward Matthews (conductor), 6; Walter Ingham, 7; William Walmsley, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. in Ep. Messrs. Holt, Bamford, Matthews hail from Macclesfield, Henshall from Gawsforth, Messrs. Davenport, Ingham, and Walmsley from Higher Sutton, William Gordon from Stockport. Mr. Roberts was only a shoemaker in his young days, but having made a fortune in Manchester, has now retired to Barlow Moor, and has built the Church and tower in his own park, and given a peal of eight really melodious bells by Mears.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The Third ANNUAL Meeting of the above Association was held in the Churchroom, Stoke, on Saturday, June 10th. The President, the Rev. Sir T. L. Stamer, Bart., occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. H. W. How (Stoke), Rev. A. H. Hitchcock (Goldenhill), Rev. B. Blakeway (Horton), and Rev. R. C. Farmer (Barlaston). There was a large attendance of ringers.

In his opening remarks the CHAIRMAN expressed pleasure in seeing so many members present, notwithstanding the counter attraction of an excursion taking place the same day. He believed the society was doing a good work, and all the towns that had joined the Union had benefited by it in many ways. Not only had better arrangements and decency of the towers been made, but the condition of the bells had been brought under notice, and where necessary improvements were effected. He instanced two towers in his own neighbourhood—Wolstanton—where great improvement had been done in the hanging of the bells and the addition of another bell, and also at their own, the Parish Church. He believed those who were conversant with what bells ought to be were very fond of villifying Stoke bells, saying they were very hard to ring and very unmusical when rung. Now, however the tower was in a very satisfactory state, and the bells had been tuned, for which their thanks are due to Mr. Page, the churchwardens, and the parishioners. After referring to the energetic work which the Rev. W. W. Bolton, who was formerly connected with the society, had rendered, he concluded by thanking the Rev. H. W. How, and Mr. E. Glover, who had worked so heartily in their positions as clerical and lay secretaries.

The Rev. H. W. How read the annual report. Although there had been no great events in connection with the Association to chronicle, the Association had been quietly carrying out the objects for which it was founded in 1833. The true position of ringers as church workers was now fully recognised. The clergy in those parishes in which the ringers are members of the Association were unanimous in expressing the opinion that the moral tone, the behaviour in the belfry, and the church-going of the ringers had been improved during the last three years. The fortnightly meetings of the Association were doing much to promote good feeling and friendship among the ringers, and been well attended. Next year it was proposed to arrange meetings at different towers on bank holidays, which it was thought would be more convenient than on Saturdays, as had been customary. The Association had been most successful in accomplishing a thorough reform in those belfries in the neighbourhood of which it had been able to influence. The state of all the towers in the Association was very good; they were tidy and clean, and free from many irreverent uses which formerly disgraced them. In the Archdeaconry there were eight peals of eight bells, six of which were in the Association. Of the six-bell peals, there were eight in the Association, while fourteen were not. Of peals of five and four bells, only two out of twelve were in the Association. During the year Wolstanton had rung three peals of Grandshire. Leek had rung a date touch of 1884 changes, and various touches of Plain Bob, Bob Major, and Treble Bob, there being nearly 26,000 changes rang since Christmas. At Stoke there had been various touches of Grandshire. Amongst towers with six bells, Norton was specially noticed, whose members now knew seven methods, viz.:—Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandshire, Plain Bob Minor, and Stedman's Slow Course. The secretaries hoped that more of the towers would try to improve the art of change-ringing instead of remaining contented with call-changes. Amongst the improvements effected during the year were mentioned that the Norton belfry had been repainted and furnished with a peal of twelve handbells, the gift of Mr. E. Glover; and at Stoke and Wolstanton improvements had also been executed. The Association comprises sixteen towers, with eighteen hon. members, and 110 performing members.

The CHAIRMAN said the report was very satisfactory, and having been duly passed, it was ordered to be printed.

The statement of accounts for the year showed that the total receipts were £20 15s. 11d., expenditure £5 13s. 1d., leaving a balance in hand of £15 2s. 10d. The officers for the ensuing year were elected. The president, vice-president, members of committee were appointed, and the Rev. B. Blakeway was unanimously elected chairman of the committee. It was resolved that the Annual Meeting next year should be held at Leek. Votes of thanks to the secretaries having been passed and acknowledged, the meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the chairman.

The members afterwards attended Divine Service in the parish church, when an address was delivered by the Rev. N. Poyntz, rector of Stone. Tea was subsequently provided in the schoolroom which was followed by ringing on handbells. The belfries of Stoke, Hanley, Wolstanton, and Burslem were opened for ringing, and the members of the Association availed themselves of the opportunities thus afforded.

REVIEWS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—This pamphlet—a larger one than most of its predecessors—arrives somewhat late in consequence of the ill-health of the respected Hon. Secretary, the Rev. N. Bolingbroke. It shows that the science in the Eastern counties maintains its position, and that there is "no falling off in the practice of change-ringing. Between October 8th, 1883, and October 27th, 1884, thirty-one peals of 5000 changes and upwards were rung by members of the Association. Five peals were rung at St. Mary-le-tower, Ipswich, including Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Maximus. Two peals of Treble Bob Royal were rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. Four were rung at Redenhall, three at Alburgh, two each at Brandeston and Sproughton, and one each at Copdock, Coddendam, Diss, Eye, Helmingham, Hingham, Somerleyton, and Stonham Aspal." The six and five-bell ringers of the Association are also to the fore with their accomplishments in numerous methods. The area of two such counties as Norfolk and Suffolk, comprising the sphere of this Association's operations, has often appeared to us too great to be attended to by the individual exertions of one Secretary, and accordingly we find aid is required by that gentleman in the onerous duties appertaining to his office. The report says, "There can be no doubt that the duties of the Secretary are of such a nature that they cannot be properly performed by one person, unless he has exceptionally light professional or business ties. Such a person at present cannot be found, and we think it would be much better to appoint a Secretary for each of the three Archdeaconries, and to have a central Secretary and Treasurer at or near Norwich. The duties of the new Secretaries would lie in their respective districts; they would collect the subscriptions, visit towers, look after the ringers, and arrange District Meetings. The duties of the Central Secretary would be to keep the accounts, to record the performances of the members, and to issue the annual reports." Notwithstanding the work attached to his office of Secretary, and the drawback of a long illness, Mr. Bolingbroke has, if this bulky report is to be taken as any criterion, manfully stuck to his duties, and performed them with his usual thoroughness.

