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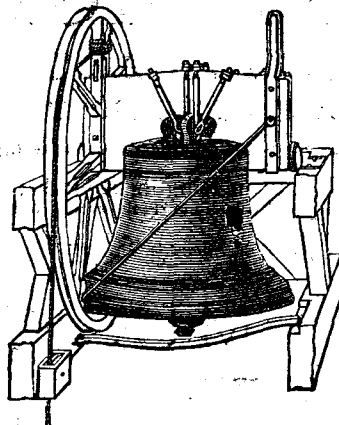
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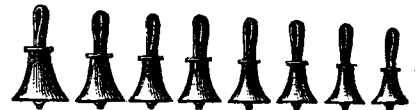
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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

ON Saturday, November 21st, eight members of this Society assembled at Charing Cross Station, for the purpose of endeavouring to accomplish a peal on the beautiful ring of eight, at St. Barnabas church, Ranmore Common, near Dorking, Surrey, which, by the kind intercession of Canon Erskine Clarke, of Battersea, was opened to them by the clergyman in charge.

Starting from London at 1 o'clock, the party reached Dorking about 2.30, and after a survey of the surrounding scenery, and necessary refreshment to invigorate the body and the feelings, started off at a good pace for the church, about one mile and a half distant, the order in which the members took and made their places reminding us at once of Treble Bob, as the heavy weights went off to lead, and in spite of all remonstrances from the conductor, continued to do so, until the work began to tell about the middle of the course, when changing the method to Stedman, the light weights worked to the front, done slow and quick work alternately, leaving the ponderous metal dodging about behind, when the church was suddenly reached and a most hearty welcome was offered to the ringers by the worthy Vicar, the Rev. H. Waddington, who in a few words informed the party that it was quite a privilege for them to be allowed to ring in his church, as he made it a rule to refuse peal-ringers in general, but owing to his existing friendship with the vicar of Battersea, he could not deny them their request to ring in his tower. After looking round the beautiful church, which somewhat resembled a miniature cathedral, the party were conducted to the belfry by the vicar, and after expressing his good wishes for their success in the undertaking before them, bid them adieu for the present, and locked the door behind them. If the members had every reason to be pleased with their reception, what could be more genial to their feelings than to find a really tuneful peal of eight in good going order, and a commodious chamber wherein to try their luck.

After a few preliminary rounds, which fell melodiously upon the ear, "go" was called by the conductor, Mr. A. H. Gardom, and after three hours and seven minutes' ringing, in which the striking was superb, Hollis's five-part peal of Grandsire Triples was brought to a conclusion, and the pure air of the country was again sought. They were met at the door by the Vicar, who congratulated the band upon their success, and expressed himself highly pleased with the performance, which he thought of great merit, having been a listener best part of the time. Bidding the ringers a cordial farewell, and providing by his generosity a substantial repast later in the evening for their benefit, the hilly road was again sought, and once more might be seen this happy peal band, sometimes leading, dodging, or coming down together in high spirits, which might have been caused by their successful performance, the invigorating air, or the happy state of mind which sometimes pervades the system. After partaking of the refreshment before mentioned, steps were made to the station, and a comfortable journey to London ensued; and the members take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. H. Waddington for his cordial reception and generosity, and congratulate him upon possessing such a fine ring of bells, and keeping them in such good order.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of this Association was held at St. Mary's Church, Cardington, near Bedford, on Saturday, November 21st, which was fairly attended by members from Bedford, Biddenham, Bromham, Elstow and Kempston; and Messrs. Allen and Hare of the Hitchin Society. Ringing commenced on the ring of eight bells, tenor about 20 cwt., at 3 p.m., when the following touches were brought round: 350, 308, 168 of Grandsire Triples; 252 of Bob Triples; 210 Union Triples, 336 of Bob Major, and a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major. After falling the bells in peal, the ringers were kindly invited by the vicar, the Rev. E. J. Hillier, to the vicarage to tea, and after doing justice to the good things provided, they rang a touch of 168 of Grandsire Triples, on the handbells, which gave great satisfaction. And also thanking the vicar for the use of the bells, and the kind and courteous manner in which he always receives them.

SUDDEN DEATH AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

WE regret to record the very sudden death of Mr. Thomas Cooper, of Loughborough, who suddenly died in his workshop on Saturday, November 14th. Mr. Cooper had been for many years a member of the Midland Counties' Association, and was a regular attendant at the practices at All Saints' church, Loughborough. On Tuesday, the day of the funeral, his brother ringers attempted a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after an hour, owing to one of the buffs becoming loose. A. Cresser, 1; W. T. Billinghurst, 2; C. Smith, 3; J. W. Taylor, sen., Esq., 4; S. Smith, 5; E. D. Taylor, Esq., 6; J. W. Taylor, jun., Esq. (conductor), 7; E. Wightman, 8. The above are all regular employed at the bellfoundry, where Mr. Cooper was well known, and a frequent visitor, having all the painting of the premises for many years entrusted to his hands.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ON Saturday, November 21st, a Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. W. O. Parker Ford, in the Lax Lane School, Bewdley, when the Master, Mr. S. Spittle, presided, and was supported by the Rev. —. Davies, curate, Bewdley, Messrs. E. Crump (treasurer), and Owen and Smith, secretaries. The chairman, in opening the proceedings, referred to the address which was to be handed over to Mrs. W. Duffill, widow of the late treasurer, remarking that the Association had lost in him the originator of the above society, and hoped that the family would accept the address as a mark of the respect in which he was held by all members of the Association. Mr. E. Crump, on receiving the same, thanked the society on behalf of the widow and family, for the same, and had it not been for unforeseen circumstances, some members of the family would have been there that day to have received it. The address was beautifully engrossed and mounted in an Oxford oak frame, and signed on behalf of the committee of the Association by the Master and Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a rule for good behaviour, etc., in the belfries, having been received by the secretary, Mr. J. Smith, from the Rev. W. R. Carr, Vicar of St. John's, Worcester, who was unavoidably prevented from attending, was taken into consideration, and it was thought advisable to let the matter lie over till the Annual Meeting, and that each society in union should present a copy of rules for their guidance and submit the same for consideration at that meeting. This being the whole of the business of importance, the chairman said, he could not go away from that meeting without saying a few words about the sad news which "THE BELL NEWS" of to day contained, viz., the death of Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon. In him who had been taken from us so suddenly, we had lost one of the brightest, if not the brightest light that ever shone in the ringing world. He whose name had become so well known to us, not only as a ringer and composer, but by his well written articles from time to time on so many questions belonging to the Exercise, was now no more, and the loss the ringing world had sustained by his death, was irreparable, both at home and abroad. His sudden decease in the prime of manhood was a warning to us, and brought home to all of us, that in the midst of life we are in death. In conclusion, he would move that the secretary be instructed to forward a letter of condolence from the Worcester Diocesan Association to the relatives of the deceased gentleman. The usual vote of thanks were passed to the chairman for presiding, also to the Rev. W. O. Parker Ford for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and the Rev. —. Davies for his presence at the meeting. The rev. gentleman, in the absence of the Vicar, thanked the members for the kind manner in which they had spoken of his Vicar and himself, and said that he would bring the matter and objects of the Association before his Vicar, Churchwardens, and sidesmen, and he had no doubt that the same would be taken into consideration and the ringers induced to join the Association. Owing to the late arrival of members, no ringing of any account was done, although there is a splendid peal of eight bells, but the go of the same is not what one would wish for. The next meeting will take place at Netherton on the third Saturday in January, 1886.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE DRAYTON SOCIETY, OXFORDSHIRE.

