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THE MONTH.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE-RINGERS.

This society celebrated the tenth anniversary of its foundation, on Thursday, February 2nd, when a visit was paid to Drayton, near Abingdon, of which parish the Rev. F. E. Robinson, a member of the society, is vicar. Eight members of the society, who are also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, rang Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes, true and complete, in 3 hrs. 1 min., particulars of which will be found in our Records of Performances.

The society was founded in 1872, not so much with a view to bringing the Art to any pitch of perfection among undergraduates, which would be almost a matter of impossibility owing to the short and intermittent nature of University life, as to promoting such a love and knowledge of change-ringing as would enable its members, when scattered throughout the land at the end of their University course, to spread the art and make it more universally known and appreciated. And in this object the society may be said to have been thoroughly successful, even in the short space of ten years; for though the above is the first peal that has been rung entirely by Oxford University men, yet in other ways the work of the members of the society may be seen in all parts of the country. None have been more active or done more real work for the promotion of belfry reform, which is now so much talked about, than the members of this society. In proof of this we may state that several of the Diocesan Guilds of Ringers owe their formation to the exertions of its members, notably the Gloucester and Bristol, Winchester, and Oxford Diocesan Guilds, besides a large number of smaller local societies. Many parishes also have to thank the society indirectly, in the persons of individual members, for new bells, witness Drayton, where the above peal was rung, and Worcester Cathedral, where the ring of sixteen were obtained solely by the exertions of Canon Cattle, an old Oxford man, who was also instrumental in obtaining for St. Paul's cathedral their tenor of 62 cwt. The author of "Troyte's Change-Ringing" is also a member of the Oxford University Society of Change-Ringers, as are also the compilers of "The Change-Ringers' Guide," and among other productions from the pens of members of the society may be mentioned the series of articles that have lately appeared in the columns of "BELL NEWS" on "A Ring of Bells in Perfect Tune" by a former master of the society, and an excellent paper on the bells in and near Winchester, by another member.

Of the actual performances of individual members it would be impossible to speak in detail without giving a long and, except to members of the society, uninteresting list of peals, etc. Suffice it to say that the society has been represented on several notable occasions, as in the only peal of College Single Triples rang this century, and in at least three 6000's. One of its members has conducted twenty-three peals on various occasions; and one of its masters can enumerate 257 different churches in which he has rung. These few words, and the mention of the names of the Revs. F. E. Robinson and C. D. P. Davies, and Messrs. T. E. Acland-Troyte and G. H. Phillott as members of the society, will be ample proof to ringers and others that Oxford can produce as good ringers as it can scholars.

DURHAM DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS.

On Monday, February 20th, a meeting of this association was held at Sunderland, and was the largest and most successful February meeting yet held. The branches represented were Darlington, Durham, North Shields, Newcastle, Newton Hall, South Shields, Stockton, Bishopwearmouth, and Sunderland. At the parish churches of the last two named places the ringing was kept up with great spirit during the day, the 720 of Minor being repeatedly accomplished on the six bells of Bishopwearmouth Church, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Major on the eight bells of Sunderland Church. At two o'clock the company, numbering thirty-six, sat down to dinner at the Waverley Hotel—the rector of Sunderland (Rev. T. Waters) occupying the chair, supported by Mr. Chapman, churchwarden of Sunderland, the Rev. A. J. Love, of Bishopwearmouth,

and the secretary of the association (Mr. Clarkson, of Stockton). The vice-chair was occupied by the president of the association (Mr. Reed, of North Shields). The loyal toasts having been proposed from the chair and duly honoured, that of the Bishop and clergy of the diocese was proposed by Mr. Reed, and responded to by the rev. chairman in an eloquent speech, in which he expressed his agreeable surprise at meeting so large and representative a gathering of the ringers of this diocese in his own parish, and he hoped not for the last time. Such an association tended strongly to the improvement of ringers, not only in their professional skill, but as churchmen and as men, and he hoped to again welcome them to the very parish in which, upwards of 1,300 years ago, the first church-bell heard in England was introduced by the Bishop of the diocese. Since that time the sound of church bells, and therefore the skill of church bell-ringers, had become interwoven with every event both of joy and sorrow whether of national or individual life. The remarks of the rev. chairman were repeatedly applauded. A long list of new members were elected, including the rector and churchwardens of Sunderland, W. D. Cruddas, Esq., the donor of the grand peal of eight to St. Stephen's, Newcastle, the only one of the three heavy peals in this diocese in a state fit for change-ringing at the present time; the vicars of St. Stephen's, Newcastle; St. Peter's, Jarrow; and Christ Church, Sunderland, and other honorary and performing members. Bishop Auckland was chosen by a large majority as the place for the meeting on Whit-Monday.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The first district meeting of the season of the above association was held at Swaffham, on Monday, January 30th. Ringers attended from Aylsham, Diss, Hethersett, Hingham, Kenninghall, Lynn, Northwold, Norwich, Redenhall, Tunstead, etc., and a very enjoyable day they had. There was a hearty welcome from the vicar and those connected with the church, and there were several exceedingly well-rung touches of Treble Bob heard from time to time. Dinner was provided at 1.30 o'clock at the George Inn, and about forty members were present, presided over by the Rev. G. R. Winter, vicar, supported by the Revs. A. G. Blyth, J. Barnard Smith, G. H. Harris (Secretary); Captain Moore, J. Seccombe, Esq., M.D., Mr. Plowright, churchwarden, etc. After the usual toasts, a short discussion arose as to the advisability of altering the time of the annual meeting, the members present agreeing that it would be better to hold it earlier in the year. The business of the meeting concluded with the election of three honorary members, viz.: Rev. G. R. Winter, J. T. Seccombe, Esq., M.D. (King's Lynn), and Mr. Harvey Reeves; twenty-six performing members and three probationers. The next meeting will be held at Coddendam, shortly after Easter.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7th, the above association held its quarterly meeting at Burnley. About forty ringers were present from Colm, Padiham, Church, Bolton, and more distant places. During the day several 720's of Bob Minor and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. Tea was partaken of at the Talbot Inn, presided over by the Rev. T. A. Turner, B.A., curate, in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Canon Parker, M.A., rector. Immediately after tea, a short meeting was held. In the course of his remarks the Rev. T. A. Turner said he was glad to find that the old state of things with regard to ringers and ringing was fast dying out. Clergy, churchwardens, and others were beginning to look upon ringers as a set of skilled men, and latterly much had been done to make the belfry a fit place to assemble in. He urged upon all to recollect that ringers are men who have abilities given them, for the right use of which they will have to give account not only here, but in the world to come. He stated that there were about 52,000 ringers in the country, and showed how much good might be done by such a grand united body of men. He gave many particulars concerning ancient bells and inscriptions, and interested the ringers greatly by the specimens and copies which he had brought for that purpose. The Rev. Canon Parker, M.A., who was only able to stay for a few minutes, wished the Association every success, and

drew the attention of those present to the sacred character of their work. New members, both honorary and performing were elected, and at the close a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the rector, chairman, churchwardens, and local ringers, for the hospitality shown to the visitors.

