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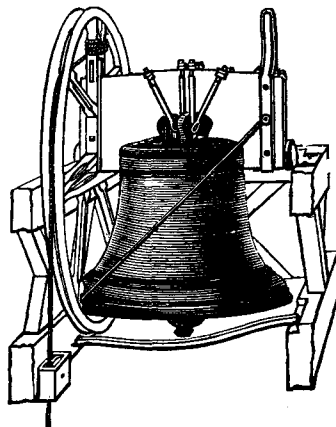
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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—DISTRICT MEETING AT BARKING.

A successful District Meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, February 27th. Representatives were present from Chelmsford, Galleywood, Great Bentley, Little Heath, Rayleigh, Romford, Springfield, Stanford-le-Hope, Walthamstow, West Ham, Widford, Woodford, Ipswich, London, and St. Albans, the total strength of the company mustering about fifty. In addition to the grand old ring of St. Margaret's, the towers of Dagenham and Ilford were open to members. Both towers were visited, and at the latter some 120's were rung, but the go of the bells in the former did not tempt a band to make a start. Ringing commenced at St. Margaret's shortly after one o'clock, and in the course of the afternoon various touches of Grandsire Triples, ranging from 200 to 700, touches of Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, were brought home. The whole of the appliances are in good ringing order, and the belfry, with its various peal boards, has an attractive appearance. The usual meat tea in connection with district meetings having taken place, the business proceedings were opened at the Town Hall, the Rev. J. Richardson presiding.

The usual office having been said, the rev. gentleman gave the Association a hearty welcome. Speaking of them as ringers, he greeted them as brethren doing their duty in promoting the service of God. There was a time when belfries presented a different view to what they did in the present day, but ringers had now been taught that the belfry and the bells were as much consecrated to the service of God as any other part of the church. He trusted they might always be found among the congregation; and the more often communicants, the better, for he regarded them as much a body of church workers as he did either the clergy, Sunday-school teachers, or the choir.

A letter was read from the Rev. H. A. Cockey, announcing that under the doctor's orders he was forbidden from attending that meeting, and that, as he was leaving the county, he should have to tender his resignation at the next annual meeting. Owing to the work of the Association, he required the assistance of some one to help him with the annual meeting, and trusted the meeting would appoint Mr. E. A. Davies, of Barking.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Davis expressed a doubt whether his engagements would permit him to assist. The names of Mr. Sewell, of Barking, and Mr. De Lisle, of Galleywood, having been suggested, but as neither gentlemen expressed their desire to undertake the duties, the matter was left for Mr. Davis to arrange with the Hon. Sec. Mr. Keeble moved, and Mr. Mumford seconded, "That this meeting express its sympathy with the Hon. Sec. in his illness, and trusted that his health might speedily be restored." The same was carried unanimously, and Mr. Davis was requested to convey the same to the rev. gentleman.

Mr. Davis proposed the Rev. J. Richardson as a hon. member; Mr. Keeble proposed the Rev. H. B. Barnes, Vicar of St. Mary's, Ilford, Messrs. W. Ashmole and J. W. F. Mumford (churchwardens), and Messrs. W. F. Mumford and W. Mears, ringing members, as hon. members, and the same were duly elected. The following ringing members were elected:—J. Cadman, Barking; J. W. Smith, Denham; W. Lebbon, Loughton; J. Gobbett, West Ham; G. Smith, Rayleigh; N. J. Pitstow, Saffron Walden; G. Hammond, Long Melford; T. Grant, J. C. Mitchell, and G. W. Cartmell, St. Albans; Easter, Aldis, Brewster, Green, Kinock, Peacher, Huff, and Kamplin, Harwich; Lewis, Cowell, Eves, Howell, Halls, and Land, Stanford-le-Hope. Probationers:—Brazier and Sturgwell, Stanford-le-Hope; and H. Smith, Rayleigh.

Mr. Davis said he had a list of unpaid subscriptions, which he would read to the meeting. The list was gone through, and although it comprised, to a certain extent, isolated members, yet there were some whose names are already in the peal book, and who became members of the Association through taking part in peals, and at the same time the list was not devoid of one or two well-known names. Those present, who probably had not previously attended a meeting during the year, standing in arrears, at once paid, and it is hoped that the remainder will promptly be forthcoming.

Mr. Doran gave notice of moving at the annual meeting that the term "distinguished ringer" be struck out of the rules; and Mr. Randall gave notice of moving that "non-resident" be inserted in lieu of the same.

Mr. Davis moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Barking, Ilford, and Dagenham for the use of the respective towers, and to the Chairman for presiding. Referring to the opening remarks of the Chairman respecting the previous condition of the tower, Mr. Davies said he did not believe such was owing so much to the fault of the ringers as to the church authorities, and believed the clergy would find it advantageous, even in the present day, to make a more frequent visit to the belfry.

The Chairman replied, and the proceedings terminated.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at Staindrop. Considering the unfavourable weather, bad times, and the distance of many branches from Staindrop, the attendance was as good as could be expected, and included representatives from Darlington, Jarrow, Newton Hall, Staindrop, and Stockton. At two o'clock the members sat down to dinner at the "Queen's Head," the chair being occupied by the Rev. H. C. Lipscomb, vicar of Staindrop, and the vice-chair by Mr. Lisle, of Newton Hall.

In responding to the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy," the rev. chairman spoke at some length of the importance of having the bells well rung, and of the interesting associations entwined around them. The rev. gentleman afterwards proposed in complimentary terms "the health of the Secretary."

Mr. CLARKSON, who in responding, stated that for the first time in the history of the Association he had been unable to issue the reports by the February Meeting, the General Election and other events had caused this, but he hoped to have them ready by Easter. Mr. Clarkson concluded by proposing at the request of the vicar, "the health of Mr. Shipp," to whose efforts it was entirely due that the Association had a change-ringing branch at Staindrop, and it was chiefly in recognition of this that the Association had been anxious to hold a meeting there. This toast was duly honoured, and Mr. Shipp briefly responded. Forty new members were proposed, including the newly formed companies at Conssett, Benfieldside, and Middlesborough. It has been arranged to have these bells properly tuned, and to otherwise re-adjust them so as to get a greater equality of tone. The ringing was greatly in advance of what is usually accomplished at the February Meetings, and comprised five peals of Minor, particulars of which appear in another column.

MENDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE village of Mendham has during the past year been the scene of a revival of ringing interests, which bids fair to produce good results in the immediate future. For many years past there had been a six-bell company in the parish, but it had for some time ceased to meet regularly, and the frame having gradually fallen into bad repair, the bells were seldom raised. In April last, however, energetic efforts were made to establish a new company; and several younger members were enrolled, and in spite of the unsatisfactory state of the frame, practices have been held under the guidance of two or three of the old hands, on an average three nights a week for the last ten months. Chiefly owing to the exertions of Mr. Henry Read, the master of the new company, the frame has lately been put into a better state of repair, and a fund is now being raised to defray the expenses of the work. The company has also purchased a set of handbells, which has given perfect satisfaction, and by diligent practice in the tower and in the club-room, the members have made themselves proficient in the three staple methods: Plain Bob, Oxford, and Grandsire. On Saturday, the 13th February, the first of a series of monthly meetings was held at Mendham, and there was a good attendance of six-bell ringers from the neighbouring parishes. Several touches were rung in the tower, and afterwards a pleasant hour was spent with the handbells in the club-room, at the "Lion" Inn. The Mendham ringers are to be congratulated on the progress they have made in their art in the face of many discouragements and difficulties.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

ON Sunday, February 21st, the members of the Swanscombe society met at the parish church to ring a wedding peal for Mr. F. King, a member of the above society, who was married at eight o'clock that morning. The ringers met at 7.30., and welcomed the happy pair with a short touch of Grandsire Minor, and after witnessing the marriage ceremony, a half peal, (2520 changes), was attempted in the following methods; Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor, but after ringing about 1 hr. 10 mins., it came to grief in the last part of the third 720. A 720 of Bob Minor was then rung for morning service, and in the evening a 720 of Grandsire Minor for service. The ringers again met on Monday evening to welcome Mr. and Mrs. King home from their short visit to their friends, when after ringing a 720 of Grandsire Minor, the ringers at the invitation of Mr. King, adjourned to the "Blue Anchor Inn," where they partook of refreshments, they then proceeded to the house of Mr. King, and were regaled with an excellent supper, and after the cloth was removed, the health of the bride and bridegroom, proposed by Mr. Cornford, was very heartily drunk, the rest of the evening being spent in harmony. The company separated at an early hour on Tuesday morning. The following are the ringers who took part in the performances: W. Harper, G. Hayes, F. Hayes, A. Cornford, G. Martin, J. Broom, W. Martin,

THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

On Saturday, February 20th, ten members of this Society took the 4.15 train at Queen Street Station, for Crediton, to try the bells of the parish church, called Holy Cross, which has a fine peal of eight, tenor about 30 cwt. On arriving there they found that the Crediton men were welcoming them with some ringing, which was greatly listened to by the visitors. On making their way to the belfry they found the bells up, and rang 1344 Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. T. Townsend, 1; W. G. Goss, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; W. Mundy and T. J. Lake, 8. After a little more ringing was done by the Crediton band, they lowered the bells, and the whole party, twenty-five in number, adjourned to the "Ring of Bells Inn," where a substantial supper was provided, to which the party did ample justice. The chair was taken by Mr. H. C. Card, and the vice by Mr. J. W. Young. After supper, the usual loyal toasts were heartily drunk. A vote of thanks was tendered to the St. Sidwell's Society, by Mr. F. Jones, who thanked the Exeter men on behalf of the Crediton ringers for the treat that they had given them during the afternoon. They had not the pleasure of listening to such music from their bells, except when they paid a visit. He hoped that they should soon again have the pleasure of welcoming them. Mr. Shepherd returned thanks, and assured his Crediton friends that it was a source of pleasure for them to come to Crediton, and as for another visit, that should take place at the first opportunity. The handbells were then brought into use, and the visit concluded.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE THREE WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 28TH:—

By the Eastbourne Branch.—On Tuesday, February 16th, at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, in 2 hrs. and 54 mins., a 5040 of Grandsire Triples (Reeves' variation of Holt's 10 part). S. Hart, 1; H. P. Bennett (conductor), 2; C. Harffey, 3; L. Huggett, 4; T. Willoughby, 5; J. Potter, 6; T. Hart, 7; J. Rollison, 8. On Saturday, February 27th, at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, in 2 hrs. and 54 mins., a 5040 of Grandsire Triples (Holt's 10 part). S. Hart, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; C. Harffey, 3; L. Huggett (conductor), 4; T. Willoughby, 5; J. Potter, 6; (no ringer named), 7; J. Lewis, 8.

By the Brighton Branch, at Brighton.—On Saturday, February 13th, a St. Nicholas' church, an attempt for Hollis' 6-part peal of Grandsire Triples (about 1500 changes), rung in 56 mins. James Neeves, 1; W. Palmer, 2; C. Tyler, 3; H. Boniface, 4; G. King, 5; H. Weston, 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; C. Golds, 8. Also, on Tuesday, February 16th, at the same church, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. W. Haley, 840 of Grandsire Triples, in 33 mins., and a 500 in the same method in 19 mins., in which the following members took part:—J. Searle, W. Palmer, G. King, W. Davey, Jesse and James Neeves, Fox, H. Boniface, E. Ancock, H. Weston, and A. Piper. At St. Peter's, Brighton, on Sunday, February 21st, for afternoon service, in 19 mins., a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Piper, 1; J. Jay, 2; G. King, 3; A. Marshall, 4; — Bennett, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; G. Golds, 7; E. Butler, 8. On Sunday, February 28th, for afternoon service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Marshall, 1; J. Jay, 2; C. Golds, 3; H. Weston, 4; A. Marshall, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; A. W. L. Parkhouse, 7; D. Ross, 8. First quarter-peal by members of the St. Peter's band.

By the Billingshurst Branch, at Billingshurst.—On Saturday, February 6th, a 720 of Bob Minor. P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, jun., 2; G. Matthews, 3; W. Chantler, 4; J. Voice, 5; T. Chantler, (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 9th, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. W. Chantler, 1; W. Alward, 2; W. Chantler, jun., 3; T. Chantler, 4; G. Matthews, 5; J. Voice (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Alward, 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Matthews, 3; W. Chantler, jun., 4; J. Voice, 5; T. Chantler (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 14th, a 360 each of Court Bob and Oxford Bob Minor; for afternoon service, a 720 of Court Bob Minor. P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Matthews, 3; W. Chantler, jun., 4; J. Voice, 5; T. Chantler (conductor), 6; and after service a 720 of Bob Minor. P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Matthews, 3; *H. Cook, 4; J. Voice, 5; *H. Chandler (conductor), 6. (*Members of the Warnham branch.)

By the East Hoatley Branch, at East Hoatley.—* Two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Hutson, 1; A. Rich, 2; T. Jones, 3; A. Finch, 4; F. Harding (instructor), 5; W. Hunt, 6. *The first by this band, the members of which have only received instruction since Christmas.