ON Tuesday, November 17th, 1885, the above Society visited Drayton, Berks, with the express purpose of ringing a peal of Stedman Triples on the sweet little peal of eight in the church tower, which was completed in good style in 2 hrs. 55 mins. The striking throughout was remarkable for such a young band, for as everyone must admit there is nothing so hard to accomplish a peal in, on seven bells, as Triples on Stedman's Principle, at least very few methods on any number prove more difficult to achieve. Now perhaps it may be interesting to know that this band of ringers, with the exception of Mr. Washbrook and Mr. Betteridge, are all farm labourers working for Mr. Betteridge, neither of which could, twelve months ago, ring a bell at all, and if merit is to meet its due reward, it must be admitted a remarkable feat on the part of Mr. Betteridge and his men, and may be said to be the first peal rung by such a band in such little time. A record of this peal appeared in our last number.

OPENING OF NEW BELLS AT CONSETT, DURHAM.

THE LORD BISHOP of Durham has fixed Wednesday, December 9th, for the dedication of the new ring of six bells in Consett Church. Members of the Durham and Newcastle Association and their friends who are competent six bell change-ringers are invited to attend, for whom a dinner will be provided at the "Queen's Head Hotel," at 1.30; service in the church at 3.30. Ringers intending to dine are requested to send in their names to the Rev. F. Steggall, Vicar of Consett, not later than Monday, December 7th.

The Provinces.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 17, 1885, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES: IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following—

Grandsire Minor; Duke of York; New London Pleasure; Woodbine; Violet; Kent; and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ROBERT J. KITTLE Treble.	JAMES ORFORD 4.
GEORGE RUDD 2.	HENRY ORFORD 5.
JOHN ORFORD 3.	ROBERT WILSON Tenor.

Conducted by R. J. KITTLE.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 19, 1885, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

FREDERICK WEBB Treble.	EDMUND HOLIFIELD 5.
WILLIAM BENNETT 2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 6.
BENJAMIN BARRETT 3.	FREDERICK WHITE 7.
JESSE AVERY 4.	STEDMAN WHITE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

This peal contains 208 bobs and 2 singles, and is supposed to be the second peal ever rung in this method.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 19, 1885, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED TUCKER* Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 6.
JASPER G. CRAWLEY* 2.	HERBERT BAKER 7.
MATTHEW ELLSMORE* 3.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE 8.
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES† 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER 9.
NEWMAN N. HILLS 5.	*JOSEPH SAMPFORD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, sen., and Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

This is the first peal rung on the ten since 1830, the last being 6156 of Grandsire Caters, by a Bishop Stortford band. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. * First peal on ten bells.

RANMORE, DORKING, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 21, 1885, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S 5-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

W. COPPAGE Treble.	H. S. THOMAS 5.
A. H. GARDOM 2.	W. BARON 6.
C. E. MALIM 3.	H. DAINS 7.
A. G. THOMAS 4.	J. MANSFIELD Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. GARDOM.

TUE BROOK (NEAR LIVERPOOL), LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, November 21, 1885, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 20 cwt. in G.

RICHARD S. MANN Treble.	GEORGE FISHER 5.
JOHN R. PRITCHARD 2.	WILLIAM DAVIES 6.
JOHN BROWN 3.	THOMAS HAMMOND 7.
WILLIAM JAMES 4.	WILLIAM BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS HAMMOND.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BARKING.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1885, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ACKLAND J. PERKINS Treble.	ALFRED PYE 5.
ARTHUR PORTER 2.	YORK GREEN 6.
GEORGE F. PEARL* 3.	HARRY RANDALL 7.
ROBERT SEWELL 4.	WILLIAM DORAN Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

* First peal in the method. This is a 1-part peal in fifteen courses, and has the 6th eleven times wrong and right, and is now rung for the first time. Published in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 28th, 1885. Messrs. Randall, Pearl, Green, and Doran hail from West Ham; Messrs. Pye and Porter from Little Heath; A. J. Perkins from Romford; and R. Sewell belongs to Barking. The steeple-keeper of Barking was not aware of the death of Mr. Snowdon, or the bells would have been buffed. It is intended to erect two peal-boards to record the last two peals on these bells.

WHITEFIELD, LANCASHIRE.

On Sunday, November 22, 1885, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, STAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S 10-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

FRED RUDMAN Treble.	WILLIAM HILTON 5.
JAMES GRATRIX 2.	WILLIAM WARBURTON 6.
ARTHUR BARRETT 3.	FRED MORRIS 7.
JOHN MORRIS 4.	JOSEPH BRADSHAW Tenor.

Conducted by FRED RUDMAN.

J. Gratrix hails from Manchester; W. Wilton, W. Warburton and J. Bradshaw are of the local company; the rest hail from Radcliff.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, November 12th, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles), in 26 mins. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; J. Atkins, 2; T. Foote, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; W. Hall, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke, 1; C. West, 2; T. Foote, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; *W. Hall (conductor), 6. Also 180 of Bob Minor (three bobs). C. Pass, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. West, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; W. Hall, 6. Hand-bell Ringing.—On Monday, November 16th, for practice, a 120 of Violet Treble Bob Minor. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. West, 2; T. Foote, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Hall, 6. First in the method by all. Also 210 of Union Triples. J. Spencer, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; T. Foote, 3; W. Hall, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Frossell, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Keech, 8. First touch in the method by all. *First 720 in the method as conductor. Also on Thursday, November 19th, for practice, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25½ mins. F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; J. Atkins, 3; I. Hills, 4; J. Frossell, 5; W. Hall, 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells by all except the conductor. Tenor 8 cwt.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION.

STONHAM ASPAL (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, November 14th, eight members of the above Association attempted Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing two leads past the half-way single, in 1 hr. 40 mins., a shift-course occurred, and the conductor called "stand." A. S. Wightman, 1; W. Dye (conductor), 2; F. Knights, 3; R. Wright, 4; W. Whiting, 5; H. English, 6; G. Perry, 7; H. Pepper, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. R. Wright hails from Eye, and H. English from Coddendam.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON.—On Sunday, November 15th, before morning service, five members of St. Andrew's society, assisted by Mr. W. Micklewright, of Dudley, rang a date touch, 1885 changes, in the following methods: 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob, and 445 Grandsire Minor, in 1 hr. 8 mins. R. Round, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; M. J. Robinson, 4; W. Micklewright (conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6. The above touch was rung on the occasion of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman W. E. Walker, and the Corporation, attending Divine Service, this being the first visit ever made by the Mayor and Corporation of Dudley to the above church. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BRIGHOUSE (Yorkshire).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Tuesday, November 3rd, six members of the West Riding of Yorkshire Association rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. Robnett, aged 39 years, who rang his farewell touch at Brighouse, August 14th, 1884, for Harrogate, in 28 mins. F. Crossley, 1; C. Nield, 2; W. F. Prince (conductor), 3; G. Lawton, 4; J. F. Pearson, 5; J. Cockroft, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BENGO (Herts).—On Sunday, November 15th, at Holy Trinity church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. T. Barker, 1; W. Childs (first 720 on a bob bell), 2; W. Bennett, 3; J. Channer, 4; J. Pomfret, 5; H. Phillips (conductor), 6.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Saturday evening, November 21st, at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor, by the local band, and 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor, in 26 mins. *B. Trendell, 1; R. Jordan, 2; G. Williams, 3; J. W. Whiting, 4; C. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. *J. W. Whiting, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Moses, 3; G. Williams, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. The brothers Jordan hail from Capel; Messrs. Williams and Moses from Reigate; J. W. Whiting from Fareham; Trendell is of the local band. Tenor 13 cwt.