On Saturday, February 11th, a district meeting for ringing purposes only was held at St. Lawrence's Church, Chorley, ringers being present from Manchester, Bolton, Leigh, Blackrod, and Leyland. There being only six bells, Plain Bob Minor was principally rung, also a few courses on the handbells during the evening.

ST. PAUL'S (BEDFORD) CHANGE-RINGING SOCIETY.

A meeting of this society was held at Bedford, on February 13th, for the purpose of inaugurating a County Association. About twenty members sat down to a supper at the George Hotel. The vicar of St. Paul's occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. — Smith, vicar of Bromham, and Messrs. Cuthbert and Bull, churchwardens of St. Paul's. Mr. T. G. E. Elger acted as vice-chairman, and after the usual patriotic toasts had been duly honoured, proposed the Bedfordshire Association of Change-Ringers, giving an account of the history of scientific change-ringing, and urging the desirability of forming a diocesan society for encouraging the knowledge of this manly and healthful art. The vicar of St. Paul's and the Rev. — Smith spoke strongly in favour of the proposed movement. During the evening admirable performances were given on the handbells by the ringers present.

ST. MARY'S, CAMBRIDGE.

Mr. Seage, of Exeter, has lately finished putting up his "Dumb Practice Apparatus" in the tower of the above church, which apparatus has been kindly given by two of the University Society for the use of its members. On Tuesday, January 24th, a first trial was made by the Town Society, who rang 504 Grandsire Triples on that occasion. The University Society tried the apparatus for the first time on Friday, January 27th, when some Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles were rung by the following members. R. Copeman (Clare), 1; Rev. A. F. Boughey (Trinity), 2; M. C. Potter (Peterhouse), conductor, 3; W. Baker (Clare), 4; W. C. Pearson (Clare), 5. The apparatus has been fixed to the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth, of the ring of twelve. The ninth weighs about 16 cwt.

RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS AT ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, HULL.

This ring of eight bells has recently been re-hung by Messrs. Mallaby and Sons, Church Bell-hangers, Masham, Yorkshire. The bells were reopened on Thursday, January 26th, with a touch of Grandsire Triples by the following company. T. Mallaby, 1; A. Taylor, 2; T. Walker, 3; J. Dixey, 4; J. Mallaby, 5; C. Jackson, 6; J. W. Stickney (conductor), 7; T. Horner, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. A short service was held in the church by the Rev. A. Boyd-Carpenter, M.A., vicar, and a suitable address was given by the Rev. H. L. Clarke, M.A., vicar of Hedon. At the conclusion, the clergy, churchwardens, and several ladies and gentlemen visited the chamber to witness the ringing and inspect the work, which has given entire satisfaction. The restoration of the bells has been effected principally through the generosity of Mr. J. Horsley, one of the churchwardens. In the evening touches of Bob Major, Treble Bob, and Grandsire Triples were rung.

TESTIMONIAL TO MR. T. HATTERSLEY, OF SHEFFIELD.

On Saturday, January 28th, after the performance of a date touch at All Saints', Sheffield, composed and conducted by the above gentleman, an account of which will be found in our Records, the ringers, with a few influential friends, adjourned to the Brunswick Arms, where a substantial repast was served by the host, under the auspices of the members of the All Saints' Society, Mr. Booth presiding. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, Mr. Bower rose, and in the course of a few appropriate remarks presented Mr. Hattersley, on behalf of the All Saints' Society, with a handsome silver-plated tea and coffee service, as an acknowledgment of services rendered by him to them in the capacity of instructor, and also as a token of the respect in which he is held by them. Mr. Hattersley feelingly returned thanks. The remainder of the evening was spent in a manner appropriate to the occasion.

The *Norfolk Argus* has the following:—

"Pulham Market is to be felicitated. Its ringers have succeeded in giving a true peal of 720 changes of 'Bob Minor,' a feat said to have been unparalleled in the parish for over thirty years, and not often accomplished elsewhere. The heroes who have done this deserve to be mentioned in detail, that their names may be handed down to posterity. They are: Messrs. F. Surridge, C. Brown, J. Williams, T. Farrow, J. Allen, and W. Rosse. Our ambition is now to get over 720 changes of 'Bob Minor,' and die."

If the writer of the above tarries on earth till he has got "over 720 Bob Minor," we may safely affirm that his days here below will exceed the ages of Methuselah and all the patriarchs put together. The above paragraph is commended to the notice of the new proprietor of "Jumbo." He may make something out of it.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A short time ago the proceedings of the Yorkshire Association, as set forth in their Annual Statement, were noticed in these columns; and we have again been interested by the perusal of a similar document which has been issued by another of these bodies, viz.: the Norwich Diocesan Association. One of the principal items of this Annual Statement is the report of the honorary secretary, the Rev. G. H. Harris, while the list of the year's performances, which are displayed on each page in a clear manner, possess many features of interest.

The method mostly practised in Norfolk and Suffolk is Treble Bob, both in the Kent and Oxford variations. The Association scores twenty-two peals of Major in these methods. Also one peal each of Royal and Maximus, both the latter being rung at Ipswich, and composed and conducted by Mr. D. Prentice. Holt's Ten-part and his Original peal has also been rung. In noticing these performances we must not omit to mention a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, rang solely by clergymen; and also a peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, which was the first peal in which the Rev. H. E. Bulwer took part, that gentleman himself composing the peal, or varying it from a composition of Annable's. To ring one's first peal in such a method as Double Oxford is a *debit* such as is not often heard of.