By the Cuckfield Branch, at Cuckfield.—On Sunday, January 24th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. R. Nash, 1; W. Gibson, 2; R. Walters, 3; W. Mitchell, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; B. Bleach, 8. Also, on Sunday, January 31st, for evening service, in 16 mins., a 504 of Grandsire Triples. R. Nash, 1; W. Gibson, 2; Fox, 3; W. Mitchell, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; B. Bleach, 8; and another 504 in the same method, in 17 mins., by W. Meads, 1; W. Gibson, 2; — Fox, 3; W. Mitchell, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; C. Cheesman, 8.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

REVIEWS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The Third Annual Report of this Association evidently shows that progress is being made by its members. And the energy displayed could with advantage be copied by other bodies of more pretentious characteristics. We think the success attained is in a great measure owing to the interest taking in ringing matters by Dr. Arthur Carpenter, and the men of Surrey ought, we are sure, to feel proud of possessing such a valuable enthusiast as their Honorary Secretary is. In fact we know this to be so. Then we are sure his mild remonstrances upon matters of arrangement connected with the various meetings which are organised by him will be listened to. The number of peals rung is equal to the list of preceding reports, but the Hon. Sec. appears to bewail the fact that a peal of Stedman Triples has not yet been achieved by the members. We hardly know why this is so. Surely the talent for calling this blue ribbon of the ringing exercise is not absent. We hope that this faint allusion to the matter will lead to the peal being rung without delay, and as we have the honor of a place upon the name book of the Association, we should be pleased to take part in its performance. The times and days of practice at the towers in union have been revised, and afford very good information. We must compliment the Association upon their cohesion, and hope the next report will show a still further increase of good performances, in conjunction with a largely-augmented list of churches which have become affiliated to the Guild.

REPORT OF THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Hitherto we have been in the dark with reference to the *locale*, and also other matters, in connection with this body. The first report, however, which we have just received, gives us all the required information, and it appears that its influence extends to parts of Cheshire, Lancashire, and Derbyshire. This report appears to be framed upon the plan of that of the Yorkshire Association, and gives a very satisfactory *resumé* of the doings of the body. Twenty-five peals are booked, the chief method being Treble Bob Major. These are tabulated in an appropriate manner at the end of the report. Evidently the United Counties' Association is doing much good in keeping up the interest which all good ringers should feel in the practice of their art, and we must hail them as prominent and hearty workers in the cause.

REPORT OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Fifth Annual Report of this Guild is of the usual progressive and satisfactory character. Seventeen peals have been rung in various methods, and the list includes five peals of Stedman Triples, one of Superlative Surprise Major; also three peals of Grandsire upon handbells. The number of members, honorary or otherwise, shows that the proceedings of the Guild does not lack interest among the upper strata of society, and it is satisfactory to read that out of the numerous array of names placed before us by the Rev. Dolben Paul, ninety-six have been recorded in one or more peals of 5000. The balance-sheet shows the usual satisfactory financial condition of the Guild, £58 being in hand at the end of the year. The meetings of the Guild—especially the Annual Festival, are characterised by an earnestness which bodes future prosperity, and with such officers as the genial Master, and the worthy Honorary Secretary, success in all the Guild undertakes is well-nigh a foregone conclusion.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a District Meeting of the above Association will be held to-day, March 6th, when it is particularly hoped that all members who are able will avail themselves of the opportunity to visit this town, and ring upon the three peals of bells in the towers of St. Mary's, All Saint's, and Christ Church. The following are the arrangements for the day:—at 10 a.m., St. Mary's tower (eight bells), will be open for ringing, and remain open till one o'clock; Christ Church belfry (six bells), will be open during the same hours. 11 a.m.—All Saints' tower (eight bells) open till 12 noon; 1 p.m.—Cold Luncheon at the "New Inn Hotel," South Street, tickets to members, half price 1s. 2 p.m.—Business meeting at the "New Inn Hotel."; 3 p.m.—St. Mary's and Christ Church towers reopened for ringing; 4 p.m.—All Saints' tower reopened till 5 p.m.; 7 p.m. Tea at the "New Inn Hotel." Tickets to members sixpence each.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR.

5104.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

2 3 4 5 6	
5 3 4 2 6	8th in three.
3 4 5 2 6	H
4 5 3 2 6	H
5 4 3 2 6	7th in three.
4 3 5 2 6	H
2 3 5 4 6	8th in three.
3 5 2 4 6	H
5 2 3 4 6	H
2 5 3 4 6	7th in three.
5 3 2 4 6	H
3 2 5 4 6	H
5 4 2 3 6	8th in two.
4 5 2 3 6	7th in three.
5 2 4 3 6	H
2 4 5 3 6	H
4 2 5 3 6	7th in three.
2 5 4 3 6	H
3 5 4 2 6	8th in three.
6 3 5 2 4	7th in two.
5 2 3 6 4	8th in two.
2 5 3 6 4	7th in three.
4 2 5 6 3	7th in two.
3 4 2 6 5	7th in two.
5 3 4 6 2	7th in two.
3 5 4 6 2	7th in three.
2 3 5 6 4	7th in two.
4 2 3 6 5	7th in two.
5 4 2 6 3	7th in two.
4 5 2 6 3	7th in three.
3 4 5 6 2	7th in two.
2 3 4 6 5	7th in two.
3 2 4 6 5	7th in three.
5 3 2 6 4	7th in two.
3 5 2 6 4	7th in three.
4 3 5 6 2	7th in two.
2 4 3 6 5	7th in two.
5 2 4 6 3	7th in two.
2 5 4 6 3	7th in three.
3 2 5 6 4	7th in two.
4 3 2 6 5	7th in two.
5 4 3 6 2	7th in two.
4 5 3 6 2	7th in three.
2 4 5 6 3	7th in two.
5 6 4 2 3	8th in two.
4 2 6 5 3	8th in two.
2 4 6 5 3	7th in three.
3 2 4 5 6	7th in two.
6 3 2 5 4	7th in two.
4 6 3 5 2	7th in two.
6 4 3 5 2	7th in three.
2 6 4 5 3	7th in two.
3 2 6 5 4	7th in two.
4 3 2 5 6	7th in two.
3 4 2 5 6	7th in three.
6 3 4 5 2	7th in two.
2 6 3 5 4	7th in two.
6 2 3 5 4	7th in three.
4 6 2 5 3	7th in two.
6 4 2 5 3	7th in three.
3 6 4 5 2	7th in two.
2 3 6 5 4	7th in two.
4 2 3 5 6	7th in two.
2 4 3 5 6	7th in three.
6 2 4 5 3	7th in two.
3 6 2 5 4	7th in two.
4 3 6 5 2	7th in two.
3 4 6 5 2	7th in three.
2 3 4 5 6	7th in two.

First rung on Shenstone, Staffordshire, on Saturday, September 5th, 1885. Conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5184.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford.*

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

This is the first time this number of changes has been produced in this method.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5000.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

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

First rung by the Bradford Amalgamated Society on February 2nd, 1886. Conducted by J. H. Hardcastle.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By J. J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth.*

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

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool.*

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

Repeated.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

6048.

By H. DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

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

Twice repeated.