DARESBURY (Cheshire).—On Tuesday evening, November 10th, the local company rang a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in about 27 mins. T. Houghton (conductor), 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; E. de Prez, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ENFIELD (Middlesex).—On Saturday, November 7th, at the new church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. R. Goodchild, 1; G. Bower, 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; J. Waghorn, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 6. And a 360 in the same method, at the old church, with Mr. Lucas at the tenor.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 8th, at St. Stephen's church, for Divine Service in the morning, seven members of the local company, assisted by Messrs. J. Coomb, G. Grey, and G. Griffin, rang a 504 of Grandsire Caters. S. Clarke, 1; B. Foskett, 2; E. Chapman, 3; J. Coomb, 4; G. Griffin, 5; C. Deal, 6; G. Gray, 7; N. Alderman, 8; G. Newson (conductor), 9; W. Arscott, 10. And for Divine Service in the evening the same touch was again rang, in which M. J. Wood, of Kenninghall rang the 8th; H. Tyler, 5; W. Pryor, 7; the others standing as before. On Tuesday evening, for practice, a quarter-peal (1259 changes) of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. S. Clarke, 1; B. Foskett, 2; B. Paine, 3; E. Chapman, 4; H. Tyler, 5; C. Deal, 6; W. Pryor, 7; N. Alderman, 8; G. Newson (composer and conductor), 9; W. Arscott, 10. This is the first quarter-peal of Caters by the above company.

HIGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, November 14th, at the parish church, the local company rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with nine bobs and six singles. G. Winny, 1; J. Levitt, 2; W. Ranson, 3; W. Smith (conductor), 4; J. W. Smith, 5; C. Ablitt, 6. In the course of the ringing a mixed company met outside, and afterwards rang a 360 College Single. G. C. Scowen, 1; W. Smith (conductor), 2; J. Stirling, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; J. Taylor, 5; W. J. Nevard, 6. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Levitt, 2; J. Stirling, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; J. Taylor, 5; W. J. Nevard, 6. A 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Smith (conductor), 1; G. C. Scowen, 2; J. Scowen, 3; W. Nevard, 4; J. Taylor, 5; J. W. Smith, 6. A course of Double Norwich Court and a course of Grandsire Minor. G. C. Scowen, 1; W. Smith, 2; J. Stirling, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; J. Taylor, 5; W. J. Nevard, 6. The company afterwards returned to the meeting house, the "King's Head Inn," kept by the worthy host, Mr. S. Wynkle, and rang a course of Treble Bob Major, a course of Bob Major, and a course of Grandsire Triples, in which Messrs. W. Smith, J. Smith, J. Taylor, J. Stirling, W. J. Nevard, G. C. Scowen, and J. Scowen took part. There was also a quantity of tunes played by Messrs. Nevard and Smith. This being done, it was time to close, and the company parted to go home, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed himself. Messrs. G. C. and J. Scowen, J. Taylor, J. Stirling, W. J. Nevard, W. Smith, and C. Ablitt, belong to the Essex Association. G. C. and J. Scowen hail from Hadleigh, J. Taylor, J. Stirling, from Great Bromley, W. J. Nevard, from Great Bentley; the rest are local men.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Monday, November 9th, for practice at St. Mary's Church, a 630 of Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; F. C. Moule, 3; A. Squires, 4; J. Hare (conductor), 5; S. Hare, 6; W. Allen, 7; J. Foster, 8. Also a 336 conducted by W. Allen, standing as before. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

LEICESTER.—On Saturday, November 14th, at S. Saviour's, a quarter, peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 52 mins. J. Buttery, 1; W. A. Clayton, 2; J. Wilson, 3; J. Walton, 4; J. Needham, 5; J. Marlow, 6; T. Wilson (conductor), 7; C. Biddles, 8. Tenor 27 cwt. in E. J. Wilson hails from Spalding, the rest are members of the Midland Counties' Association, Leicester Branch.

LIGHTCLIFFE (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, October 31st, six members of the West Riding of Yorkshire Association rang, at the Congregational church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), in 26 mins. F. Crossley, 1; J. Shuter, 2; C. Nield, 3; G. Lawton, 4; J. F. Pearson, 5; W. F. Prince (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. Shuter belongs to Lightcliff, the rest hail from Brighouse.

LIVERPOOL.—On Thursday, November 19th, at St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, but unfortunately after ringing 3120 changes, in 2 hrs. and 5 mins., it came to grief through the breaking of the fourth rope. Richard Williams, 1; John R. Pritchard, 2; William Woodhead, 3; Charles Williams, 4; John Brown, 5; William Brown, 6; William Davies, 7; James Egerton, 8; Thomas Hammond, 9; Robert Williams (composer and conductor), 10.

LONDON.—*Muffled Peal*.—On Saturday, November 14th, at St. Mary's, Stoke Newington, by the local ringers, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. James Fish, who held the position of steeplekeeper for thirty-seven years. T. Litten, 1; G. Kennedy (conductor), 2; W. C. Waterman, 3; H. May, 4; W. H. Spencer, 5; T. Muaro, 6. Tenor 7½ cwt.

LOWER HARDRES (Kent).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, November 14th, two 360's of Grandsire Minor. A. Brine, Esq., (conductor), 1-2; Miss E. Brine, 3; Miss M. Brine, 4; Miss Brine, 5; Miss L. Brine, 6.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Friday evening, November 6th, at the parish church, eighteen score of Plain Bob. R. Keeble (conductor), 1; R. Bedingfield, 2; J. Biggs, 3; J. Taylor, 4; C. Parker, 5; A. Long, 6. Also a 504 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Green, 1; R. Bedingfield, 2; J. Biggs, 3; J. Taylor, 4; C. Parker, 5; A. Long, 6. And on Sunday evening, November 8th, after Divine Service, 1440 changes in 55 mins., in the following methods: 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and 720 Plain Bob Minor. R. Keeble (conductor), 1; R. Bedingfield, 2; W. Green, 3; J. Biggs, 4; C. Parker, 5; A. Keeble, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. R. Bedingfield hails from Brandeston, the rest are local men.

RHYL (Flint). On Tuesday, November 10th, at St. Thomas's Church, the local company rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with the tenor behind. J. Jones, 1; F. Hordley, 2; J. P. Powell, 3; J. Vaughan, 4; F. Wallis, 5; F. J. Gamlin (conductor), 6; F. Holman, 7. This 720 contains two singles and thirty-four bobs, and is the first 720 rang by this society.

RUDGWICK (Sussex).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Sunday, November 15th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in token of respect to the late Mr. James Taite. Michael Stanford, 1; William Short, 2; William Lanaway, 3; George Jenkins, 4; John Cooper, 5; John King (conductor), 6. Messrs. Cooper and Lanaway hail from Slnfold; Short from Wareham.

SONNING (Berks).—On Saturday, November 14th, the parochial ringers, with the assistance of Messrs. Willshire and Williams, of St. Laurence, Reading, rang a funeral peal, on the whole pull and stand principle, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. James Sadler, who died at the age of 70, and was buried in the afternoon, and who held the office of parish clerk for thirty-three years. W. J. Williams, 1; T. Russell, 2; G. Wright, 3; H. Belcher, 4; G. Payne, 5; F. Payne, 6; J. Ford, 7; J. E. Willshire, 8.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 8th, for morning service at All Hallows church, a 447 of Grandsire Triples. T. C. Grove, 1; G. Bower, 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; J. Langran, 4; W. Pye English, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 7; A native of Hadley, 8. And for evening service, a 560 of Bob Major. T. C. Grove, 1; J. Langran, 2; G. Bower, 3; J. Waghorn (conductor) 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; J. Waghorn, sen., 6; H. A. Barnett, 7; W. Pye English, 8. And a 448 of Grandsire Triples. H. Scarlett, 1; J. Hinton, 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; G. Bower, 4; W. Pye English, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 7; R. Elliott, 8. And after service, a 960 of Grandsire Major. G. Bower, 1; J. Hinton, 2; H. Scarlett, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 7; W. Pye English, 8. Mr. J. Hinton hails from Worcester; he is totally deaf, and it is astonishing how well he rings.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Saturday, November 21st, at the parish church, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Fredk. Rice, one of the local ringers, the following 720s of Minor were rung during the day: 720 Plain Bob, 720 Court Bob, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, 720 College Single Bob, 720 Oxford Bob, and 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles). The ringers were: W. Denman, G. Ilman, B. Paine, W. Short, F. Streeter, E. Streeter, and H. Burstow. H. Burstow rung the 6th, and conducted the Oxford and Court Bob; the others were conducted by Edward Streeter.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1885.