THE REPORT OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION is one of the most unique we have ever seen. Not only has it the usual properties of an Association Report, but it contains a great amount of useful and interesting information relative to the various churches in union with the Association; the methods rung; hours of practice; the names of the respective Vicars and Churchwardens; the ringing members, all arranged under appropriate heads. There is also a list of churches in the county having eight, six, and five bells. The list of hon. members comprise many influential personages, and a numerous array of clergy. The balance-sheet presents a very favourable state of affairs for so young a body, upwards of £27 being in hand.

THE REPORT OF THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD is a more unpretending one than either of the above-named. But though this is so, and the fact remains that this report shows no results so far as peal-ringing is concerned, there is reason to believe that this Guild is on the way to a good position among kindred bodies. The number of ringing members is 242—an increase of 22 since last year. Surely the time is not far distant when something will be done by the members worthy of record in the peal-book. We note with pleasure the appointment of the Rev. A. D. Hill as the master of the Guild.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ANNIVERSARY of the Lavenham ringers was held on Monday, June 22nd. The attendance of visitors was not large, but a very agreeable day was spent by those who were present. In the morning, the parochial company, with the assistance of Mr. Day, of Eye, rang a roo8 of Bob Major in about 45 mins. T. Bruce, 1; C. Fisk, 2; Rev. E. Symonds, 3; G. Day, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds, 6; J. Boby (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. Touches of Treble Bob Major, Grandshire Triples and Bob Major were rung during the day, by the visitors, among whom were, Mr. Sewell (Barking), Mr. Jackson (Cambridge), Mr. Day (Eye), Mr. Sadler (Norwich), Mr. Bradley (London), Mr. O. Laughlin (Bury St. Edmunds), and others. An excellent dinner was as usual provided by Mr. and Mrs. Miller, at the "Cock Inn."

BELLS AND RINGERS IN 1885.—(Continued.)

By F. W. J. REES.

LIST OF RINGS IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Cambridge Great S. Mary	12 .. 30 ..	G. ST.	.. Phelps, 1723. Tenor recast, 1770.
Soham	.. .. 10 .. 21 ..	B.	.. Back six, Downham Foundry.
Wisbeach	.. .. 10 .. 22 ..		.. Downham Foundry.
C'mb'dge S. Andrew	8 .. 9 ..		
Ely, S. Mary	.. .. 8 .. 18 ..	B.	.. Arnold, 1781. Re-hung lately.
Newmarket	.. .. 8 .. 11 ..		
Whittlesea S. Mary	8 .. 20 ..		
Bourn	.. .. 6 .. 14 ..		
Barrington	.. .. 6 .. 11 ..		
Brinkley	.. .. 6 .. 15 ..		
Cambridge S. Benet	6 .. 13 ..		
.. S. Edward	6 .. 9 ..		
Cottenham	.. .. 6 .. ..		.. Briant, 1806.
Croxton	.. .. 6		
Duxford, S. John	6 .. 9 ..		
Fordham	.. .. 6		
Fulbourn	.. .. 6 .. 11 ..		
Guilden-Morden	.. .. 6 .. 14 ..		
Haddenham	.. .. 6 .. 16 ..		
Histon	.. .. 6 .. 8 ..		.. Warner, 1866.
Ickleton	.. .. 6 .. 18 ..		
Leverington	.. .. 6 .. 17 ..		.. Pack, 1752.
March	.. .. 6 .. 16 ..		.. Downham Fy., 1802.
Newton	.. .. 6 .. 12 ..		.. " " 1786.
Over	.. .. 6 .. 14 ..		
Sawston	.. .. 6 .. 13 ..		
Sutton	.. .. 6 .. 18 ..		
Swaffham	.. .. 6 .. 11 ..		.. Taylor, 1820.
Swaffham-Prior	6 .. ..		.. Briant, 1791.
Swavesey	.. .. 6 .. 12 ..		
Whittlesea S. Andw	6 .. 22 ..		

The above list, which is not far from complete, shows that Cambridgeshire is somewhat short of bells, and decidedly backward in change-ringing.

LIST OF RINGS IN CORNWALL.