By calling a *before* in the first course in the first part, the fifth course-end is produced, and the peal curtailed to 5056 changes, and the 2nd never in 6th's place at course-ends.

A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

1886.

By S. MARSH, *West Bromwich.*

The first four changes of the first treble lead cutting out two changes :-

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7
4 2 6 1 8 3 7 5
4 2 1 6 3 8 5 7
M B W H
2 3 5 6 4 2 2 2 I
6 5 3 2 4 2 2 2
2 4 5 3 6 I 2 2 2
2 5 3 4 6 I - 2 2 2
2 3 4 5 6 I - 2 2 2

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

5328.

By SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN., *Glossop.*

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

The above contains the 6th its extent home at five course-ends.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By GEORGE H. HARDY, *Earlsheaton.*

5088.

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

Twice repeated.

5088.

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

Twice repeated.

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CORRECTION.—Mr. John Nivon Oxborrow rang the 3rd in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on Saturday, February 13th ult., reported last Saturday.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1886.

THE question of a memorial to the late JASPER W. SNOWDON, which shall be expressive of the esteem in which he was held by all ringers throughout the whole world, is becoming a matter of ardent consideration. Several proposals have been put forth, all teeming with excellence, no doubt, and we dare say that various other propositions, in addition to those already in print, for the purpose of immortalizing our departed friend, are in many quarters under consideration. As we write, a communication on the question lies open before us, which if novel, has much to recommend it by way of appropriateness. The writer suggests that a new peal of bells should be cast and placed in some church whereat JASPER SNOWDON was wont to attend, or where he was best known. He calculates that upon our estimate of there being 50,000 ringers, that if all only subscribed one shilling, the sum collected would be sufficient for two peals even. Now we think this a very worthy notion, at any rate one worth consideration, but in a matter of this kind there is an important factor to be kept in view. A memorial of the description we are dealing with should commend itself, not only to those at whose cost and by whose instrumentality it is erected, but the known wishes of those who are to be so memorialized and their nearest and dearest friends should also be taken into consideration. Though we think well of this proposal of a peal of bells, as being peculiarly appropriate, there is another method, one which would, in our opinion, greatly commend itself to Mr. SNOWDON'S relatives. And this is the erection of a stained glass window in Ilkley Church, the idea, in fact, mentioned by Mr. TUKE in our last issue. There are special reasons why the proposed memorial should take this form, reasons which need not be fully explained here. It is sufficient to say that this manner of perpetuating our deceased friend's memory, will be the one more in accordance with the wishes of his relatives, who are better than any

one able to judge what would have been his own inclinations in regard thereto. As he was a faithful member of the Church, can we hesitate to believe that the most consistent way of recording our testimony for his great worth would be to place a monument of this description in the sacred edifice which was the scene of his father's ministrations, a monument at once an outward and visible sign of the loving respect accorded to him by the ringers of the world?

The question then remains, how is this matter to be taken up? We think, as has been suggested, that the officers of the Association which owes its existence to his untiring efforts, should take the initiative. We hope therefore, to be able to publish in our next issue, from the Secretary and Treasurer of that body, an announcement that a fund will forthwith be commenced for the purpose.

The Metropolis.

ST. JAMES' SOCIETY AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Muffled Peal.

On Monday, March 1, 1886, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

CHALLIS F. WINNY Treble.	JOHN W. ROWBOTHAM .. 6.
HENRY DAINS 2.	*ERNEST E. VINEN 7.
RICHARD FRENCH 3.	FRANCIS E. DAWE 8.
EDWIN HORREX 4.	JOHN M. HAYES 9.
HENRY SWAIN 5.	J. MARTIN ROUTH, Esq. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by JOHN M. HAYES.

This was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late H. W. Haley, and the first peal he ever took part in was the above composition.

*First peal in the method.

BATTERSEA, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, March 2, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

W. BARON Treble.	ALF THOMAS 5.
REV. J. ULTEN TODD 2.	H. S. THOMAS 6.
E. F. COLE 3.	H. SWAIN 7.
W. W. THORNE 4.	W. AMBROSE Tenor.

Conducted by W. BARON.

The Provinces.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Saturday, February 13, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

SAMUEL WEST Treble.	*JAMES BARRATT 5.
THOMAS HEALD 2.	*RICHARD ASHCROFT 6.
THOMAS YATES* 3.	EDWARD CASH 7.
CHARLES CASH 4.	A. EDWARD WREAKS Tenor.

Composed by E. STOKES, of Birmingham, and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. West, Heald, and Wreaks hail from Manchester; the rest are of the local company. At the conclusion of the peal each ringer wished Mr. Ashcroft "many happy returns" he having attained the 72nd year of his age on the above day.

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORD ASSOCIATION, AND THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, February 24, 1886, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOSEPH CULLTreble.	MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. . 5.
WILLIAM A. TYLER .. . 2.	STEPHEN KNIGHT .. . 6.
JAMES STAPLES* .. . 3.	*THOMAS GATHARD .. . 7.
HENRY PHILLIPS* .. . 4.	HERBERT BAKER .. .Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

*First peal in the method.

SWINTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 25, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

WILLIAM CROSSLEY .. .Treble.	JAMES URMSTON .. . 5.
CHARLES CASH .. . 2.	EDWARD CASH .. . 6.
RICHARD PEARCE .. . 3.	JOHN EDGE .. . 7.
DAVID CLARKE* .. . 4.	J. T. JONES .. .Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CASH.

*First peal.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S 10-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs.

SIMEON HART .. .Treble.	T. WILLOUGHBY .. . 5.
H. P. BENNETT .. . 2.	JAS. POTTER .. . 6.
CHAS. HARFFEY .. . 3.	THOMAS HART .. . 7.
LEONARD HUGGETT .. . 4.	JOSEPH LEWES .. .Tenor.

Conducted by LEONARD HUGGETT.

The above was rung to commemorate the 42nd birthday of Simeon Hart, for twenty-one years secretary to the St. Mary's Society.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DUFFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1886, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON .. .Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY .. . 5.
SAMUEL JOHNSON .. . 2.	ARTHUR B. WARD .. . 6.
JOHN HOWE .. . 3.	HARRY C. WOODWARD .. . 7.
ALFRED ROBINSON .. . 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 4th and 6th each the extent in 6th's place, and the 2nd never there. It was rung on the occasion of the birth of a son and heir to Granville Smith, Esq.

LEES, NEAR OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

GLODWICK AND LEESFIELD SOCIETIES.

On Saturday, February 27, 1886, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD GUEST .. .Treble.	FRED CROSLAND .. . 5.
CLEMENT DRONSFIELD .. . 2.	JAMES PRIESTLEY .. . 6.
ALBERT CLEGG .. . 3.	JOHN GREENWOOD .. . 7.
GEORGE HY. BEEVER .. . 4.	JOHN HILTON .. .Tenor.