THE decease of Mr. JASPER SNOWDON has called forth a spontaneous effusion of grief, which is general among the whole ringing community. Almost every performance which we record this week—at any rate, those rung since the sad event became known—have the usual mournful accompaniment. The very bells themselves seem to tell us that by their subdued tones they mourn for the loved one departed. And as we write, fresh correspondence, teeming with expressions of grief, is coming to hand from all parts of the country.

The very kind sentiments sent to us by many of our kind readers, relative to the manner in which, in our last issue, we discharged our painful duty—a duty carried out under as distressing circumstances as it is our lot to remember—lead us to believe that our friends will need no apology from us if their communications should be delayed for a week or two longer. To publish the record of every tribute paid to the memory of our deceased friend, we should require this paper to be about four times its present size. Never have we received such a quantity of ringing news as we have this week. We therefore hope our kind readers will extend to us their continued forbearance. Everything shall appear in due course. As will be seen, we have again divided the performances, those following these lines being the muffled peals and touches, and those on a previous page being of the ordinary character. We think this arrangement will commend itself to our readers.

In Memoriam.

JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON.

THE passing away of Mr. Jasper Snowdon, in the prime of life and manhood, has left a void which will be felt, and which it will be extremely difficult to fill, if it ever should be filled. A double share of sadness at his loss must needs be the lot of those who knew him well; but even with those who, like myself, had corresponded with him, but never grasped his hand, the sense of sorrow and regret at his decease is extreme. And, more than this, no ringer who has read Mr. Snowdon's books, will be insensible to the grief we feel; for such will be sure to realise with us that they have indeed lost a friend. In the ringing world he loved so much, Mr. Snowdon was "a tower of strength." Devoted as he was to the practice of the change-ringer's art, he was not satisfied with that, but threw himself with all his

energy and ability into the science thereof; and in a short space of time acquired such a knowledge and proficiency in those branches of the subject, which up to his time shrouded in a veil of obscurity, were the privilege of few, as to become an acknowledged master of the science. It was here that his strength lay; for not only was his own knowledge rapidly acquired, but he had a most happy knack of imparting it to others, his various works on the subject of change-ringing, being not only text-books possessing in the highest degree technical excellence, but being readable as well. These books have been of inestimable value to the Exercise; and it is not too much to say that most of those who during the past few years have taken up the study of change-ringing, owe the greater part of their present knowledge to Mr. Snowdon—knowledge which, but for his aid, save in few cases, they would not have had either leisure or patience to work out for themselves. Panegyric on Mr. Snowdon's character and social virtues, will doubtless not be wanting from those who had the happiness of his personal friendship. It is my object in writing this simply to place on record the high sense entertained by the Exercise at large, of the value of Mr. Snowdon himself and his work to the cause with, which during the last fifteen years of his life he had so thoroughly identified himself. All ringers will I am sure join me in the expression of deep condolence and heartfelt sympathy with his more intimate friends and relatives, in the sorrow that has befallen them—a sorrow which we all sincerely share. While we bow with Christian submission to the blow that has come upon us, we cannot repress the sigh of regret that a life so precious in our eyes, should, in the mysterious Providence of God, have been taken thus early from the earth. With thoughts of sadness at our loss will mingle in the minds of many of us reflections of the debt we owe to the memory of Jasper Snowdon. Many, I doubt not, will be the voices crying out for the raising up of some fitting memorial of one whom we can see and hear no more. And I would venture to suggest for the consideration of the Exercise, the organisation of a fund, to be called the "Jasper Snowdon Benevolent Fund," for the assistance and support of aged and infirm ringers throughout the country. Could anything be more fitting, better calculated to do honour to the memory of Jasper Snowdon, or more in harmony with what we may be sure would have been his own views were he still alive? After giving some thought to the subject, I cannot see any insuperable difficulty in the way of organising such a fund, provided it meets with general support. Very little more than a merely nominal contribution yearly from every ringer in the kingdom would place the fund on a strong foundation, and enable it to begin its benevolent work at once. If this suggestion should meet with approval, I shall be prepared in a future paper to submit a detailed sketch of the constitution of the fund, which would form a basis for discussion and action. It has also occurred to me as an idea worth consideration, whether such a benevolent fund might not furnish the means of accomplishing the National Association of which we have heard so much. The two, I think, might very well go together; for whether the National Association included the work of the Benevolent Fund, or the Benevolent Fund embodied the National Association, would be a matter of not great importance. The objects of both, it seems to me, would be capable of being concurrently pursued under one name. This, however, is only a suggestion thrown out. In any case I submit the Benevolent Fund as the most fitting, useful, and permanent means which the Exercise can adopt for commemorating the name and fame of Jasper Snowdon. H. EARLE BULWER.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

I have to convey to the Exercise at large, the above society's deep sense of feeling in the loss sustained by the death of Jasper W. Snowdon, Esq., and to give notice to members that the bells of St. Martin's in-the-Fields will be rung for practice half-muffled, as a token of deep respect to the memory of the deceased gentleman. Personally, I cannot find words to express my feelings. I have been for some twelve years in a friendly correspondence, and upon a subject of such mutual interest, that by a discontinuance shall I realize my loss.

H. DAINS, Hon. Sec.

The Hon. Sec. of the Durham and Newcastle Association, Mr. G. J. Clarkson, has addressed the following letter to Wm. Snowdon, Esq.

"DEAR MR. SNOWDON,—It is in accordance with my own feelings, at the express wish of our President, and with the desire of our members, that I write to express our deep sense of the irreparable loss that ringers and the ringing science has sustained in the premature death of Mr. Jasper Snowdon. I yield to few in my devotion to the noble art of change-ringing, and may fairly claim to have given much time to further its interests, but I must confess I should shrink from the immense and persistent labour with which your late brother has worked up an enormous mass of records, mostly in manuscript, in a very chaotic condition, and not easily accessible, into pleasant and instructive reading. As a tribute to his memory, our bells will be rung muffled at the usual practice to night."

[The peals and touches following were all rung with the bells muffled as tributes of the respect and affection in which the late Mr. Snewood was held by the performers. We have therefore, in publishing them, not alluded to that fact, because we consider this notification sufficient. The continual repetition of the words "muffled peal" is therefore avoided, because it would become tiresome, and the plan we have adopted will save a deal of space. We might however, mention, that many of the following records were accompanied by language indicating the depth of sorrow felt by the death of Mr. Saowdon.]

The Metropolis.

STEPNEY, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1885, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT ST. DUNSTAN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt. in Db.

JAMES PETTIT .. .. .	..Treble.	J. MARTIN ROUTH, ESQ... 6.
EDGAR E. CLARK .. .. .	.. 2.	FRANCIS E. DAWE 7.
WILLIAM D. SMITH .. .. .	.. 3.	A. P. HEYWOOD, ESQ. .. 8.
EDWIN HORREX .. .. .	.. 4.	JOHN M. HAYES 9.
JOHN W. ROWBOTHAM .. .. .	.. 5.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ..Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.
The bells were rung deeply muffled on both sides. Mr. Heywood hails from Duffield, Derbyshire.