The greatest length the Association has rung during the past year is 10,272 of Kent, a production of Sottanstell's, rung at Debenham, and conducted by W. Ireland, of Diss, the tenor being rung by F. Day, of Eye, occupying 6 hrs. 35 mins. Tenor 20 cwt.

We cannot close this brief notice without expressing a hope that the Norwich Association may be able in their next report to record some peals in the more intricate methods, and performances upon 10 and 12 bells also. They've got the bells, they've got the men, and—if the balance-sheet is any criterion—they've got the money, too.

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

AN ENQUIRY.

SIR,—In a recent issue of *Church Bells* is an account of a touch of 1400 changes of Grandsire Triples, rang by eight members of the St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter, Devon. The calling was a bob at 2, 5, and 7, with a single at the end of the fifth and tenth parts. I have made several attempts to prick it out, but without success. Will anyone kindly explain what it means? because it is impossible to have above four successive plain leads without a repetition. I am but a young member of the Exercise, and ought not perhaps to interfere in such matters; but as this performance took place on Christmas Day last and nobody seemed to make any comment upon it, I think I may be pardoned for putting my spoon into the dish.

Elstow, near Bedford, Feb. 14th.

JOHN ATKINS.

BELL FOUNDING OPERATIONS, ETC.

MESSRS. TAYLOR & Co.—Thurlston (near Hinckley). Re-cast the second of the old peal of three, and added a new treble and tenor to make five. Also an entirely new framework and fittings. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lbs. The whole work has been done at the expense of the Rev. G. E. Bruxner. Baldock (near Hitchin).—Recast the treble, second, fourth, and fifth of the old peal of six, and added two trebles to make eight. Also entirely new framework and fittings. Tenor 27 cwt. Burnage (near Manchester).—One new bell, weight 4½ cwt. Reading, St. Lawrence.—Re-cast the sixth, seventh and tenor of the peal of ten, and new fittings for the whole peal. Tenor 24 cwt. Narborough (near Leicester).—New fittings for the peal of five, and alterations to framework which was formerly left-handed. Swinbridge (near Barnstaple).—A new treble, to make six. Ugborough (near Kingsbridge).—Re-cast the fourth of eight.

MESSRS. GILLET, BLAND & Co., have the following works in hand. Bells: Hove Town Hall, peal of twelve bells, tenor 36 cwt.; Bourne-mouth, Holy Trinity Church, five bells, tenor 25 cwt.; Windermere, St. Mary's Church, peal of eight, tenor 14 cwt.; Tring Parish Church, the peal of eight re-hung with new frame and two new trebles; Paisley Town Hall, peal of ten, tenor 20 cwt.; Hove Cemetery, one bell; Lewes Town Clock, five bells, tenor 16 cwt.; St. Mary Cray Church, re-hanging the peal of five; Bootle Town Hall, Liverpool, five bells, tenor 11 cwt.; Froyle Church, chiming apparatus; school bells for Balham, Tooting, &c. Clocks and carillons in hand: Cattistock Church, chime clock; Croydon Town Hall and Hove Town Hall, clock and carillons; Over Church, chimes; Windermere Church, chimes and self-acting chiming apparatus; Tring Church, chimes; Paisley Town Hall, the carillons; St. Mary Magdalen church, Paddington, Seale Church, Lewis Town Clock, chimes; Bootle Town Hall, chimes; St. James's Palace, London, Exeter Barracks, Colchester Barracks, Langford, Budville Church; and for South America, Cape Town Post Office, the Oude Rohlkund Railway, &c.

PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

COMPILED BY JASPER W. SNOWDON.

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43526	I - 2 2	52364	- I 2	34562	I 2	36245	2 - I 2
34625	2 2	24365	2 - I 2	43265	2 2	64352	- 2 2
36245	I 2	45362	I 2	64352	- 2 2	46253	2 2
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64235	I - 2 2	36245	- I 2	64235	I - 2 2	62345	I 2
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54263	I 2	53624	2 2	54263	I 2	62453	I - 2 2
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35426	I 2	23564	2 2	24365	I 2	35264	2 2
26543	2 - 2	65324	2 2	63425	2 2	32654	I - I 2
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26354	- 2 2	24536	2 - I 2	62345	I 2	52436	- I 2
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32465	2 2	63254	I 2	32654	I 2	32654	I 2
64235	2 2	56342	- 2 2	56234	2 2	56234	2 2
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The following peal can be varied by using the alternative calling in the 3rd, 5th, and 8th courses, the number of changes remaining the same.

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63425	I 2	32465	- 2 2	54326	I 2	63542	- I 2
64235	I 2	25463	I 2	53246	I 2	32546	2 - I 2
36452	- 2 2	53462	I 2	45362	2 2 2	26543	I 2
34562	I 2	65324	2 2 2	64523	- 2 2	45623	I - 2 2
42563	I 2	26543	2 2 2	46325	- I 2	24536	- 2 2
24365	2 2	62345	- I 2	43265	I 2	32465	2 2 2
62453	- 2 2	25346	2 - I 2	42635	I - 2 2	25463	I 2
26354	2 2	56342	I 2	36245	I - 2 2	53462	I 2
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45362	- I 2	24653	I 2	24653	I 2	24653	I 2
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24365	I 2	53624	I 2	53624	I 2	53624	I 2
45362	I 2	35426	2 2	35426	2 2	35426	2 2
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The reverse of this peal was first rung on February 5th 1881, by the Norwich Association, at St. Mary's, Reden-hall. Conducted by E. Smith.

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N. J. PITSTOW.

A 5184 OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By W. H. HOWARD, of York, Vice-President of the Yorkshire Association.

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H. H. T.—Besides the one visible, there is also a hidden acrostic in the lines on this journal. This, indeed, may be considered, so far as the effusion you allude to is concerned, as the *piece de resistance* of these lines. Mr. Penning is well-known in our columns, and we should imagine, from the encomiums he awards us in this poem, that he is a believer in the utility of THE BELL NEWS. According to an advertisement in our columns he sends copies to anyone who applies for them, on receipt of two stamps. Your second question has been previously answered. Mr. Matthew Wood, of the Ancient Society of College Youths, has, we believe, rung the greatest number of peals of anyone on record, and Mr. John Cox, of the Cumberlands, is a few behind him.