Composed by JNO. CARTER, of Birmingham, and Conducted by GEO. HY. BEEVER.

The first four ringers belong to St. Mark's, Glodwick, the rest belong to Leesfield. P.S.—The name of the conductor of the peal rung at Saddleworth on Monday, February 22nd, by the Leesfield Society, should have been Fred Crosland.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, February 27, 1886, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JAMES HOLT .. .Treble.	*JOHN M. DAVENPORT .. . 5.
JOSEPH BURGESS† .. . 2.	JAMES MORLEDGE .. . 6.
CHARLES BAMFORD .. . 3.	*WILLIAM WALMSLEY .. . 7.
WILLIAM KENNY .. . 4.	*THOMAS MOTTERSHEAD ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WALMSLEY.

This peal was rung in honour of the presentation to Mr. Henry Johnson, sen, and his birthday, he being 77 on the following day. † First peal. * First peal of Triples. Witness to peal: Mr. Matthews, who was in the tower and marked off every call as it was rung. This is supposed to be the first time this peal has been rung in Cheshire.

MANCHESTER.—THE ST. PHILIP'S (HULME) SOCIETY, AND THE ECCLES SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 27, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BARLOW MOOR,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS HEALD .. .Treble.	JAMES BARRATT .. . 5.
ALFRED EGGINGTON .. . 2.	EDWARD CASH .. . 6.
CHARLES CASH .. . 3.	WILLIAM J. HARGRAVES .. . 7.
EDWIN ETTOCK .. . 4.	JOHN F. WOODS .. .Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HARRISON, and Conducted by JOHN F. WOODS.

DEWSBURY.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1886, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS',

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR GOODALL .. .Treble.	JAMES A. IDLE .. . 5.
WALTER IDLE .. . 2.	GEORGE H. HARDY .. . 6.
GARFORTH TAYLOR .. . 3.	WALTER BYRAM .. . 7.
GODFREY MARSDEN .. . 4.	JOHN BUCKLEY .. .Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. HARDY.

Mr. Buckley is in his 62nd year.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1886, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 30 cwt.

J. W. WASHBROOK .. .Treble.	T. NEWMAN* .. . 5.
W. H. FUSSELL .. . 2.	C. HOWNSLOW .. . 6.
H. EGBY* .. . 3.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. . 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. . 4.	T. HARVEY .. .Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal in the method, a peal of which has never previously been performed in Reading. Mr. Fussell hails from Slough; Rev. F. E. Robinson from Drayton; Messrs. Egby and Harvey from Reading; Washbrook and Hounslow from Oxford; T. Newman and Rev. G. F. Coleridge from Caversham.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Muffled Peal.

On Saturday, February 27, 1886, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE HOLMES .. .Treble.	WILLIAM LOMAS .. . 5.
EDWARD MASON .. . 2.	WILLIAM SMITHSON .. . 6.
HENRY RAISTRICK .. . 3.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. . 7.
ROBERT TUKE .. . 4.	JOHN STYLES .. .Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

The above was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of the late H. W. Haley, a member of the Yorkshire Association. Messrs. Raistrick and Tuke hail from Bradford; Styles from Wakefield; Mason from Boston; the rest from Sheffield.

HOLBECK.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

In Three Hours (no date mentioned),

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS WESTTreble.	ROBERT BINNS 5.
HARRY TOMLINSON 2.	MATTHEW TOMLINSON 6.
HENRY MOSS 3.	JOHN MCKELL 7.
HENRY HUBBARD 4.	DAVID YORKTenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by J. MCKELL.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 6th the extent in 5-6 and five course-ends each way, and the 5th the extent home.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1886, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VARIATION OF HOLT'S 10-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

JAMES J. LAKIN*Treble.	JOSEPH NEEDHAM 5.
JAMES JARVIS 2.	JOHN WALTON* 6.
GEORGE BURROWS 3.	JOHN BUTTERY 7.
WILLIAM A. CLAYTON* 4.	CHARLES BIDDLESTenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BURROWS.

*First peal. Messrs. Clayton and Walton hail from Belgrave; the rest belong to Leicester.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, February 27, 1886, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES CAMPIN*Treble.	†CHARLES SILLITOE 5.
WALTER GRIGGS* 2.	†SAMUEL SLATER 6.
GEORGE HAMMOND† 3.	*WILLIAM HOWELL 7.
PERCY C. S. SCOTT† 4.	†HARRY HARPERTenor.

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, of Saddleworth, and Conducted by CHAS. SILLITOE.

†College Youth. †Cumberland Youths. *First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Hammond and Scott hail from Long Melford; S. Slater from Glemsford; the rest are local ringers.

STALEYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, February 27, 1886, in Four Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7200 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

GEORGE LONGDENTreble.	BENJAMIN BROADBENT 5.
HUGH SHAW 2.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 6.
EDMUND SCHOFIELD 3.	JOHN THORP 7.
JOSEPH MELLOR 4.	SAMUEL WOODTenor.

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS, and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

The above peal was rung again through the performance published on February 13th being false, the peal being called as was published in last week's paper which is wrong, the first course should be *r m i w i h*.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

On Monday, March 1, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

F. DAYTreble.	J. BUMPSTEAD 5.
G. MURTON 2.	G. FORD 6.
W. GOODERHAM 3.	J. SMITH 7.
F. WRIGHT 4.	H. TORBLETenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by F. DAY.

This peal is the greatest number possible to be produced in thirteen courses. Mr. Smith belongs to Fulham; the rest are members of the Eye Association.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Monday, March 1, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

RICHARD GUESTTreble.	CLEMENT DRONSFIELD 5.
JAMES RILEY 2.	JAMES T. KERSHAW 6.
JOHN GREENWOOD 3.	SAMUEL STOTT 7.
GEORGE H. BEEVER 4.	ALBERT CLEGGTenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, of Birmingham, and conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

This peal was rung to commemorate the 29th birthday of the conductor, and contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right; the 5th twenty-four times right, and twenty-four 8-6's.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, March 2, 1886, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 26 cwt.

EDWARD ISAAC STONETreble.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD 5.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 2.	THOMAS HOLMES 6.
WILLIAM WAKLEY 3.	JOHN JAGGAR 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	REV. JAMES H. FISHTenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 2, 1886, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

THOMAS G. DOWNSTreble.	SAMUEL WEST 5.
THOS. THORPE (aged 15)†* 2.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 6.
GEO. E. TURNER* 3.	JOHN EACHUS 7.
JAMES THORPE* 4.	JAMES PARKINSONTenor.

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell. All the above are of the Cathedral company.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 2, 1886, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

RICHARD WARBURTONTreble.	JOHN FITTON 5.
STANLEY FIELDING 2.	THOMAS PLATT 6.
JAMES T. DEARDEN 3.	ALFRED CLEGG 7.
JAMES F. WILDE 4.	*SAMUEL HARTLEYTenor.