The Provinces.

HERTFORD.—THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 20, 1885, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.
Tenor 22 cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. .. .	..Treble.	*HENRY J. TUCKER 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. .	.. 2.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 7.
J. MARTIN ROUTH .. .. .	.. 3.	*JASPER G. CRAWLEY .. 8.
NEWMAN N. HILLS* .. .. .	.. 4.	HERBERT BAKER 9.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. .	.. 5.	†FREDERICK GEORGE ..Tenor.

*Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by the REV. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Besides members of the Hertfordshire Association Mr. Routh is Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths; Rev. F. E. Robinson of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the conductor of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. * First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal on ten bells.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1885, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 31 cwt.

HARRY PEARCE* .. .. .	..Treble.	EDWARD ELLIOTT 5.
REUBEN SIMMONDS* .. .. .	.. 2.	ALCHIN MOORCRAFT* .. 6.
GEORGE PAWLEY .. .. .	.. 3.	ALFRED H. WOOLLEY .. 7.
JAMES FERGUSSON .. .. .	.. 4.	GEORGE J. MOORCRAFT ..Tenor.

Conducted by ALCHIN MOORCRAFT.
*College Youths.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 21, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT ST. JAMES'S CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES: IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of each of the following—

Arnold's Victory; City Delight; College Pleasure; New London Pleasure;
Duke of York; Violet; Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

S. LANGSTAFF .. .. .	..Treble.	W. BOLLAND 4.
S. ODDY .. .. .	.. 2.	G. BOLLAND 5.
H. ODDY .. .. .	.. 3.	J. HALEY Tenor.

Conducted by G. BOLLAND.

Langstaff hails from Pudsey; the others are of the local company.

KIRKBURTON, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1885, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5083 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES BARRACLOUGH .. .. .	..Treble.	JOHN STEAD 5.
GEO. CLAY .. .. .	.. 2.	ALLEN WOMERSLEY 6.
A. ARMITAGE .. .. .	.. 3.	T. HAIGH 7.
R. HILL .. .. .	.. 4.	J. PICKERING Tenor.

Composed by W. GOODALL, of Liversedge, and Conducted by J. PICKERING.

Messrs. Barraclough, Clay, Stead, and Haigh hail from Huddersfield; Allen Womersley from Almondbury; the rest from Kirkburton.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1885, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

REV. F. A. H. DU BOULAY Treble.	HARRY HOLIFIELD 5.
THOMAS SHORT 2.	FREDERICK A. CASTLE .. 6.
HARRY SHEARD 3.	WILLIAM SANDELL 7.
HERBERT J. CASTLE 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

The first peal in the method by all. Previous to starting the peal the whole pull and stand was rung.

BRADFORD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE BRADFORD AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 21, 1885, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt.

A. MOULSONTreble.	TOM POLLITT 6.
HY. RAISTRICK* 2.	JAS. ANGUS 7.	
JNO. FISHER 3.	J. H. HARDCASTLE 8.	
ROBERT TUKE 4.	J. B. JENNINGS 9.	
JOS BROADLEY* 5.	*WM. DARBY Tenor.	

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by J. H. HARDCASTLE.

All the above are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, excepting Wm. Darby, who was proposed as a member of the Yorkshire Association before commencing the peal. * First peal on ten bells.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, November 23, 1885, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JOB JOYNESTreble.	SAMUEL REEVES 5.
CHAS. HY. HATTERSLEY .. 2.	JOHN SANDERS 6.	
WILLIAM R. SMALL 3.	FRANK H. JAMES 7.	
THOMAS REYNOLDS 4.	ALFRED THOMAS Tenor.	

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

BIRMINGHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY AND THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 23, 1885, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM BROOKTreble.	*CHARLES CARMELL 6.
JOHN CARTER 2.	JOSEPH ROGERS 7.
JOHN CALLAGHAN* 3.	*BENNETT STEVENS 8.	
THOMAS RUSSAM 4.	*ALBERT HACKLEY 9.	
CHARLES BARNACLE* 5.	THOMAS MILLER Tenor.	

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and was rung in the inverted titum position. * First peal of Caters. This is John Carter's 50th peal.

DERBY.

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

On Monday, November 23, 1885, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN JAGGAR .. .. .Treble.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 6.
ARTHUR BERTRAM WARD.. 2.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 7.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	JOHN HOWE 8.
HARRY C. WOODWARD .. 4.	THOMAS HOLMES 9.
HARRY WAKLEY 5.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. ..Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., and Conducted by
WILLIAM WAKLEY

This peal, which has never been previously performed, is in two parts, and contains the 6th six course-ends home, see Snowdon's "Treble Bob" part ii., p. 102. It was rung with the bells half-muffled by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Knight, J. B. Storer and B. Brindley, Esquires, in memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, Esq., who conducted the last peal of Treble Bob rung in this tower. This is the first peal of Royal on the bells, and the first peal of Royal by all the above with the exception of A. Percival Heywood, Esq.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE ST. BENEDICT'S SOCIETY, WOMBOURN.

On Monday, November 23, 1885, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES UPON SIX BELLS;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob Minor, each called differently.
Tenor about 12½ cwt.

GEORGE DEANS .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM DEVEY 4.
HENRY DEANS 2.	JOSEPH EDWIN CLARIDGE .. 5.
ALBERT LITTLE 3.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT ..Tenor.

Conducted by ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Monday, November 23, 1885, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HARRISON'S 6-PART. Tenor 29¾ cwt. in D.

FREDERICK J. COPE .. ..Treble.	ARTHUR WHITBY 5.
HENRY MEACHAM 2.	RICHARD ANNIS 6.
ARTHUR E. GREENWOOD .. 3.	WILLIAM FEARNYHOUGH .. 7.
JOSEPH KEY.. .. . 4.	EDWIN GALLIMORE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. COPE.

Previous to starting for the peal W. Fearnayhough was made a member of this Association, according to rule.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE LONG EATON SOCIETY.

On Monday, November 23, 1885, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

GEORGE BRADLEY .. ..Treble.	JOHN WARD 4.
ARTHUR WIDDOWSON 2.	WILLIAM GILSON 5.
RICHARD HICKTON† 3.	†JOSEPH BARROW 7.
JOHN C. DICKEN† 4.	*WILLIAM HEXTER .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH BARROW.

This peal was taken from the late Mr. Snowdon's Book of the Union Scholars' p. 45, and was rung for the first time on August 8th, 1749 (conducted by its composer), on the eight smallest bells at St. Martin-in-the-fields. * First peal. † Members of the Yorkshire Association.

The trebles required to make the present ring of six at Tunbridge Wells into a peal of eight, are likely to become an accomplished fact. A few weeks ago, the vicar wrote to the local papers inviting subscriptions for this object, which resulted in a lady promising one bell, and after several weeks, the Rev. H. G. Alington, a gentleman who is learning change-ringing, made another similar appeal, which resulted in another lady promising the other bell. All the bells at this church, with the clock, has been given by ladies.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.—THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.

On Monday, November 23, 1885, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

SAMUEL HARROP.. ..Treble.	*JAMES SELLARS.. .. 5.
JOHN HARROP 2.	JOSEPH MALONEY 6.
WILLIAM HARROP 3.	*SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN. .. 7.
HENRY COOPER 4.	*JOHN PYE, JUN... ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL KNOTT, jun.

* College Youths.

WHITFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, GLOSSOP.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1885, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT ST. JAMES'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL HARROP.. ..Treble.	JAMES SELLARS.. .. 5.
JOHN HARROP 2.	JOSEPH MALONEY 6.
WILLIAM HARROP 3.	SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN. .. 7.
HENRY COOPER 4.	JOHN PYE, JUN... ..Tenor.