F. J. ORAM (Bawtry).—See answer to H. H. T. We will forward what you require at our earliest opportunity.

P. HAMBLETT.—Your communication came very late. We will try and comply with your wishes in our next issue.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

MARCH, 1882.

WE find it incumbent upon us to draw an arbitrary line as to the period at which all matter intended for insertion in these columns shall reach our hands. This is absolutely necessary in order that "THE BELL NEWS" shall be in the possession of its readers as near the beginning of the month as possible. Our supporters and correspondents will pardon us for saying that there is no reason why all performances, and, indeed, reports of associations and other meetings, should not be sent within a day or two after taking place. As a change of some kind in our issue is imminent, we earnestly beg our friends to assist us in this important particular. We shall publish next month on the 23rd instant, and it will be requisite, to ensure insertion, that all communications be received not later than the morning of the 21st. Several communications are unavoidably left over.

THE METROPOLIS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 7th, at St. Saviour's, Holt's Original One-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. * W. Manning, 1; Rev. C. D. P. Davies (conductor), 2; G. Grimwade, 3; H. Reeves, 4; R. J. Maynard, 5; F. Bines, 6; T. Maynard, 7; W. Crockford, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. This is the first time the "Original" has been called by a clergyman. * First peal.

WALWORTH.—On Thursday, February 2nd, at St. Peter's, the following members of the above rang Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. W. Greenleaf, 1; F. T. Gover, 2; H. Page, 3; H. Cutter, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; R. French, 6; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 7; * W. Prime, 8. Tenor 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. in F. * First peal.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.

EDMONTON (Middlesex).—On Saturday, January 28th, at All Saints', the following members rang, by kind permission of the vicar, Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins. E. Barnett, 1; J. Nunn, 2; * T. Scarlett, 3; J. Gobbett, 4; H. Randall, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 6; W. Dovan, 7; S. Jarman, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. in E. * First peal.

WESTMINSTER.—On Saturday, January 28th, at St. Margaret's, a peal of Stedman Caters, containing 5001 changes, was rung in 3 hrs. 21 mins. J. Nelms (composer and conductor), 1; J. Rogers, 2; J. Cox, 3; C. Hopkins, 4; G. Newson, 5; W. Hoverd, 6; * E. Moses, 7; H. Dains, 8; H. Hopkins, 9; * S. Smith (steeplekeeper), 10. Tenor 28 cwt. * First peal in this method.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

ALDGATE.—On Saturday, February 11th, at St. Botolph's, the following members rang a peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 12 mins. J. Wag-

horn, 1; W. Pead, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; T. Taylor, 4; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 5; G. Freeman, 6; H. Freeman, 7; W. Bowles, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D. This is the first peal rung on these bells since March 28th, 1832, and the fourth ever rung on them. This striking was good considering the weight of the bells, and also that they were not in the very best order for ringing.

THE PROVINCES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Saturday, February 4th, at St. Mary's, the following members of the above society (being also members of the Surrey Association of Change-Ringers) rang Holt's One-part peal of Bob Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. C. Bance, 1; J. Branch, 2; E. Bennett (conductor), 3; J. Trappitt, 4; J. Plowman, 5; C. Gordon, 6; J. Cawley, 7; J. Clark, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

DRAYTON (Berks).—On Thursday, February 2nd, the eighteenth anniversary of this society was celebrated, a visit being paid to the above parish, and Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes, being rung in 3 hrs. 1 min. F. A. H. Du Boulay (Keble), 1; W. H. S. Poole (Magdalen), 2; Rev. A. Du B. Hill (Magdalen), 3; G. F. Coleridge (Keble), 4; C. C. Child (Ch. Ch.), 5; G. H. Phillott (Ch. Ch.), 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (Exeter), 7; J. F. Hastings (Corpus Christi), 8. Conducted by Rev. F. E. Robinson. Tenor 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DRIFHLINGTON (Yorks).—On Saturday, February 4th, a mixed band of the above association rang at St. Paul's, a true peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, consisting of 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. B. Lightfoot (Bingley), 1; G. Bolland (Tong), 2; J. Ross (Pudsey), 3; W. Bolland (Tong), 4; W. Wilks (Shipley), 5; J. Woodhead (Leeds), 6; T. Mountain (Bingley), 7; R. Binns (Leeds), 8. Composed by J. Fleeming, and conducted by B. Lightfoot. Tenor 16 cwt.

GARGRAVE (Yorks).—On Monday, January 30th, at St. Andrew's, seven members of the Gargrave Society, assisted by Mr. J. McGoun of Keighley (all members of the above association), rang 5088 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 6 mins., with the 6th the extent home at nine course-ends. W. Clarke, 1; J. T. Middlebrook, 2; * H. Horsman, 3; J. McKell, 4; Harry Birtwhistle, 5; W. Mallinson, 6; C. Lancaster (conductor), 7; J. McGoun, 8. Composed by H. Dains. Also, on Tuesday, February 14th, a peal of 5280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 14 mins. J. T. Middlebrook, 1; J. McKell, 2; H. Horsman, 3; W. Mallinson, 4; Harry Birtwhistle, 5; Henry Birtwhistle, 6; C. Lancaster, 7; J. McGoun (conductor), 8. Composed by L. Cawood, Otley. Tenor 16 cwt. * First peal.

HULL.—On Monday, February 6th, at Holy Trinity Church, the following members rang 5040 Bob Major in 3 hrs. 9 mins. C. Bennett (Hull), 1; A. Taylor (Hull), 2; J. Dixey (Hull), 3; F. Merrison (Hull), 4; S. Slingsby (Hull), 5; J. W. Stickney (Hull), 6; W. Gill (Bradford), 7; C. Jackson (Hull), 8. Tenor 25 cwt. The peal, which was composed by Mr. J. Holt and conducted by C. Jackson, was first rung at Christ Church, Surrey, on October 15th, 1749, by a company of the Union Scholars. Also, on Friday, February 10th, at St. James's, Church, 5088 of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 2 hrs. 58 mins. F. Merrison, 1; A. Taylor, 2; W. Gill 3; J. Dixey, 4; S. Slingsby, 5; J. W. Stickney, 6; C. Bennett, 7; C. Jackson (conductor), 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

KEIGHLEY.—On Saturday, January 28th, 5280 of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. 10 mins. B. Lightfoot (Bingley), 1; J. T. Middlebrook (Gargrave), 2; J. Clegg (Keighley), 3; J. McKell (Gargrave), 4; W. Wilks (Shipley), 5; W. Mallinson (Gargrave), 6; J. Mountain (Bingley), 7; J. B. Jennings (Bolton), 8. Composed by Mr. John Buckley, of Earlsheaton, conducted by J. B. Jennings.