Conducted by JAMES F. WILDE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 3, 1886, in Four Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

7200 CHANGES: IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS;

Being two 720s each of Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire; one each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, College Single, and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

F. W. WARWICKTreble.	CHARLES TRINDER 4.
H. D. BETTERIDGE, ESQ. 2.	THOMAS FULKER 5.
FREDERICK FIELD 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOKTenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the longest length ever rung on six bells in the Diocese of Oxford.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 2, 1886, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 23½ cwt.

JAMES PETHER	Treble.	JOSEPH NAPPER	5.
ERNEST NAPPER	2.	WILLIAM NAPPER	6.
FRANK NAPPER	3.	CHARLES W. ALLEN	7.
DENNIS NAPPER	4.	ALFRED WOODLEY	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM NAPPER.

This is the first peal the conductor has called, also the first peal rung on the bells by all local men.

Miscellaneous.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Sunday evening last, for Divine Service, the following rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with the tenor behind, viz.: H. Smith, 1; D. Francis, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Large, 5; T. E. Glanville (conductor), 6; W. Launchbury, 7.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

STOKE.—On Tuesday, March 2nd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Brindley, 1; H. Bailey, 2; A. Pennington, 3; E. Montford, 4; H. Page (conductor), 5; J. Austin, 6; J. Tiderton, 7; T. Rose, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY (Surrey).—On Wednesday, February 24th, the following members of the above Association attempted a peal of Stedman Triples (Haley's Variation), but after ringing 1 hr. and 42 mins., a mistake in the work brought it to grief just before the 34th course-end. E. F. Strange (conductor), 1; E. F. Cole, 2; A. B. Carpenter, 3; E. E. Vinen, 4; J. Wright, 5; J. Strutt, 6; J. Trappitt, 7; B. E. Batrum, 8. Followed by a course of Double Norwich.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, February 28th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Collison, 1; J. Newnham, 2; T. Smith, Esq., 3; M. Heffer, 4; W. Collison, 5; F. Wickens, 6; A. F. Hillier (conductor), 7; E. Pierce, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 21st, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Capel branch of the above Guild visited the parish church to attempt a peal of Treble Bob Major, but after ringing two courses after the morning service, they found the bells did not go well enough for a peal, so a 768 and 576 of Treble Bob Major was rung. G. Holloway, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; E. Moses, 4; E. Jordan, 5; F. Wickens, 6; D. Jordan, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. This is the first touches in the first method on the bells. And for Divine Service in the evening, 447 of Grandsire Triples, in which some of the local band took part. The above band wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, hoping to ring a peal on them some future time.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, February 21st, for evening service at St. Chad's, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 43 mins. W. Saniger, 1; T. Miller, 2; J. W. Townsend, 3; J. Carter (conductor), 4; R. Hackley, 5; A. Pye, 6; A. Hackley, 7; A. Druce, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. in F. A. Pye hails from Romford, Essex.

CALVERLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, for Divine Service, at St. Wilfrid's church, 1024 changes of Prince Albert, in 28 mins., at the first attempt. R. Page, 1; W. Child, 2; E. Keighley, 3; W. Hollings, 4; J. Page, 5; J. Ross, 6; J. Cordingley (conductor), 7; W. Davison, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Tuesday, February 23rd, the local society rang 360 of Bob Minor. T. Stedman, 1; C. Weedon, 2; A. Mills, 3; R. Worsfold, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan, 6. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Worsfold, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And on Friday, February 26th, 720 of Bob Minor. R. Worsfold, 1; C. Weedon, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, February 28th, for afternoon service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Stedman, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; R. Worsfold, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And after service, 360 Oxford Bob. C. Weedon, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; R.

Worsfold, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; A. Mills (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Bob Minor. C. Weedon, 1; T. Stedman, 2; F. Francis, 3; R. Worsfold, 4; D. Jordan, 5; W. Haynes (conductor), 6. Messrs. Haynes and Francis hail from Ewhurst, the rest belong to Capel.

CHILDWELL (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, February 11th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. G. Meadows, 1; T. Elson, 2; W. Booth, 3; (4th ringer left out); W. Meadows, 5; Geo. W. Hughes (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHURCH KIRK (Lancashire).—On Friday, February 26th, at the parish church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with sixteen bobs and two singles, in 28½ mins. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; J. Bullock, 2; *J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes, 4; J. Pickles, 5; W. Pattinson, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. *First 720.

DARLEY DALE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, February 23rd, the local company rang a 720 of Bob Minor, for practice, in 27 mins. S. Groom, 1; J. Derbyshire, 2; W. Taylor, 3; C. Whymark, 4; C. Gwatkin, 5; E. Hallows (conductor), 6. Tenor 15 cwt. in G. This is the first 720 by all, and the first 720 on the bells by a local band.

DENFORD (Northamptonshire).—On Wednesday, February 24th, at Holy Trinity church, on the occasion of a wedding, two 720's of College Little, two 720's and two 360's of Plain Bob Minor, a 720 and a 360 of Court Single, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, and a 360 of College Single. F. Starmore, 1; J. Groom, 2; E. Mayes, 3; H. Groom, 4; A. Groom, 5; T. Roberts, 6. H. Stubbs rang the 5th in one 720 of Plain Bob, and W. J. Gilbert rang the 2nd; H. Stubbs rang the 3rd in College single. On Thursday, February 25th, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Starmore, 1; J. Groom, 2; A. Arnold, 3; E. Mayes, 4; A. Groom (conductor), 5; T. Roberts, 6.

EXETER.—On Sunday, February 21st, for Divine Service at St. Sidwell's Church, 504 of Grandsire Triples. T. Townsend, 1; E. Pitt, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; J. Moss, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; W. Munday, 8. Also 350 of Grandsire Triples. W. Munday, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; E. Pitt (conductor), 5; J. Moss, 6; W. Richardson, 7; J. Luscombe, 8. And on Tuesday, February 23rd, for practice, 168 of Stedman Triples. J. Moss, 1; E. Pitt, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. G. Goss, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; T. Townsend, 8. Also 168 of Grandsire Triples. T. Townsend, 1; E. Pitt, 2; W. Richardson, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; J. Moss, 6; E. Shepherd (conductor), 7; T. J. Lake, 8. On Thursday, an attempt was made to ring Mr. J. Carter's date touch of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 1000 changes it suddenly came to grief. T. Townsend, 1; E. Pitt, 2; W. G. Goss, 3; W. Richardson, 4; J. Moss, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; A. Shepherd, 7; W. Mundy, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

FOXBARTH (Essex).—On Monday evening, February 15th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Bob Minor (with 46 calls) in 25 mins. G. Maxim, sen., 1; Chas. Lee, 2; Percy Scott (conductor), 3; Robt. Mingay, 4; John Lee, 5; Geo. Maxim, jun., 6. The above 720 is the composition of Mr. Jno. F. Penning, of Safron Walden. On Thursday, February 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. Geo. Maxim, 1; Saml. Slater, 2; John Lee, 3; Robt. Mingay, 4; James Bird, 5; Percy Scott (conductor), 6.