Composed by the late WM. HARRISON, and Conducted by
SAMUEL KNOTT, jun.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Wednesday, November 18th, eight members of this Association met at St. James's church and attempted a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing 1296 changes it unfortunately came to grief. G. Brownrigg, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; S. Slingsby, 3; H. Cutter, 4; H. Jenkins, 5; C. Jackson, 6; R. Chaffer, 7; J. W. Stickney (conductor), 8. It being too late to make another attempt at the peal, a start was made for a date touch of Grandsire Triples, which was rung in 1 hr. 17 mins. C. Jackson (composer and conductor), 1; S. Slingsby, 2; G. Brownrigg, 3; H. Cutter, 4; H. Jenkins, 5; T. Stockdale, 6; J. W. Stickney, 7; R. Haire, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 22nd, for Morning Service at St. Paul's Church, the local company, with Messrs. Cheatham and Wilson, of Bradford, and John Haley, of Tong, rang a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1885 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. Thos. Lilley, 1; W. Wilks, sen., 2; Job A. Ross, 3; W. Wilks, jun., 4; J. S. Clark, 5; John Wilson, 6; J. Cheatham (conductor), 7; John Haley, 8.

BRADFIELD (Near Sheffield, Yorks).—On Wednesday, November 18th, at St. Nicholas's church, 1885 changes in the following methods: 325 Woodbine, 360 New London Pleasure, and 600 each of Violet and Oxford, in 1 hr. 9 mins. T. Wilson, 1; H. Gillott, 2; G. Merryman, 3; J. Gillott, 4; G. H. Uttley, 5; A. Brearley (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY, LONDON.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 24th, eight members of the above society attempted a peal of Grandsire Major at St. Mary's Church, but the sudden illness of one of the ringers compelled the conductor to bring the bells round after about 1500 changes had been completed in 1 hr. and 10 mins. Harry W. Grount, 1; William Pead, 2; William Weatherstone, 3; Thomas G. Deal, 4; Frederick W. Thornton, 5; Thomas Taylor, 6; William H. Freeman, 7; Abraham G. Freeman (conductor), 8. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Tuesday, November 17th, at Christ Church, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 5280 changes, in 3 hrs. and 7 mins. it came to grief owing to a miscall. S. Knott, 1; F. Lees, 2; R. S. Story, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; R. W. Wignell, 5; H. Ross, 6; R. Smith (conductor), 7; Joel Hern, 8. Tenor 19 cwt.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, November 21st, a meeting was arranged to attempt a 5000 of Treble Bob Major at St. John's church, but owing to a late muster, all such thoughts were abandoned

and a touch of over 1000 changes of Kent Treble Bob was rung. H. Fergusson, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; W. Reed (North Shields), 3; E. Wallis, 4; W. Story, 5; R. W. Wignell (North Shields), 6; F. Lees, 7; R. S. Story (conductor), 8. And a 168 of Grandsire Triples was afterwards rung in whole pulls, and the tenor tolled several times.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SITTINGBOURNE.—On Monday, November 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 50 mins. E. Gower, 1; J. G. Elliott, 2; E. White, 3; Jno. M. Cooper, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; Sam. Snelling, 6; W. H. Judd (conductor), 7; H. Sutton, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Monday evening, November 23rd, eight members of the above Association rang the first three parts of Reeves's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 1540 changes. J. Goodwin, 1; I. Goodwin, 2; G. Toplis, 3; W. Ellis, 4; D. Farthing, 5; H. Nuttall, jun., 6; A. Knights (conductor), 7; T. Mee, 8.

ROTHWELL (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 22nd, at Holy Trinity Church, the following members of the above Association rang 1800 changes in the following methods; 720 Arnold's Victory, 720 Violet, and 360 Duke of York. J. Verity, 1; A. Chapman, 2; J. M. Chadwick (conductor), 3; W. Abbshaw, 4; S. Stacey, 5; J. Chapman, 6.

WAKEFIELD (Yorkshire).—On Wednesday, November 18th, being the day of the interment of the late Jasper W. Snowdon, Esq., ten members of the Wakefield branch of this Association, rang several touches of Grandsire Caters at the parish church. W. Milnes, 1; J. Firth, 2; R. Wrigley, 3; J. P. Healey, 4; W. Scott (conductor), 5; J. Hollis, 6; W. Firth, 7; T. Ormond, 8; T. Moorhouse, 9; J. Styles, 10.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Wednesday, November 18th, at St. Peter's, the following members of this Association attempted to ring a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1 hr. 10 mins., the 6th rope cast wheel, which brought the peal to an abrupt termination. H. W. Abbott, 1; S. Wilkinson, 2; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 3; A. R. Peet, 4; H. Needham, 5; J. Hickman, 6; S. Burton, 7; A. W. Sadler, 8. And on Thursday, November 19th, another attempt was made for the peal, but after ringing 3360 changes, in 2 hrs. and 5 mins., a change-course occurred, and the bells were brought round. S. Wilkins, 1; S. Wilkinson, 2; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 3; G. Middleton, 4; A. R. Peet, 5; J. Hickman, 6; H. W. Abbott, 7; A. W. Sadler, 8. The Nottingham ringers would have liked to have accomplished a muffled peal for so distinguished a ringer, but the facilities for peal-ringing in Nottingham are so limited, that after the two futile attempts they were obliged to abandon the idea.

BENGOE (Herts).—On Sunday, November 22nd, for service in the evening, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Goodchild, 1; H. Phillips, 2; J. Pomfret, 3; J. Channer, 4; W. Odell, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. The above was also rung as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Abel Smith.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Monday, November 23rd, at SS. Peter and Paul's church, six of the local company rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27½ mins. G. Smith, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 14 lbs.

ELY (Cambridge).—On Monday, November 24th, at St. Mary's church, two 360s of Bob Minor: the first with the bells wholly muffled (except the tenor which was only half-muffled), and the other with the bells half-muffled. J. Ellis, 1; J. Southerill, 3; W. King, 3; J. R. Vincent, 4; A. Pilgrim (conductor), 5; J. Davies, 6; J. Vail, 7.

FREISTON (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, November 23rd, at St. James' church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. Joseph Thorp, 1; *A. O. Barber (conductor), 2; W. Fletcher, 3; *John Sharp, 4; *S. Steeper, 5. Tenor 19 cwt. This is the longest length in different callings by a local company on the bells. *East Lincolnshire Association.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Sunday, November 22nd, the local company rang several touches with the bells half-muffled for the afternoon and evening services.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Monday, November 23rd, at St. Nicholas' church, 1652 of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Lee, 1; W. T. Blyth, 2; T. Tooley, 3; W. Secret, 4; M. Long (conductor), 5; D. Hayward, 6; W. Fletcher, 7; G. Crowe, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, November 22nd, at St. Peter-at-Arches, after Divine Service in the evening, the usual whole pull and stand. J. Dixon (conductor), 1; C. Well, 2; W. T. Chapman, 3; W. Dixon, 4; J. Ellard, 5; W. Mitchelson, 6; G. Rushton, 7; E. Carmell, 8.

NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On Monday, November 23rd, at the parish church a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26½ mins. C. Cendall, 1; J.

Skinner, 2; E. Fuller, 3; J. Boniface, 4; J. Burkin, 5; N. Hawkins (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, J. Bashford ringing the second; and a course of Kent Treble Bob, J. Skinner ringing the second, and J. Bashford the third, the rest as in the Grandsire Minor. Messrs. Fuller, Boniface, Burkin, Hawkins, and Bashford are members of the Surrey Association.