Bodmin	.. .. 8 .. 15 ..		
Cambourne	.. .. 8 .. 14 ..		.. Rudhall, 1767. 8 in 1882.
Fowey	.. .. 8 .. 19 ..		.. Augmented to 8, 1870
Kenwyn	.. .. 8 .. 13 ..		.. Whitechapel.
Penzance	.. .. 8 .. 21 ..	B. G.	.. By Taylor, 1865.
S. Austell	.. .. 8 .. 15 ..		.. I. Rudhall, 1810.
S. Columb	.. .. 8 .. 14 ..		.. Have these been reduced to six?
Stoke-Climsland	.. 8 .. 18 ..		.. I. Pennington & Co. 1771.
Blisland	.. .. 6 .. 10 ..		.. Penningtons, 1790.
Botus-Fleming	.. 6 .. 10 ..		.. Penningtons, 1727.
Budock	.. .. 6 .. 9 ..		.. Lately made six.
Callington	.. .. 6 .. 13 ..		.. Penningtons, 1777.
Calstock	.. .. 6 .. 10 ..		.. " " 1773.
Crowan	.. .. 6 .. 12 ..		.. A. Rudhall, 1729.
Duloe	.. .. 6 .. 8 ..		
East Antony	.. .. 6 .. 10 ..		.. Penningtons, 1764.
Endellon	.. .. 6 .. 8 ..		.. A. Rudhall, 1734.
Gorram	.. .. 6 .. 10 ..		.. Penningtons, 1772.
Gwennap	.. .. 6 .. 6 ..		.. In a detached belfry
Gwinear	.. .. 6 .. 10 ..		.. Penningtons, 1767.
Helston	.. .. 6 .. 10 ..		.. From Hayle Fndry.
Illogan	.. .. 6 .. 8 ..		
Kilkhampton	.. 6 .. 13 ..		.. A. Rudhall, 1752.
Jacobstow	.. .. 6 .. 7 ..		.. Penningtons, 1771.
Ladock	.. .. 6 .. 12 ..		.. Made 6 in 1883.
Launceston S. Mary	6 .. 12 ..		.. By A. Rudhall, 1720.
.. S. Stephen	6 .. 14 ..		.. Penningtons, 1779.
Landulph	.. .. 6 .. 12 ..		.. " " 1768.
Lanreath	.. .. 6 .. 8 ..		.. " " 1773.
Lanteglos	.. .. 6 .. 10 ..		.. " " 1783.
Launcells	.. .. 6 .. 10 ..		.. A. Rudhall, 1751.
Lawhilton	.. .. 6 .. 9 1/2 ..		.. Whitechapel, 1881.
Lelant	.. .. 6 .. 8 ..		.. Taylor, 1836.
Lewannick	.. .. 6 .. 8 ..		.. Penningtons, 1769.
Lezant	.. .. 6 .. 8 ..		.. " " 1722.
Linkinhorn	.. .. 6 .. 9 ..		.. " " 1805.

Liskeard	.. .. 6 .. 17 ..		
Menenhiot	.. .. 6 .. 12 ..		.. Made 6 in 1884.
Northill	.. .. 6 .. 9 ..		.. Penningtons, 1794.
Padstow	.. .. 6 .. 11 ..		.. I. Rudhall, 1798.
Probus	.. .. 6 .. 21 ..		.. A. Rudhall, 1721.
Redruth	.. .. 6 .. 13 ..		.. Lester, 1744.
Roche	.. .. 6 .. 8 ..		.. I. Rudhall, 1819.
S. Budock	.. .. 6 .. 12 ..		.. Whitechapel.
Stratton	.. .. 6 .. 10 ..		.. Penningtons, 1778.
S. Agnes	.. .. 6 .. 7 ..		.. Whitechapel, 1748.
S. Dominick	.. .. 6 .. 8 ..		.. Penningtons, 1773.
S. Germans	.. .. 6 .. 11 ..		.. Penningtons, 1775.
S. Gluvias	.. .. 6 .. 10 ..		.. Whitechapel, 1808.
S. Kew	.. .. 6 .. 10 ..		.. I. Rudhall, 1818.
S. Mabyon	.. .. 6 .. 8 ..		.. Penningtons, 1787.
S. Stephen-in-bannel	6 .. 10 ..		.. A. Rudhall, 1730.
S. " near-Saltash	6 .. 16 ..		.. Pennington, 1760.
S. Veep	.. .. 6 .. 8 ..		.. " " 1770.
Tamerton	.. .. 6 .. 8 ..		.. Taylor, 1831.
S. Merryn	.. .. 6 .. 8 ..		.. I. Rudhall, 1797.
S. Neots	.. .. 6 .. 8 ..		.. Penningtons, 1777.
Tywardreath	.. 6 .. 7 ..		.. " " 1774.
Whitchurch	.. .. 6 .. 16 ..	G.	.. Is this in Cornwall?

The above list shows that Cornwall is well off for bells, but that it has very few change-ringers.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The next ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at Bromsgrove, on Monday, July 13th. The peal of ten bells will be open for ringing during the day. The business meeting will be held at 2 o'clock, in St. John the Baptist School Room, (close to the church), at which Lord Alwyne Compton, D.D., has promised (if able) to preside. Members, Hon. and performing, are requested to note that all contributions not yet paid, should be paid at this meeting.

[NO. SMITH, } Hon. Secs.
F. OWEN, }

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE GENERAL QUARTERLY MEETING of this Association will be held at Brigg, on Saturday, July 4th. Through the kindness of the Rector and Churchwardens, permission has been granted for the use of the bells (a ring of eight) to members of the Association that day. The meeting will be held in the schoolroom at three o'clock in the afternoon. Refreshments may be had at reasonable charges. The committee will be glad to see a good attendance of members, also any members of kindred societies.

W. LUNN, Hon. Sec.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of this Association will take place on Saturday, June 4th, 1885, at Northenden, Cheshire. Dinner will be provided at the "Spread Eagle" Tavern, at Half-past Four p.m., tickets 1s. 6d. each, drinks extra. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: Northenden, six bells; Didsbury, six bells; Barlow Moor, eight bells. Members and friends who intend being present at dinner are requested to send their names in not later than Wednesday, July 1st, addressed to Mr. Peter Brickell, Northenden.