ROTHERHAM.—On Tuesday, February 14th, the following members rang 5000 Kent Treble Bob Royal in 3 hrs. 34 mins. G. Briggs, 1; T. Jenkinson, 2; C. H. Hattersley, 3; J. Athey, 4; W. Coates, 5; J. Hale, 6; F. Coates, 7; T. Lee, 8; G. Flint, 9; A. Rodgers, 10. Tenor 32 cwt. This peal is the reverse of one by the late W. Booth, commenced at the eighth course, which is an improved variation, and in this form was composed by C. H. Hattersley and conducted by G. Flint.

SHEFFIELD.—On Saturday, February 11th, the following rang 5280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 25 mins. H. Mottershall, 1; J. Mulligan, 2; T. Dixon, 3; T. Hattersley, 4; C. H. Hattersley, 5; C. Steer, 6; H. Madin, 7; J. Broadhead, 8. Composed and conducted by C. H. Hattersley.

SHEFFIELD.—On Monday, February 13th, at All Saints, the following members rang Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. * F. Willey, 1; T. Dixon, 2; F. Rippon, 3; W. Gardiner, 4; C. Bower, 5; C. Steer, 6; T. Hattersley (conductor), 7; W. Smithson, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. * First peal.

STAVELEY (Yorks).—On Monday, January 30th, the following members rang 6240 Kent Treble Bob Major in 4 hrs. 2 mins. H. Mottershall, 1; J. Broadhead, 2; T. Hattersley, 3; T. Dixon, 4; C. H. Hattersley, 5; W. Worthington, 6; J. Hunt, 7; H. Madin, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. Composed and conducted by H. Madin.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION.

KENNINGHALL (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, February 14th, at St. Mary's, a peal of 5088 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the following band in 3 hrs. 10 mins. J. Wade, 1; W. Nudds, 2; H. Eagling, 3; *J. Saunders, 4; C. Everett, 5; J. Woods, 6; R. Hutton, 7; J. Morday (conductor), 8. Tenor 16½ cwt. The peal, a one-part composition by H. Dains, has the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6, has never been previously performed, and will be given in the collection of Treble Bob Peals by Mr. Snowdon, in due course in this paper. * First peal.

APPLETON (Berks).—On Friday, February 3rd, at the Parish Church, a peal of Stedman Caters, 5076 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. F. S. White, 1; E. Holifield, 2; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 3; W. Bennett, 4; B. Barrett, 5; G. Holifield, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; F. White, 8; G. F. Coleridge, 9; T. Bennett, 10. Composed by the late Mr. Hubbard, and conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, February 7th, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5088 changes, was rung in 3 hrs. 15 mins. E. Collins (Worlingworth), 1; G. Day (Eye), 2; R. E. Gibbs (Eye), 3; F. Day (Eye), 4; J. Cunningham (Kenninghall), 5; G. Ford (Eye), 6; J. Bumpstead (Eye), 7; G. Murton (Eye), 8. Tenor 24 cwt. E flat. Composed by the late W. Harrison, of Mottram, and conducted by G. Murton, of Eye.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Tuesday, February 7th, at St. Mary's, the following rang Shipway's six-part peal of Oxford Bob Triples 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. J. Johnson, 1; G. Vaughan, 2; F. Knight, 3; G. Rapley, 4; J. Brown, 5; W. Redford, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; J. Bishop, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. in E. This is the first peal on record which has been rung in this method; and in alluding to Oxford Bob Triples Shipway says, "This method has never been carried higher than six bells, neither have its merits been fully investigated, but I think it would prove very amusing to the ringer and well worth the attention of those who are fond of hearing church bell music."

MELTON MOWBRAY (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, January 28th, the following members of the Leicester St. Margaret's Society of Ringers visited this place, and by kind permission of the Rev. Dr. Colles, vicar of St. Mary's, rang a 5040 of Grandsire Triples (a variation of Taylor's six-part peal) in 3 hrs. 16 mins. J. Jarvis, 1; J. W. Wilson, 2; G. Burrows (conductor), 3; J. Buttery, 4; W. Cooper, 5; S. Cooper, 6; J. Cooper, 7; W. Walker, 8. Tenor 33 cwt. in D. This is the first peal which has been rung on these bells for fifty years.

DATE TOUCHES.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFORD.—On Monday, January 30th, at St. John's, the following members of the above society rang 1882 changes of Kent Treble Bob in 1 hr. 10 mins. R. S. Ambler (Bolton), 1; A. Moulson (Bradford), 2; R. Tuke, Esq. (Ilkley), 3; Broadley (Bolton), 4; J. Cheetham (Bradford), 5; W. Barraclough (Bolton), 6; B. T. Copley (Bolton), 7; J. B. Jennings (Bolton), conductor, 8. Also, on Sunday, February 12th, at St. James's, 1882 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 8 mins. B. F. Lamb, jun., 1; A. Moulson, 2; R. Tuke, Esq., 3; J. Broadley, 4; B. Sugden, 5; W. Barraclough, 6; J. Standeven, 7; J. B. Jennings (conductor), 8. Tenor 15 cwt. The latter was rung as a parting touch with one of the members (J. Broadley), who left Bradford for Westmoreland the following day.

HULL.—On Thursday, February 2nd, at St. James's, the following members rang 1882 Bob Major in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Morrill (York), 1; T. Hodgson (York), 2; J. Underwood (York), 3; W. Howard (York), 4; C. Underwood (York), 5; T. Haigh (York), 6; W. H. Howard (York), 7; C. Jackson (Hull), composer and conductor, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

OTLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, February 12th, for divine service at All Saints', the local company rang a date touch of 1882 changes of Bob Major in 1 hr. 7½ mins. E. Cawood, 1; C. Ralph, 2; F. Maston, 3; L. Cawood (composer and conductor), 4; J. Horner, 5; C. E. Craven, 6; J. Barraclough, 7; W. McGoun, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. This touch has the sixth at home at each course-end throughout.