RIPON (Yorkshire).—On Sunday last, November 22nd, the bells of the Cathedral were deeply muffled, except the tenor, which was only muffled at backstroke, when a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the tenor behind, was rung for morning service, and 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, for afternoon service, the latter touch with the bells muffled on the backstroke, were rung by the local company, the latter in 27 mins., and the former in 30 mins. The ringers in the afternoon were as follows; Jno. Strodder, sen., 1; Joseph Baines, 2; Jno. Strodder, jun., 3; T. Metcalf, 4; A. Ingleby, 5; Geo. Ingleby, 6; T. Clark (conductor), 7; H. Rumbold, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, November 24th, an attempt was made by the St. Laurence's society to ring a date touch of Bob Major at St. Laurence's Church, but owing to the inability of some of the principal members to attend, it very soon came to grief; however after re-arranging the band, a 1064 of Grandsire Triples was rung, being the first part of Hollis' five part peal, in 43 mins. W. Goseltine, 1; W. J. Williams (conductor), 2; W. Pocock, 3; G. Talbot, 4; W. Holloway, 5; W. Johnson, 6; W. Newell, 7; R. T. Hibbert, 8.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday evening, November 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 840 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. G. Croucher, 1; F. Linter, 2; T. Fuller, 3; E. Kenward, 4; E. Moses, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; W. Webb, 8. And 252 Stedman Triples. T. Fuller, 1; F. T. Hoad (conductor), 2; E. Moses, 3; G. Williams, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Webb, 7; J. W. Whiting, 8. J. W. Whiting hails from Fareham, Hants.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Saturday, November 21st, at St. Martin's church, a muffled peal was rung thus: first, the age in whole pulls, then the same on the tenor alone, followed by several 6-scores of Doubles, by Messrs. Gifford, Ramshawe, Tayler, Judd, Short, Blackbourn, Wilton, Jerram, and Clements. The two latter are members of the Yorkshire Association, of which deceased was President.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, November 22nd, after evening service at St. Paul's Church, the age was tolled with the whole pull and stand, after which, 910 of Grandsire Triples was rung. Geo. Barker, 1; R. Creasey (conductor), 2; *C. Quinton, 3; E. Quinton, 4; *T. Quinton, 5; J. W. Creasey, 6; J. A. Croxford, 7; Geo. Keal, 8. *Their longest length. R. Creasey belongs to the Yorkshire Association.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, November 23rd, eight members of the above Association attempted Holt's Original, but after ringing over 3000 changes, in 2 hrs. 2 mins. the peal came to grief through the fourth rope breaking. J. Middlecote, 1; J. Baldwin, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; H. G. Gardner (conductor), 4; F. Ward, Esq. (Cheltenham), 5; R. A. Barrett, 6; A. A. Wait, 7; H. Karn (Cheltenham), 8. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, November 22nd, after Divine Service at St. Mary's parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 29½ mins. J. Hurst, 1; R. H. Barton, 2; W. Short, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt. Messrs. Short and Barton hail from Bootle.

WORCESTER.—On Thursday, November 19th, at St. Helen's Church an attempt was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2 hrs. 45 mins., a mishap occurred which brought it to grief. F. Owen, 1; N. Wale, 2; J. Hinton (sen.), 3; G. Hinton, 4; G. Cleal, 5; J. Hinton, jun. (conductor), 6; W. Page, 7; H. Wilks, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

THE DISTRICT MEETING of this Association took place as arranged, at Mortlake, on Saturday, November 21st. The meeting was well attended; but the sad news of the death of Mr. Snowdon, which only became generally known on that day, shed a gloom over the gathering. Everyone present seemed to feel that he had lost a friend, as one might tell by the frequent mention of the name. The ringing began soon after five o'clock with a 500 of Grandsire Triples; four of the Wimbledon band with Mr. Strutt of Kingston, and Mr. E. F. Strange, rang some Cambridge Surprise Minor, with 7,8, covering. Afterwards some Grandsire Minor by the ringers of Christ Church, Mitcham, with Mr. Frost, of Wimbledon, a good touch of Stedman Triples by a mixed band, and some Bob and Treble Bob Major were successfully performed. The peal book of the Association was on view, having just been returned from Messrs. Butler, of Cursitor Street, and the well entered records of its thirty-three peals gave general satisfaction. The meeting terminated at about nine o'clock.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ON Tuesday evening, November 24th, this society met A. Percival Heywood, Esq., of Duffield, who had signified his intention of presenting the company with a new peal-book, the old one being now full. The attendance was unusually large, and the business rather a heavy one, none of the items however needing comment, except a motion proposed and seconded by Messrs. Munday and Strange, that the balance sheet should be published in "THE BELL NEWS" and *Church Bells*. This was carried unanimously. At a somewhat late hour, Mr. Heywood rose to perform the ceremony of the evening: addressing the Master (J. M. Routh, Esq.), he reminded the company of the manner in which the subject was brought to his notice by reading in "THE BELL NEWS" the report of the Annual Dinner, at which Mr. Pettit had called attention to the urgent necessity of procuring a new book. He had only recently been elected a member of the society, but in return for the kindness he had experienced at the hands of its members, he had great pleasure in making them an offer (which he was glad to say had been accepted), to provide a peal book in which to continue the preservation of the company's valuable and interesting records. The book was of the same character and quality with the last one, and in presenting it, he hoped that the performances recorded therein would keep the name of the society to the front in the country, and that it would ever continue to rank foremost in the Exercise throughout England, or indeed the world. As a new comer among them he could not help remarking on the fact that their records extended over a period of more than two centuries, a longer time he believed than those of any society in London, except perhaps some of the City Guilds and Corporations. He hoped that the records might continue to be handed down to posterity, and that year by year the peals might be both increased and improved; and the book be passed on to future generations for many years to come. But at the present time he wished to call their attention to the absolute necessity of striving with might and main against those who would disestablish the Church, and take their towers from them. As lovers of that Church, they should do everything they could to oppose those who would bring it to ruin. He had great pleasure in presenting the peal-book to the society. The Master, in receiving the gift, said he had great pleasure on behalf of the society in thanking Mr. Heywood for his grand gift, coming as it did from one who was a country ringer, but who nevertheless had its best interests at heart. He complimented Mr. Heywood on the progress he had made in the art of ringing, and hoped that while continuing to progress in that branch, he would not fail to produce some valuable contributions to the science of campanology. He remarked on the care with which the records had hitherto been transmitted from hand to hand for so many years, and thanked Mr. Heywood for the generosity which enabled the company to continue so doing. The book would form another stone in the pile erected as a monument to the glory of those who had gone before, and those who were worthily following in their footsteps, and he begged most sincerely to thank Mr. Heywood for his gift. Mr. Heywood, in a particularly neat and humorous little speech, thanked the Master for the manner in which this gift had been received, and impressed on the society the importance of providing safe accommodation for their valuable and unique documents. The proceedings then terminated. The book is a very handsome one, very similar in most respects to its predecessor; the most important difference being that in accordance with a suggestion made by the donor, it will bear the names of the officers both at the date of its presentation, and the date of the first peal recorded in it.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE THREE WEEKS ENDING NOVEMBER 17TH, 1885:—
On Wednesday, October 28th, at Cuckfield, by the Cuckfield and Balcombe branches, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. *E. Streeter, 1; W. Fox, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; F. Hounsell (composer and conductor), 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Bowell, 6; *J. Gasson, 7; C. Cheeseman, 8. *Members of the Balcombe Branch. On Saturday, November 7th, at the same place, by the Cuckfield branch, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins. W. Bennett, 1; W. Gibson, 2; F. Hounsell (conductor), 3; H. Mitchell, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Bowell, 6; A. Bennett, 7; C. Cheeseman, 8. At Horsham, by the Horsham, Slinfold, and Warnham branches, with Mr. J. D. Aston, a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs and 3 mins. W. Lanaway, 1; H. Chandler, 2; W. Wadey, 3; G. Rapley, 4; J. D. Aston, 5; J. Cooper, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. On Sunday, November 8th, at Cuckfield, by the Cuckfield branch, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, for Divine Service in the evening. W. Bennett, 1; W. Gibson, 2; W. Mitchell, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; R. Walters, 5; F. Hounsell (conductor), 6; A. Bennett, 7; C. Cheeseman, 8. On Saturday, November 14th, at Billingshurst, by the Billingshurst branch, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 25 mins. P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Matthews, 3; W. Chantler, jun., 4; J. Voice, 5; T. Chantler (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLANDS AT BASINGSTOKE AND READING.