JAMES S. WILDE, Hon. Sec.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.—Down to Wednesday evening, June 24th, the London Hospital Sunday Fund had reached a total of £23,500. The following sums, omitting shillings and pence, are among the later contributions forwarded to the Mansion House:—Wimbleton Churches—St. Mary, St. John, Christ Church, St. Mark, £223; All Saints, Paddington, £52; Kensington Congregational Church, £68; Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Church, Hampstead, £69; Grosvenor Church, South Audley Street, £107; St. Stephen, South Kensington, £179; St. Mary, Bryanston-square, £118; St. Mark, North Audley Street, £220; St. Jude, East Brixton, £50; St. John, Paddington, £177; St. John, Blackheath, and Mission, £58.

We find it necessary to ask some of our friends to practise a little more care in sending their correspondence, reports, etc. The mode of addressing communications to the publisher is sure to cause delay; and to send without letting us know from whom the letter comes is rather uncourteous treatment. We have had to pay for deficient postage several times of late, and one of our readers in particular seems to enjoy the practical joke of neglecting to affix any stamp whatever upon the envelope which contains his letter. We hope it will not be considered out of place in drawing attention to these little irregularities.

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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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A dozen of cards, with a copy of the record of a peal, as it appears in our pages, sent post free on receipt of twenty-six halfpenny stamps.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1885.

THE subject of regular attendance on the part of members of a society or band on practice nights was discussed in this paper a short time ago, with somewhat beneficial results. The subject we now propose to deal with is Sunday ringing.

Taking into account the fact that London possesses about one hundred peals, it may be said that there are not many churches where ringing takes place once on Sundays. Churches that, as the phrase goes, "ring twice," or *profess to ring twice*, can be counted on one's fingers. First and foremost comes of course the Metropolitan Basilica. The attendance at St. Paul's Cathedral is all that could be desired. Never since the time the bells were ordered to be rung for morning or afternoon

service has there been a short muster. Compare with this with the state of affairs at a certain tower within the twelve-mile radius of Charing Cross, containing ten bells, which are supposed to be rung regularly twice every Sunday by paid men. The number that muster is rarely ten, generally eight, sometimes six, occasionally four. Hot weather in summer, cold weather in winter, are favorite excuses here. Now no person will deny that this is a somewhat unsatisfactory state of affairs. About one in every four peals being put to their *legitimate use*, and in most cases very irregularly, the others serving no more or less than for simple "rendezvous" for ringers on week days. What would people say if a church organ were silent on Sunday, and used during the week for pupils to practice on? Yet it seems to have dawned on no one's mind that it is a precisely analogous case. So much for the disease, now a few suggestions for a remedy.

A good plan, which has been successfully adopted at one or two places, is to form a young band willing to give their services at least once, if not twice, on Sundays. And here it may be said without wishing to raise the subject again, that call-changes are sufficient in nine cases out of ten, provided they are well-struck. Surely this is not asking for very much. Where ringers are paid and there is a disposition to become irregular in their attendance, some such rule as the following should be adopted: "Every one of the eight or ten paid men to be present in the belfry at a stated time, or be fined some considerable sum unless he send a proper substitute, who will ring in his name." Thus, though there is a muster of twenty ringers, every one of the eight or ten paid men absent and unrepresented is fined. If the fine be somewhat heavy, it cannot be grumbled at, as the rule leaves the ringer perfectly free in one sense of the word, yet always secures a good muster. Of course there are a few places where Sunday ringing, from various causes, is an impossibility, just as there are a good many places where it is perfectly practicable, and could be set a-going with very little trouble.

The Metropolis.

PUTNEY, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, June 22, 1885, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALFRED PITTAM*	Treble.	†ARTHUR TENNANT	5.
FREDERICK WEARE	2.	EDWARD ROGERS	6.
JOSEPH JACKMAN	3.	CHALLIS F. WINNY	7.
MARTIN MURPHY	4.	BURTON J. JAMES	Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

ACCIDENT AT ST. THOMAS', SALISBURY.—Whilst the bells of the above church were being rung on the afternoon of the 20th (Queen's Accession), the gudgeon of the tenor broke. Fortunately the broken piece became tightly wedged in between the brass and the end of the stock, which prevented the bell (weighing over 30 cwt.) from falling. The condition of these bells has been several times called attention to, both in "THE BELL NEWS" and other papers.

The Provinces.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 20, 1885, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

AMOS CRESSER .. .. .Treble.	THOS. HOLMES 5.
J. JAGGAR 2.	E. D. TAYLOR, Esq. .. . 6.
W. BILLINGHURST .. . 3.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN., Esq. 7.
A. P. HEYWOOD, Esq. .. 4.	E. WIGHTMAN .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN., Esq.

Mr. Heywood hails from Duffield; Messrs. Jaggar and Holmes from Burton-on-Trent; the rest are from Loughborough.

This peal was rung on the anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, June 20, 1885, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES MEE .. .. .Treble.	ARTHUR ALDHAM 5.
JAMES MOTTS 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. . 3.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. . 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. .Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

The above are all members of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 20, 1885, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES; IN FIVE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Two 720's of Plain Bob; two 720's of Oxford Bob; 720 of College Single; 720 of College Little; 720 of London Single.

W. J. GILBERT .. .. .Treble.	J. SAWFORD 4.
J. BRAYBROOK 2.	E. MAYES 5.
R. SHIPLEY 3.	T. ROBERTS .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. GILBERT.

This is the first 5040 by all except the conductor. W. J. Gilbert hails from Raunds.