SHEFFIELD.—On Saturday, January 28th, at All Saints, the following members rang 1882 changes of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 8 mins. F. Willey, 1; J. Rowley, 2; S. Seed, 3; W. Gardiner, 4; T. Hattersley (composer and conductor), 5; F. Rippon, 6; C. Bower, 7; W. Smithson, 8. In another column will be found an account of a pleasing ceremony which took place immediately after this touch was rung.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 12th, at St. Paul's, the following members rang a date touch, consisting of 1882 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. Lilley, 1; W. Wilkes, 2; W. Kendall, 3; J. Crabtree, 4; T. Crabtree, 5; T. Ives, 6; J. Mountain, 7; T. Palliser, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Composed and conducted by Mr. J. Crabtree, who is a member of the College Youths, London.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GARSTON (Lancashire).—On Thursday, January 5th, at St. Michael's, the following members rang a date touch of 1882 changes in 1 hr. 7 mins. S. Gough, 1; C. Newton, 2; J. Davidson, 3; J. Alexander, 5; F.

Turner, 5; J. Aspinwall, 6; G. W. Hughes (composer and conductor), 7; J. Latchford, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WORSLEY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, February 11th, at St. Mark's, a date touch of 1882 changes was rung in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. Yates (conductor), 1; J. Barratt, 2; E. Cash, 3; J. Ridyard, 4; C. Cash, 5; R. Ashcroft, 6; F. Derbyshire, 7; R. Ridyard, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

DARESBUURY (Cheshire).—On Thursday, February 9th, at the Parish Church, the following members of the Daresbury Society rang a date touch of 1882 changes in 1 hr. 9½ mins. in the following methods:—82 Plain Bob, 360 London Single, 720 Oxford Bob, and 720 College Single. T. Houghton, sen., 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett (composer and conductor), 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Tenor 12 cwt. Also on Saturday, February 18th, a 720 in three methods:—Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, and College Single in 26 mins. This is in six parts, and contains 17 bobs and 2 singles. P. Hamblett, composer and conductor. Also on Monday, February 20th, a 720 Plain Bob Minor, containing 34 bobs and 8 singles in 26 mins. T. Houghton, sen., 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett (composer), 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton jun. (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

HULL.—On Thursday, February 16th, at Holy Trinity Church, the following company rang a date touch of 1882 changes of Bob Major in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Gill, 1; A. Taylor, 2; J. Dixon, 3; F. Merrison, 4; S. Slingsby, 5; J. W. Stickney, 6; C. Bennett, 7; C. Jackson (composer and conductor), 8. Also on Monday, February 20th, the following company attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples. After ringing 3 h.s. and 3 leads from being round, the tenor rope broke. W. Gill, 1; A. Taylor, 2; J. Dixey, 3; F. Morrison, 4; S. Slingsby, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), H. Jenkins, 7; C. Bennett. Tenor 25 cwt.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, January 29th, at St. Mary's and St. Nicholas, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, nine bobs, in 28 mins. J. W. Manby, 1; J. Croxford, 2; R. Mackman, 3; R. Creasey, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; J. R. Jerram (conductor), 6. On Saturday, January 31st, a date touch of 1882: 82 of Plain Bob, five bobs and two singles; 360 of College Single, six bobs and two singles; 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, nine bobs; 720 of London Single, eighteen bobs and two singles, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. S. Wright, 1; R. Creasey, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; E. Mason, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 14th, a 720 College Single, eighteen bobs and two singles, in 55 mins. J. W. Mowly, 1; R. Creasey, 2; G. Richardson, 3; E. Mason, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6.

STOCKPORT.—On Sunday, January 29th, for divine service at St. Mary's Parish Church, the ringers rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1882 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Gordon 1; J. Meakin, 2; A. Gordon, 3; E. Leonard, 4; J. Barlow, 5; T. Marshall, 6; J. Sutcliffe, 7; W. Sharples, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat. Composed and conducted by W. Gordon, member of the College Youths and St. James' Societies.

WAKEFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 5th, at the Parish Church, eight of the Wakefield Society, with J. T. Hollis, of Wrenthorpe, and C. Crawford, of Doncaster, rang before evening service, 1882 changes of Kent Treble Bob Royal, in the titium position, in 1 hr. 26 mins. W. Milnes, 1; T. Prince, 2; J. P. Healey, 3; R. Wrigley, 4; W. Scott, 5; J. T. Hollis, 6; W. Firth, 7; C. Crawford, 8; T. Moorhouse, 9; T. Ormond, 10. Tenor 32 cwt. in C. Composed by J. T. Hollis, and conducted by R. Wrigley. The following are the course-ends and calling, these two changes 2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8 0 9, 1 2 3 4 6 5 8 7 9 0, being rung first to make up the number:

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MISCELLANEOUS.

(Comprising performances under 5000 changes.)

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 30th, at the quarterly meeting held at Swaffham, the following touches of Treble Bob Major were rung by members of the association: 1184 of Oxford, J. Youngs (conductor), 1; J. Rudd, 2; N. Mack, 3; W. Scales, 4; W. Ireland, 5; T. Preston, 6; J. Spratt, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Also, 640 of Kent: W. Ireland (conductor), 1; J. Rudd, 2; W. Scales, 3; R. Hutton, 4; H. Eagling, 5; J. Youngs, 6; P. Sadler, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Also, 768 of Oxford: J. Youngs (conductor), 1; C. Clements, 2; N. Mack, 3; Rev. G. H. Harris, 4; R. Hutton, 5; P. Sadler, 6; J. Cunningham, 7; S. Maidston, 8. Tenor 18 cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Wednesday, February 15th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, the following members rang a 720 of Bob Minor, containing nine bobs and six singles, in 24 mins. G. Cornell, 1; E. Barnett, 2; C. Holden, 3; F. Phillips, 4; H. Randall (conductor), 5; S. Jarman, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Monday, February 20th, at St. Edward's, the following members rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. G. Newton (conductor), 1; J. Gobbett, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; H. Randall, 4; W. Doran, 5; A. H. Gardom, 6; E. Chapman, 7; L. Jarman, 8. This is probably the greatest number of changes in this method rung on these bells.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, February 7th, at St. Paul's, on the back six bells, a 720 of Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles, in 25 mins. *G. Keal, 1; J. W. Creasey, 2; A. Walker, 3; E. Quinton, 4; J. Croxford, 5; R. Creasey, 6. Also, on Monday, February 13th, 1640 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. Hayes, 1; R. Creasey (conductor), 2; J. S. Wright, 3; A. Walker, 4; J. Mawby (Long Sutton), 5; E. Quinton, 6; R. Mackman, 7; J. R. Jerram, 8. Also, on February 19th, for morning service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, on the back six bells, in 25 mins. J. Mawby, 1; J. Croxford, 2; A. Walker, 3; E. Quinton, 4; J. W. Creasey, 5; R. Creasey (conductor), 6. *First peal.