GREENWICH (Kent).—Muffled Peal.—On Monday, March 1st, a deeply-muffled peal was rung at St. Alphege church, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Richard G. Brown, one of the local company, whose painfully sudden death occurred on the 23rd ult. After the usual muffled peal a few short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. William G. Davis, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; John J. Lamb, 3; Frederick W. Thornton (conductor), 4; Harry W. Grout, 5; Edward E. Richards, 6; William H. Freeman, 7; William W. Foreman, 8.

HALIFAX (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 28th, for evening service at All Souls' Church, 784 of Plain Bob Major. H. Reynolds, 1; T. Parker, 2; G. D. E. Mercer, 3; J. S. Ambler, 4; A. Parker, 5; *C. E. Stewart, 6; W. Stewart (conductor), 7; A. F. Nicholl, 8. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D. *Longest touch in the method.

HATHEROP (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, February 23rd, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. Barnett, 1; Rev. R. P. Davies (first 720), 2; C. Bate, 3; J. Kitchener (conductor), 4; G. Smith, 5; T. Smith (first 720), 6.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, January 3rd, after Divine Service at St. Martin's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. G. Griffin, 1; G. Harvey, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; N. Alderman, 4; J. Nixon, 5; T. Titchener, 6. And on Sunday evening, February 14th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and eighteen singles, in 25 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; T. Titchener, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; T. Gleed, 4; J. Leach, 5; J. Nixon, 6. Also on Sunday, February 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. *G. Thurlow, 1; T. Gleed, 2; J. Nixon, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; G. Harvey, 5; G. Griffin, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. *First 720 in the method.

HURWORTH (Durham).—On Tuesday evening, February 23rd, at All Saints' Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. *G. Eden, 1; J. Simpson, 2; H. Kirby, 3; J. Gaines (conductor), 4; J. Temple, 5; G. Garbutt, 6. Tenor 17 cwt. *First 720 in the method.

LONG SUTTON (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday evening, February 20th, at St. Mary's church, in 27 mins., a 720 of Bob Minor (with eighteen bobs and two singles), by G. Watson, 1; Dr. Seccombe, 2; J. Mawby, 3; J. Stennett, 4; W. Cunnington, 5; J. W. M. Brown, Esq. (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. This was the first 720 by Mr. Brown, who, with Nos. 1, 4, and 5, hail from Luton. This is the third company whose formation has been greatly promoted by the Eastern Counties' Guild. Other methods will soon be entered upon by the company.

MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—On Sunday February 21st, for Divine Service in the morning, a 420 of Stedman Triples. J. Farrish, 1; J. Burgess, 2; C. Bamford, 3; W. McKenny, 4; J. M. Davenport, 5; E. Matthews (conductor), 6; W. Walmsley, 7; J. Morledge, 8.

PONTEFRAC (Yorks).—On Thursday, February 25th, at All Saints' Church, a few six-scores of Stedman Doubles. F. Moody, 1; J. Brook, 2; R. Brook, 3; J. Pollard, 4; J. Carter, 5; W. Pearson (conductor), 6. And on Sunday evening, February 28th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, A. Pearson ringing the treble, the rest standing as above.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, January 20th, for practice at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Bob Minor, eight bobs and six singles. H. Symonds (conductor), 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; H. Smith, 4; A. Symonds, 5; J. Levitt, 6. And on Saturday, January 23rd, it being the 28th birthday of Arthur Symonds, at his father's house, he tapped upon the handbells a course of Plain Bob Triples, a course of Grandsire Triples, and a course of Bob Major. Also on Wednesday, February 3rd, at the above church, 720 of Bob Minor, eight bobs and six singles, in 25 mins. H. Symonds (conductor), 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; A. Symonds, 5; J. Levitt, 6. And on Thursday, February 11th, 720 of Bob Minor, nine bobs and six singles, in 25½ mins. H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; H. Smith, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; J. Levitt, 6. Also on Wednesday, February 24th, 720 of Bob Minor, six bobs and fourteen sixteen singles, with the tenors behiud at the first and fourth parts. H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; H. Smith, 4; W. Snell, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt. in F. Messrs. Smith and Symonds hail from Lavenham, the rest are local men.

RETFORD (Notts).—On Tuesday, February 23rd, eight members of the local company rang for practice, at the parish church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. †H. Wilson, 1; S. Joynes (conductor), 2; J. Briggs, 3; W. Brake, 4; *N. Hunt, 5; G. Skelton, 6; S. Hunt, 7; J. Joynes, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. †At St. Michael's church, West Retford, on Thursday, February 25th, for practice, two 720s of Grandsire Minor, in 25 and 24 mins. respectively. *H. Wilson, 1; S. Joynes, 2; W. Brake, 3; N. Hunt, 4; J. Joynes, 5; †R. Potter, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. 9 lbs. The first 720 was conducted by W. Brake, the latter by S. Joynes, who changed with the 5th, the others as before. *First quarter-peal. †First 720.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday, February 28th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. J. C. Mitchell, 1; R. T. Kent, 2; R. Fowler, 3; W. F. L. Buckingham (conductor), 4; W. Battle, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; N. N. Hills, 7; E. A. Hulks, 8. This is the first quarter-peal by the first, third, and fifth men, and the longest touch called by the conductor.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, February 28th, for morning service, 720 of Plain Bob in 25 mins. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; G. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. G. Hayes, 1; F. J. Ring, 2; F. Hayes, 3; *G. Martin, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

TROWBRIDGE (Wilts).—On Saturday, February 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Alley, 1; C. A. Clements, 2; J. R. Jerram, 3; J. Hayward, 4; W. McCaffrey (conductor), 5; T. Blackbourn, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; J. Cooper, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, February 28th, at St. Mary's parish church, 1080 changes, being a 720 of Plain Bob, and a 360 of Oxford Single Bob, in 35 mins. J. Hurst, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

WEST DERBY (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, February 10th, at St. James's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 29 mins. T. Davies, 1; J. Leyland, 2; G. Acton, 3; Geo. W. Hughes, 4; G. Wearing, 5; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 6. First 720 conducted by W. Hargreaves. Tenor 15 cwt.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, February 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Byde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Byde, 3; G. Welling, 4; B. Battrum, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6.

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."

THE CATHEDRALS OF DUBLIN.