WALTER BELCHAMP, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

Birthday Peal.

On Sunday, June 21, 1885, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

N. J. PITSTOW .. .. .Treble.	ZACHARIAH SLATER .. . 5.
SAMUEL SLATER 2.	HENRY HARPER 6.
THOS. O. GARWOOD .. . 3.	PHILIP SADLER 7.
FREDERICK WELLS 4.	ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. .Tenor.

Composed and conducted by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

This peal contains the 5th and 6th their extent home at six course-ends each, without a bob before, and is now rung for the first time. It was arranged in consequence of Mr. Sadler's visit in the neighbourhood, and in commemoration of Mr. Samuel Slater's 35th birthday.

Mr. Sadler hails from Norwich; Bros. Pitstow from Saffron Walden; Mr. Harper from Sudbury; the rest from Glemsford.

Date Touch.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEEKHAMPTON.—On Sunday afternoon, June 14th, the following members of the above Association rang a date touch of 1885 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 4½ mins. A. Humphries, 1; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 2; T. Hooper, 3; W. T. Pates, 4; R. Brunson (conductor), 5; H. Karn, 6.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RIPON (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, June 20th, a party of ringers from Stockton visited this place, with the intention of ringing a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, with Messrs. Clark and Strodder, at the Cathedral. After proceeding in good style for nearly half an hour the sixth rope broke, and the time being too short for a second attempt, a touch of 1088 was rung. J. Clarkson, 1; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 2; J. Strodder, 3; W. Stephenson, 4; T. Burdon, 5; T. Clark, 6; T. Stephenson, 7; W. Newton, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLOUCESTER.—On Monday, June 22nd, on the occasion of the above Association, a mixed band rang on the cathedral bells (tenor 28 cwt.), a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, containing 960 changes. H. Gardner (Upton), 1; J. Yeates (Barnwood), 2; F. E. Ward, Esq. (Cheltenham), 3; H. Karn (Cheltenham), 4; D. J. Aston (Gloucester), 5; A. A. Waite (Barnwood), 6; J. E. Hern (Newnham-on-Severn), conductor, 7; Geo. H. Phillott, Esq. (Cheltenham), 8. This is believed to be the longest touch in the method on the bells for over 30 years. And at St. Michael's, the Barnwood band, assisted by Mr. Johnson E. Hern, Newnham, rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 30 mins., being the first 720 in the method on the bells. H. Gardner, 1; J. Yeates, 2; A. A. Waite, 3; G. Miles, 4; J. E. Hern (conductor), 5; R. Barrett, 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Monday, June 22nd, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a 336 and 168 of Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; F. Furr, 2; J. Hare, 3; H. Buckingham, 4; A. Squires, 5; S. Hare, 6; W. Allen (conductor), 7; J. Foster, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Monday, June 22nd, at St. Michael's, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), with 6-8 behind, in 28 mins. Francis Grayling, 1; Francis C. Mattison, 2; *Edmund White, 3; Samuel Snelling, 4; E. John Bottle, 5; Ernest Gower, 6; W. H. Judd (conductor), 7; W. G. Gordelier, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. * First 720.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRAMFORD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 21st, a 360 of Double Court Bob in 14 mins. Charles Smith, 1; Alfred Pryke, 2; Charles Mee, 3; Thomas Stewart, 4; James Motts (conductor), 5; Robert Brundle, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. in G. Messrs. C. Smith and A. Pryke belong to the local company; the rest belong to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DRAYTON (Berks).—On Wednesday, June 24th, at the parish church, a 720 of Double Stedman Slow Course Minor, in 24 mins. T. Payne, 1; C. W. H. Griffith, Esq., 2; Rev. F. A. H. Du Boulay, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; A. F. M. Custance, Esq., 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. This is the 9th 720 ever rung in the method, and is a highly creditable performance, four of the party never having attempted the method before.

WANTAGE (Berks).—On Saturday, June 20th, for practice, three 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. G. Gregory, 1; J. Gardner, 2; F. May, 3; F. Money, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Bunce, 6. And on Sunday, June 21st, for Divine Service in the morning, six 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, each called differently, in 28 mins. G. Gregory, 1; J. Gardner, 2; F. May, 3; A. Bunce, 4; A. Gregory, 5; T. Gregory, 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 13½ mins. G. Gregory, 1; C. Page, 2; J. Gardner, 3; A. Bunce, 4; A. Gregory, 5; F. May (conductor), 6.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TETTENHALL.—On Saturday, June 20th, the following members of the local company, with Mr. J. Fullwood, of Tipton, who paid a visit to Tettenhall, rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. T. Roberts, 1; J. Jones, 2; B. Dalton, 3; E. Nicholls, 4; J. Fowler (conductor), 5; J. Fullwood, 6. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor. T. Roberts, 1; J. Fullwood, 2; B. Dalton, 3; E. Nicholls, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. Jones (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

HYDE (Cheshire).—On Monday, June 22nd, eight members of the above Association rang at St. George's Church, on the occasion of the Bishop of Chester holding a confirmation service in that church, 880 changes of Bob Major, and 224 of Kent Treble Bob Major. James Shaw, 1; Robert Woolley, 2; Samuel Bennett, 3; Walter Slater, 4; John A. Fildes, 5; Samuel Bradley, 6; James S. Wilde (conductor), 7; David Leigh, 8.

AYLSHAM (Norfolk).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Tuesday evening, June 23rd, the Aylsham and Marsham compang rang at St. Michael's, a touch of Bob Major, with the bells half muffled, in memory of the lamented and much respected Rector of West Tofts, the Rev. A. Sutton. Some of the company who took part in the ringing were invited and kindly treated when the peal of six was opened at West Tofts, and also when it was made into eight, and were awarded prizes on both occasions.