In our records of peals last week will be found a peal rung at Basingstoke by members of the above society. The band was made up by Slough men, excepting the conductor and E. F. Cole, Esq., who joined their brother Cumberlands at Slough, and notwithstanding the very unfavourable weather, proceeded to their destination in the early afternoon. Arriving at Basingstoke, they were met by the steeple-keeper, and with the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Millard, D.D., were successful in bringing home a peal of Grandsire Triples at eleven minutes to seven, the hour of evening service, which necessitated an early attempt. The church, dedicated to St. Michael, is a very old handsome structure of large proportions, the tower being also broad and massive, capable of holding a much heavier ring. The belfry is a roomy compartment, well furnished and lighted, fair ropes, good draught, but the back bells do not run easily. The local party, who are steadily making progress in the art, expressed their congratulations to the visitors, this being the only peal on the bells, which had a new treble and third cast in 1878, and their fittings, etc., renewed by Messrs. Warner. At the "Rose Inn," an hour was pleasantly spent previous to returning home. Mr. White, who is acting as a sort of instructor amongst the local company, decided to join the Cumberland Society. Some handbell ringing was enjoyed, and good bye said, thus terminating the visit. Mr. Newson and the Fussell Brothers of Slough, having decided to visit Reading on the Sunday, parted with their companions at Reading Station, and at once visited the "Mitre Hotel," a well known centre of attraction to ringers for miles round. Early on Sunday morning, St. Laurence's tower was visited, and previous to ringing for the service, a simple and impressionable belfry service was said by the Rev. C. Banting. The weather was beautifully fine, and a long walk round the town was next decided upon. In the afternoon, Caversham was visited, and congratulations expressed to hear of the success of the peal only the previous evening. Attending the afternoon service, at which the Rev. G. F. Coleridge assisted, an excellent discourse by the Vicar was listened to, it being more particularly addressed to the numerous children assembled. Returning to Reading, St. Mary's Church was visited, and two good touches were rung for evening service, and an hour spent previous to saying farewell, and leaving with many thanks to their Reading friends.

HANDBELL CONTEST.

MIRFIELD (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, November 7th, a change-ringing contest on handbells took place at the house of Mr. Frank Brook, "The Shepley Arms," when nine companies entered for the best two courses of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major, in which the following succeeded in gaining prizes:—

Liversedge,	1st prize,	£2 os.	35 faults.
Earlsheaton	2nd "	£1 os.	41 "
Lindley	3rd "	£0 10s.	58 "
Almondbury	4th "	£0 5s.	60 "

Six companies entered for the six-bell contest, 360 changes, when prizes were won by the following:—

Earlsheaton	1st prize	£1 os.	53 faults.
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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A District Meeting of this Guild will be held at Dorking on Monday, December 7th. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock; ringing from 6 to 9 o'clock. Members intending to be present should communicate with the secretary through the representatives of bands before Tuesday, December 1st.

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Weybridge, Surrey.

READING.—On Sunday morning, November 15th, for Divine Service, 503 of Grandsire Caters. A. Reeves, 1; E. Bawden, 2; J. Willshire, 3; A. Fussell, 4; W. H. Holloway, 5; W. H. Fussell, 6; G. Newson (conductor), 7; W. Williams, 8; W. Newell, 9; T. Hibbert, 10. Tenor 24 cwt.

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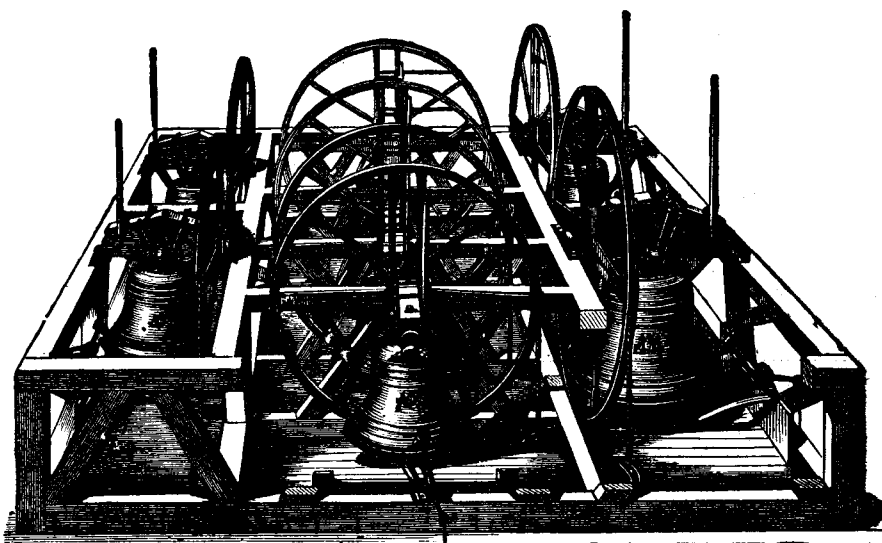
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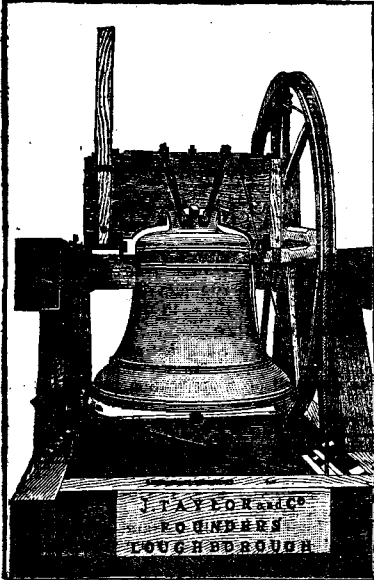


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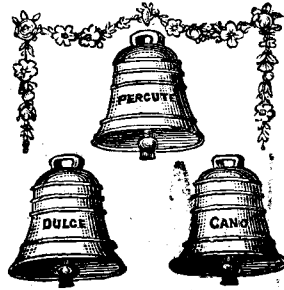
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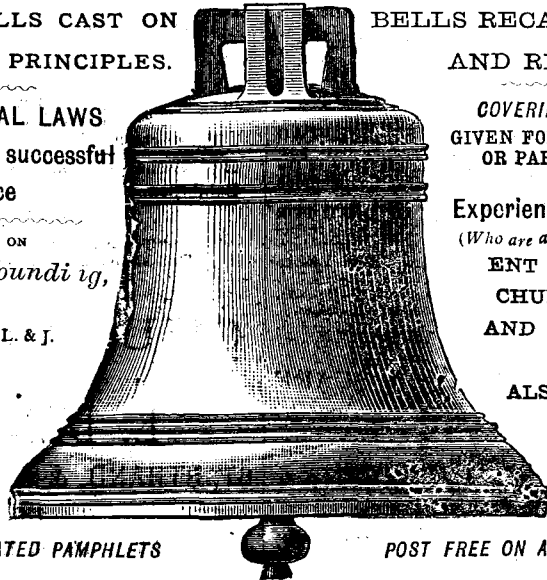
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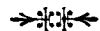
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