SIR,—For the information of your readers, I wish to tell them that of the two Cathedrals in Dublin, one of which, Christ Church, has the finest reckoned peal of bells in Ireland. The bells are thirteen in number, and altogether weigh ten tons. The other Cathedral, St. Patrick's, has a peal of eight bells. The Roman Catholic pro-Cathedral does not possess a peal of bells. In my next letter I purpose giving some account of the parish churches of Dublin possessing peals of bells. The only two Roman Catholic Churches in Dublin having a peal of bells are the churches of SS. Augustine and John, John Street, and St. Paul's, Arran Quay. Both these churches possess a peal of eight bells. I am indebted for my information to the courtesy of the priests-in-charge.

CAMPANOLOGIST.

TICHMARSH BELLS.

SIR,—Your scurrilous correspondent "A lover of Bells," does not deserve an answer, but as he has had the impudence to insinuate that I received money for tuning the bells, I will state that I never received any money for tuning the bells, nor even for hanging them, as I am not the bellhanger; and nobody connected with me had anything to do with tuning the bells, and nobody in the world has been asked to tune them. I never asked any question of your correspondent, but said, "I should be glad if he would say which bell is out of tune," so as to prove to your readers that *he* knows. As to the other things he desires to know, he had better come and find them out for himself. Nobody here pretends to think the bells are all perfectly in tune, but those who are in any way concerned in or connected with them are perfectly well satisfied with them, and no outsiders need trouble themselves about them. I have not asked for any subscription at all.

JAMES W. EATON.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your issue of February 20th, page 372, it states that the number of peals rung by the Midland Counties Association was five, I beg to say, that the number of peals rung and recorded in this paper was six, viz: January 2nd, 5088 Double Norwich; January 7th, 5088 Kent Treble Bob; January 16th, 5056 Kent Treble Bob; January 25th, 5056 Kent Treble Bob; January 29th, 5088 Kent Treble Bob; January 22nd, 5008 Bob Major. Also that the number of peals recorded for that month was 52.

J. JAGGAR.

THE ART AT BICESTER.

SIR,—The Annual Report of the above Guild for 1885, having been distributed among the members, shows an increase in every respect, but looking down the list of change-ringers, I find ten members from Bicester all down as change-ringers. As I happened to visit that place a short time back I found the exercise was not practiced, so I thought they had made some progress, but making enquiries about them I find only two members, namely Cable and Wakenell, own certificates as Change-ringers, the rest are Probationary members. I merely wish to state this through the BELL NEWS, that should any ringer visit there thinking of finding a band of Change-ringers he would be disappointed.

A RINGER.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, February 25th, seven members of the above society assembled in the tower of St. Mary's, Old Battersea, to meet the Rev. J. Ulten Todd, of Dunster, Somerset, who was desirous to accomplish, with them, his first peal in London, and also to commemorate the 35th birthday of the Battersea Secretary (Mr. H. S. Thomas), but after ringing 2 hrs. and 2 mins. the attempt came to grief, and was adjourned accordingly till Tuesday evening, March 2nd, when the same members assembled and succeeded in ringing "Holt's Original" in good style, particulars of which will be found on another page.

The rev. gentleman, at the conclusion of the ringing, graciously offered to place in the belfry a tablet to record the peal, which was readily accepted by all present; and after explaining to the members, at their meeting-room, the reason he had deprived them of their practice, in order that he might have the pleasure of ringing his first peal in London in their belfry, he took his leave for his native place amidst the good wishes of all present.

THE WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the above society, that was announced for March 20th, is unavoidably postponed till March 27th, and will take place in the old Isleworth belfry.

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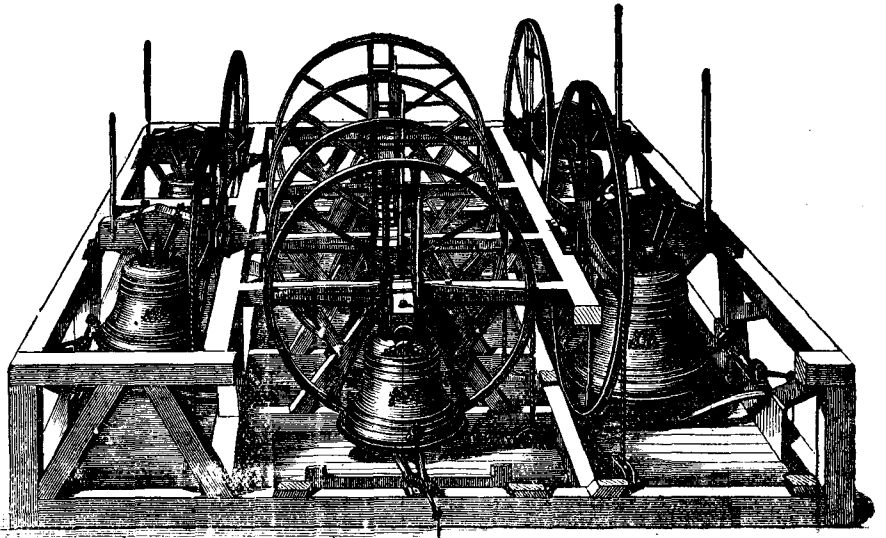
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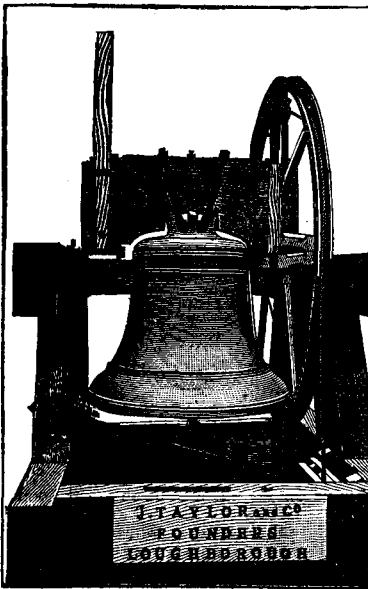
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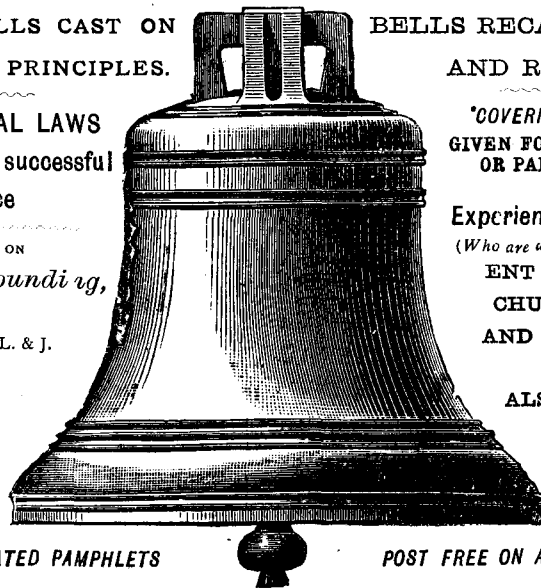
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