BEESTON (Nottingham).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Sunday, June 21st, for Divine Service in the morning, a 532 of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Vicar, being the farewell touch of S. G. Henson, who had been a ringer at the above church for upwards of eight years. William Towlson, 1; William F. Wells, 2; Robert Mellors, 3; Joseph Sprey, 4; John Ward, 5; Solomon G. Henson (conductor), 6; Samuel Mellors, 7; William Grice, 8. Messrs. Ward, Wells, and Grice hail from Long Eaton, and are members of the Midland Counties' Association, as also is S. G. Henson, who is joining All Saints' company, Nottingham.

BILLINGSHURST (Sussex).—On Sunday, June 21st, a mixed band of ringers visited this place, and rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Moore, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wady, 3; F. Wickings, 4; D. Jordan, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. D. Jordan, 1; F. Andrews, 2; W. Wady, 3; H. Wood, 4; W. Collison, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. W. Collison, 1; J. Newnham, 2; G. Moore, 3; W. Short, 4; J. Voice, 5; W. Wady (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Short, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wady, 3; F. Wickings, 4; D. Jordan, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6. The visitors wish to return thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells. Messrs. Newnham, Collison and Wickings hail from Crawley; Chandler and Short from Warnham; and Jordan and Moore from Capel.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, June 16th, 720 of Bob Major, in 26 mins. H. Button, 1; T. Staulkey, 2; G. Baxter, 3; C. Smith, 4; W. Button, 5; A. Barrell, 6; J. Button, 7; T. E. Shearing (conductor: aged 16), 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Messrs. Smith and Barrell hail from Aldboro and Ufford respectively. On Saturday, June 20th, being the anniversary of the Queen's Accession, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. H. Button, 1; T. Staulkey, 2; G. Baxter, 3; G. Mosling, 4; W. Button, 5; J. Button, 6; T. E. Shearing (conductor); 7; H. Staulkey, 8. Also on handbells, retained in hand, the company rang their first course of Grandsire Triples. C. Smith, 1-2; T. E. Shearing, 7-8.

LOUGHBOROUGH. —*Muffled Peal*.—On Friday, June 19th, being the funeral day of the Ven. Archdeacon Fearon, late Rector of Loughboro, an attempt was made for a half peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, but owing to a shift course, the bells came round after ringing nearly 1½ hr. W. Billingham, 1; Amos Cresser, 2; T. Cooper, 3; J. W. Taylor, sen., Esq., 4; C. Smith, 5; E. D. Taylor, Esq., 6; J. W. Taylor, jun., Esq. (conductor), 7; E. Wightman, 8.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, June 16th, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with 7-8 covering, in 27 mins. John Prescott, 1; John Aspinwall, 2; *Henry Ellis, 3; George Prescott 4; William Taylor, 5; †James Sholcar (conductor), 6; William Lloyd, 7; Peter Hanley, 8. *1st 720. †First 720 as conductor.

PRESCOT (Lancashire).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Thursday morning, June 18th, at St. Mary's Church, 364 of Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Sampson, widow of the Rev. L. W. Sampson, late vicar of the parish. James Cheshworth, 1; Jonathan Finney, 2; John Renshall, 3; Thomas Byron (conductor), 4; John Cook, 5; Thomas Abraham, 6; John Case, 7; John Moston, 8. This is the longest length by Thomas Abraham.

PRESTBURY (Cheshire).—On Saturday, June 13th, a mixed band, met at the above place and attempted Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to a mishap occurring in the middle of the 4th part it came to grief. James Holt, 1; Edward Matthews, 2; Walter Henshall, 3; William Walmsley, 4; Henry Page (conductor), 5; J. M. Davenport, 6; Walter Henshall, 7; Walter Ingham, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt., in F. The ringers of the 1st and 2nd hail from Macclesfield,

brothers Henshall from Gawsorth, Messrs. Walmsley, Davenport, and Ingham from Higher Sutton, and the conductor from Stoke-upon-Trent. The striking was very good, but it was too late to make another attempt.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday, May 21st, at St. Margaret's, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins. O. Sullivan, 1; H. Greaves, 2; J. Tullett, 3; W. Baker, 4; A. Osborne, 5; E. Andrews, 6. Conducted by R. E. Bond. Tenor 16 cwt.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, June 18th, four members of the local company rang a 1056 of Bob Major, in 33 mins. Bailey Ransom, Esq., 1-2; Charles Sillitoe, 3-4; William Howell, 5-6; Arthur Scott, 7-8. This touch was rung on the top of St. Gregory's tower, the heat indoors being unbearable. And on Saturday, June 20th, at St. Gregory's, the same touch was rung. Felix Tolliday, 1; Walter Griggs, 2; Charles Sillitoe, 3; Maurice Silvester, 4; Henry Harper, 5; Joseph Hume, 6; Walter Cross, 7; Arthur Scott, 8. Mr. J. Hume hails from Bures. Both touches were conducted by A. Scott.

NEWTON POPPLEFORD, DEVON.

A new bell has been hung in the tower of St. Luke's church, cast by Warner and Sons, of London. The Hon. Mark Rolle very kindly gave the oak required for the frame, etc., and the bell was hung by the well known bell-hanger, Mr. Stokes, of Woodqury. Praise is due to Miss Honlock, who, without assistance, collected sufficient money to defray the whole cost.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE bells in this tower have been lately overhauled, and some defects in their gear remedied, by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of Cripplegate, E.C., and it may be hoped that such an accident as prevented the completion of a peal on Whit-Monday last, will not occur again. It is satisfactory to learn that ringing has taken a fresh start in this parish under the superintendence of the new vicar, the Rev. T. L. Papiillon. A set of handbells has been procured by subscription among the resident gentry, and the ringers intend shortly to begin mastering the art of change-ringing, an art which ought never to have died out in a parish which possesses as fine a ring of bells as any in Essex.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth, on Monday, July 13th. Members who intend to be present are requested to send their names to the local secretaries of their bands, who will be informed as soon as possible of the arrangements for dinner and railway fares. The following towers will be open for ringing, viz.; Sawbridgeworth, 8 bells; Bishops Stortford, 10; Harlow, 8.

W. WIGRAM, *General Secretary*.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, July 4th. Tea will be provided in Christ Church schools at five o'clock, tickets 1s. each. The meeting will be held at six o'clock, the Rev. Canon Clarke will preside. All members and friends intending to be present kindly communicate to the Secretaries, or Mr. Hill, Southport, not later than Wednesday next. Train leaves Victoria, Manchester (No. 5 platform) at 2 p.m. Return fare 2s. 6d.

A. E. HOLME, } *Hon. Secs.*
JOEL REDFORD, }

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of this Association will be held at Long Eaton, on Saturday, July 4th, 1885. Members and friends will please take their tickets to Trent Junction on the Midland Railway, from which place Long Eaton is only fifteen minutes' walk.

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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."

LIST OF RINGS IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

SIR,—I think your correspondent, Mr. Rees, requested that any omission or error in his lists now appearing in "THE BELL NEWS" should be corrected. Thornham has only 5 bells, and Woodchester is not in Suffolk. Having compiled a list of the Suffolk rings some years ago from "White's Gazetteer," I supply the following twenty-nine rings of six omitted by Mr. Rees.

	No.	cwt.	
Bardwell.	6	12	Good tenor.
Gt. Barton.	6		
Benhall.	6		
Brandon.	6	9	
Cockfield.	6		
Cratfield.	6		Heavy, high repute.
Dennington.	6		
Drinkstone.	6		Two or three cracked
Felsham.	6		
Gazely.	6		
Hinderday.	6	11	Good peal.
Hopton.	6		
Ipswich S. Mary-at-Elms	6		
" S. Mary at Quay.	6		
" S. Peter.	6		
Mendham.	6		
Nayland.	6		
Playford.	6		
Stanstead.	6		
Thetford St. Mary.	6		
Tunstall.	6		
Gt. Waldingfield.	6		
Walsham-le-willows.	6	14	5th & tenor cracked.
West Stow.	6		
Wickham Sheath.	6	11	Good tenor.
Wingfield.	6		
Woolpit.	6	9	Made up out of old 5.
Worlingworth.	6		
Yoxford.	6		

Should this list be imperfect or at fault, I shall be glad to see some of your Suffolk correspondents supply corrections or omissions. I give the contents of a tablet hanging in the belfry at Gisingham recording a 10,080.

"18 + 22. On the 6th of April, 10,080 changes of Grandsire Bob, in 6 hrs. and 35 mins., by William Selsby, treble, James Munns, 2nd, James Warner, 3rd, Thomas Goldson, 4th, and completed the peal, William Munns, 5th, Thomas Selsby, tenor."

The tenor of this peal is an exceedingly fine bell, and will compare favourably with the Lavenham tenor. The whole ring surpasses anything I have ever heard in the way of six bell music.

Stockton-on-Tees.

G. J. CLARKSON.

THE PEAL OF BOB MAJOR AT WEST MALLING, KENT.

SIR,—In your last issue you published a peal of 5600 Bob Major, rung in 3 hrs. 28 mins. Now Sir, it happened to be my good fortune to hear the whole of this said so-called peal, from beginning to end, and worse so-called peal-ringing I never heard before. After hauling the ropes for about one hour, there was complete firing for about three treble leads, and notwithstanding my utmost efforts to take off the course-ends, found it utterly impossible in consequence of the bad ringing, to do so. Now I should feel very much obliged if the conductor or any of the band would forward the composition of this peal to you to publish, as I have protested against this performance being booked in the Kent County Association's peal-book. I may add that I protested against the peal to the ringers at the meeting-house shortly after they came out of the tower.

F. G. NEWMAN.

Member of the Committee of Examiners of the Kent County Association.

THE JOHNSON TESTIMONIAL.

SIR,—In perusing "THE BELL NEWS" of June 13th, I was glad to read your remarks on the above subject, and that your opinion of Mr. Johnson's services and abilities as a ringer ought not to pass by unrecognized. He has been a hard worker for over sixty years for the improvement of ringing, and has spent thousands of hours to advance the science to its present state of perfection. He is what we may term a good all-round man, as a ringer, conductor, and an excellent composer. During the last twelve months he has not been able to ring

very much, but nevertheless he attends very nearly all the meetings at St. Martin's, and occasionally adjourns with the company to their headquarters in Moor Street, where our veteran friend is always well received by the landlord, Mr. Redgate, with the welcome words, "How are you, dad." And there you may pass a comfortable hour away, listening to him give his advice, and tell his numerous anecdotes connected with ringing. It has been my privilege to be personally acquainted with our friend a good number of years, and I am glad of this opportunity in stating, through your journal, that the uniform courtesy that I have received at the hands of Mr. Johnson and other members of the St. Martin's company has been of such a nature that I shall always feel grateful. I don't wish to offer a decided opinion as to what the testimonial should consist of, but I have great authority in stating that Mr. Johnson would not care to accept of anything in a monetary sense. Talking the matter over the other day with some of my friends at Coventry, the idea suggested itself that a portrait of the worthy veteran would be acceptable, and no doubt would be gratifying to other members of his family. Should a portrait be decided upon, I venture to suggest that a number of smaller copies be taken from the original, and each subscriber be presented with one. I hope the movement will be taken up, which I don't doubt but what it will, and at the same time I should like to hear the opinion of others who may be interested in the object.

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In Memoriam.

URIAH WOODMAN.

WE regret to record the death of Mr. Uriah Woodman, of Trowbridge, who was, we believe, the only composer of which the county of Wilts could boast. Deceased had been confined to his bed during the past five years with paralysis, and died on Friday, the 19th inst, at the age of 66 years. He was interred in Holy Trinity churchyard, on Monday, June 22nd, amid a large concourse of people. After the funeral several muffled touches of Grandsire Triples were rung at St. James's church, by Messrs. Alley, Hayward, McCaffrey, and Cooper, of Trowbridge, and Messrs. Gifford, Blackburn, Jerram, and Clements, of Salisbury. The above company are the same who rang the late Mr. Woodman's 1960 for the first time last December. It was intended on this occasion to have rung a 1260 of the deceased's composition, but it unluckily came to grief through the treble rope breaking, and as the Salisbury men had to catch the train there was not time to start again. Until within a short time before his death, Mr. Woodman was accustomed to occupy his time in composing touches of Triples. Although confined to his bed he had the use of his hands, and was able to write to within a few weeks of his death.

THE RECENT ACCIDENT TO A RINGING PARTY.

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C. Lee ...	1	0	A. B. Goody ...	5	0
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Further donations, however small, are urgently solicited. Mr. Matthew Wood, 11 Church Row, Bethnal Green, London, will be happy to give any further information, and will thankfully acknowledge any sums forwarded to him.

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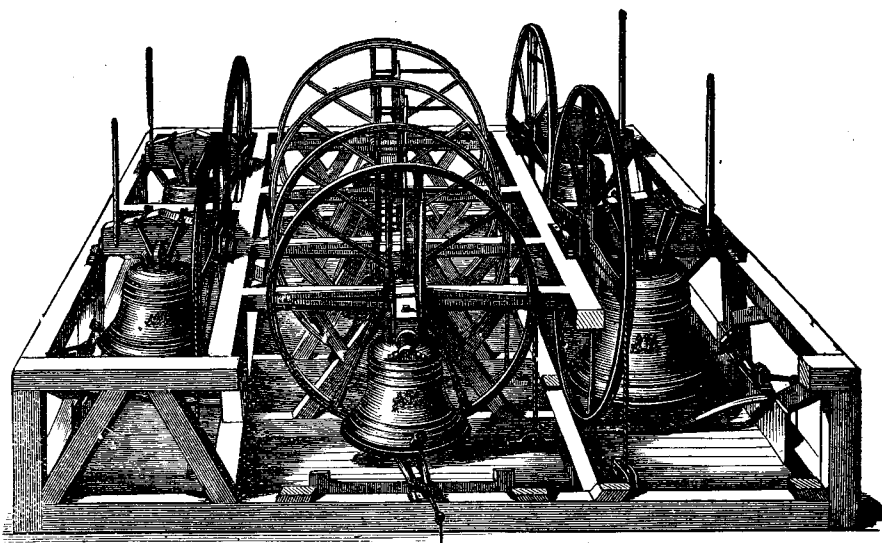
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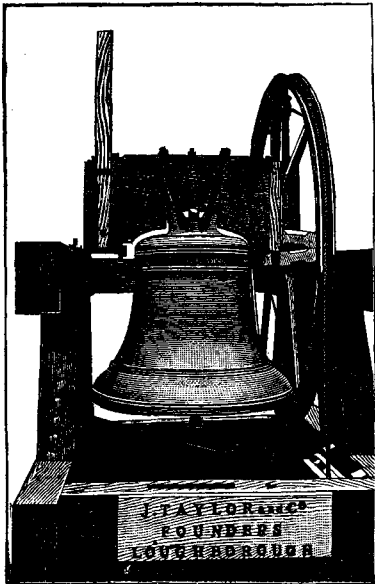
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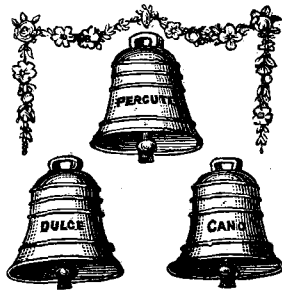
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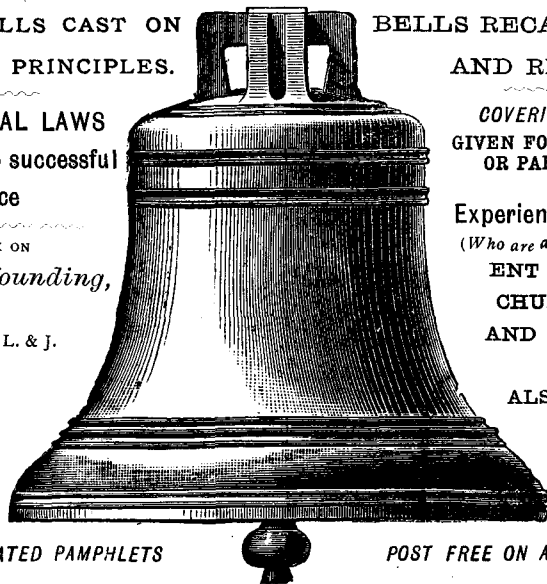
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