THE DURHAM DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Tuesday, February 20th, the following members of the above association rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. *W. J. Blakiston, 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2; †J. H. Whitfield, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; †W. Patton, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. *First peal. †First 720 on an inside bell.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Friday, January 27th, at St. Stephen's, three members of the North Shields, two of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and two of St. Stephen's branches of the above association, and the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, of Brockdish, Norfolk, rang 2520 Grandsire Triples (part of the late T. Day's peal), in 1 hr. 40 mins. J. Simm, 1; W. West, 2; R. Smith, 3; Rev. N. Bolingbroke, 4; S. Power (conductor), 6; W. Reed, Esq., 7; R. Willans, 8. Also, on Saturday, February 11th, two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th bells, by members of St. Stephen's, assisted by W. Reed, Esq., of North Shields. Also, a 720 Grandsire Minor in 35 mins. *R. Bell, 1; *R. H. Richardson, 2; E. W. Pyle, 3; W. Reed, Esq., 4; *F. Ord, 5; *G. W. Stobart, 6; E. Wallis (conductor), 7; T. Wilkinson, 8. The seventh was introduced as a working-bell with 6 and 8 behind. Also, on Sunday, February 12th, the St. Stephen's ringers rang a muffled 720 of Grandsire Minor in 40 mins. as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Peter Weatherley, who was one of the first and most promising members of this society. R. Bell, 1; R. H. Richardson, 2; E. W. Pyle, 3; E. W. Scott, 4; F. Ord, 5; J. N. Henderson, 6; E. W. Wallis (conductor), 7; G. Allan, 8. Six and eight covering. Tenor 30 cwt. *First 720 in this method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On Thursday, January 12th, at St. Martin's, the following members of the above association rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, containing sixteen bobs and two singles. C. Slingsby, 1; T. Hodgkin, 2; P. Hodgkin, 3; W. Hyder, 4; E. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, 6. Also, on Thursday, February 2nd, a 720 of Bob Minor, containing eighteen bobs and two singles, in 28½ mins. *A. Tanton, (Newington), 1; T. Hodgkin, 2; P. Hodgkin, 3; E. Hyder, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, 6. Also, on Thursday, February 16th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, containing forty-two singles, in 29 mins. C. Slingsby, 1; T. Hodgkin, 2; P. Hodgkin, 3; E. Hyder, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G. *First 720 of Bob Minor.

ELMSTED (Kent).—On Saturday, February 4th, at St. James', six members of the Aldington branch visited this place and rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, containing nine bobs and six singles. C. Slingsby, 1; T. Hodgkin, 2; P. Hodgkin, 3; W. Hyder, 4; E. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, 6. Also a 720 Bob Minor, containing six bobs and ten singles, in 28 mins. C. Slingsby, 1; T. Hodgkin, 2; P. Hodgkin, 3; W. Hyder, 4; E. Hyder (conductor), 5; *T. Hooker (Elmsted), 6. Tenor 15 cwt. *Not a member of the Association.

BURTON-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, February 1st, at St. Paul's, a touch of 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung in memory of the late Andrew Govan, Esq., a benefactor to this church, in 42 mins., with the clappers muffled on one side only. F. Dawson, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; G. Appleby, 3; J. Griffin, 4; J. Jagger, 5; A. Wakley, 6; F. W. Appleby, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Also, touches of 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major, and 1260 (quarter-peal) Stedman Triples, in which the vicar, the Rev. T. H. Fish, and H. Wakley, took part. Conducted by W. Wakley and J. Griffin respectively. Tenor 26 cwt. in F.

BURTON-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, February 18th, at St. Paul's, an attempt was made to ring Hubbard's five-part peal of 5040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. After ringing about 4000 changes in 2 hrs. 56 mins., it was found that the fourth and sixth bells had changed course in the last course of the fourth part. F. Dawson, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; G. Appleby, 3; J. Griffin, 4; J. Jagger, 5; A. Wakley, 6; F. W. Appleby, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor 26 cwt. [Better luck next time, 4th and 6th.—Ed.]

CHORLEY (Lancashire).—On February 11th, at St. Lawrence's, a 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; J. Curtis,

2; W. Bowling, 3; J. Grimshaw, 4; G. Higson, 5; J. Higson, 6. Also, a 720 Plain Bob was rung in 27 mins. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; W. Croston, 2; J. Higson, 3; J. Curtis, 4; J. Grimshaw, 5; J. Scott, 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 18th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung in 30 mins. A. Hurst (Cavendish), 1; J. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; O. Garwood, 4; S. Slater, 5; F. P. Adams (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

[This was Mr. Hurst's first 720. He received a copy of Mr. Jasper Snowdon's *Rope-Sight* about three weeks ago, when he began to study change-ringing. He then met the Glemsford Society in their tower on Saturday evening, February 11th, and rang his first plain course. Previous to that time he had only rang the first treble lead of Bob Minor.]

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, February 11th, at St. Andrew's, Mr. Penning's One-part 720 of Bob Minor, thirty-five bobs and six singles (taken from "THE BELL NEWS") was rung in 30 mins. W. Halls, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; S. Rush, 3; A. Porter, 4; G. Dean, 5; I. Dear, 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

HURWORTH-ON-TEES (Durham).—On Saturday, January 28th, some members of St. John's, Darlington, visited Hurworth-on-Tees, and with three of their members rang three 720's of Minor, viz.: Grandsire Minor, Plain Bob Minor, and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Grandsire Minor: J. Bolton, 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; G. Garbutt, 5; G. Overton, 6. Bob Minor: W. J. Blakiston, 1; G. Garbutt, 2; J. H. Blakiston, 3; J. E. Hern, 4; G. Overton, 5; R. Moncaster, 6. Kent Treble Bob: G. Garbutt, 1; *J. H. Blakiston, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; G. Overton, 5; H. Thompson, 6. All called by J. E. Hern. Tenor 17 cwt. *First peal in this method.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, February 7th, the following members rang a 720 of Bob Minor on the back six, in 28 mins. *W. Bowles, 1; T. G. Deal, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; T. Taylor (conductor), 4; *H. Freeman, 5; *G. Freeman, 6. Tenor 22½ in E flat. This is the first 720 of Bob Minor rung here for upwards of forty years. *First 720 in this method.

SAPFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Wednesday, February 15th, the following peal of Bob Minor, containing forty-six calls, was rung. J. Freeman, 1; G. Martin, 2; N. J. Pitstow, 3; G. Martin, 4; J. F. Penning, 5; F. Pitstow, 6.

S32564	-23645	-24356	-46523	S65234	35642
-32645	34256	S42563	-46235	-65342	S53426
-32456	S43562	26435	S64352	-65423	-53264
25364	-43625	S62354	45623	S56234	-53642
-25643	-43256	-62543	S54236	63542	S35426
-25436	S34562	-62435	-54362	S36425	-35264
S52364	-34625	S26354	-54623	-36254	56342
-52643	42356	-62543	S45236	-36542	64523
-52436	S24563	64235	-45362	S63425	42635
23564	-24635	S46352	56423	-63254	23456

Also on Sunday, February 19th, the above band rang another peal containing the same number of calls. Both composed by J. F. Penning, and conducted by F. Pitstow.

STANDEST (Essex).—On Thursday, February 9th, at St. Mary's, four members of the Parish Society (assisted by F. and R. S. Sworder, of Great Hallingbury), rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Cavill, 1; R. S. Sworder, 2; H. Prior (conductor), 3; F. Sworder, 4; J. Luckey, 5; C. Prior, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. in G. Also, on Thursday, February 23rd, three ringers of the parish, assisted by F. and R. S. Sworder, and G. Brand, of Bishops Stortford, rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Cavill, 1; R. S. Sworder, 2; G. Brand, 3; F. Sworder, 4; C. Prior, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 24th, at All Saints', a touch of 1008 changes Bob Major was rung in 45 mins. W. Bacon, 1; M. Silvester, 2; G. Brown, 3; W. Howell, 4; H. Brackett, 5; C. Sillitoe, 6; A. Scott (conductor), 7; H. Griggs, 8. Tenor 27 cwt.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Thursday, February 16th, at Christ Church, a 720 Bob Minor, with nine bobs and six singles, was rung in 25 mins. M. Ellsmore (composer and conductor), 1; E. Barnett, 2; G. Akers, 3; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 4; W. Doran, 5; G. Cornell, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. in A. All members of the Essex Association.

WATERFORD (Ireland).—On Friday, February 17th, a half-muffled peal was rung on the Cathedral Bells, as a mark of respect to the late Rev. T. Gimlete, D.D., rector of Dunmore East, and prebendary of Waterford Cathedral. The peal was the whole pull and stand, finishing up with a nicely-struck touch of 560 changes of Grandsire Triples. R. Power, 1; R. S. Blee (conductor), 2; B. Fielding, 3; G. Livermore, 4; J. B. Cherry, 5; G. J. Mackesy, 6; T. West, 7; G. Smith, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

WOOD GREEN (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, February 8th, at St. Michael's, a 720 Bob Minor, with eight bobs and six singles (Hubbard's), in 23 mins. M. Ellsmore, 1; H. Scarlett, 2; J. Nunn, 3; E. Barnett, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 5; J. Gobbett, 6. Also a 720 Grandsire Minor, with 34 bobs and 2 singles (the first in this method on these bells), in 24 mins. W. Smith, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; *F. W. Elbourn, 3; E. Barnett, 4; H. Scarlett, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 6. Tenor about 10½ cwt. All members of the Essex Association except the ringer marked thus.*

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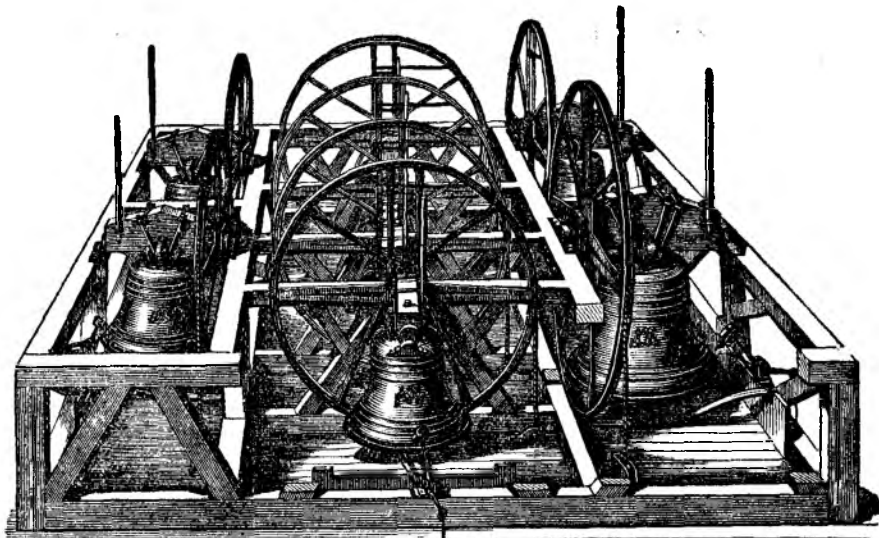
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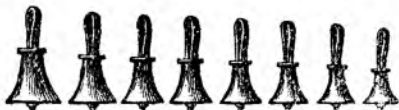
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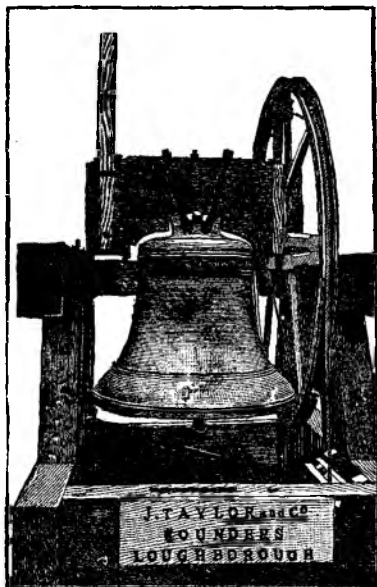
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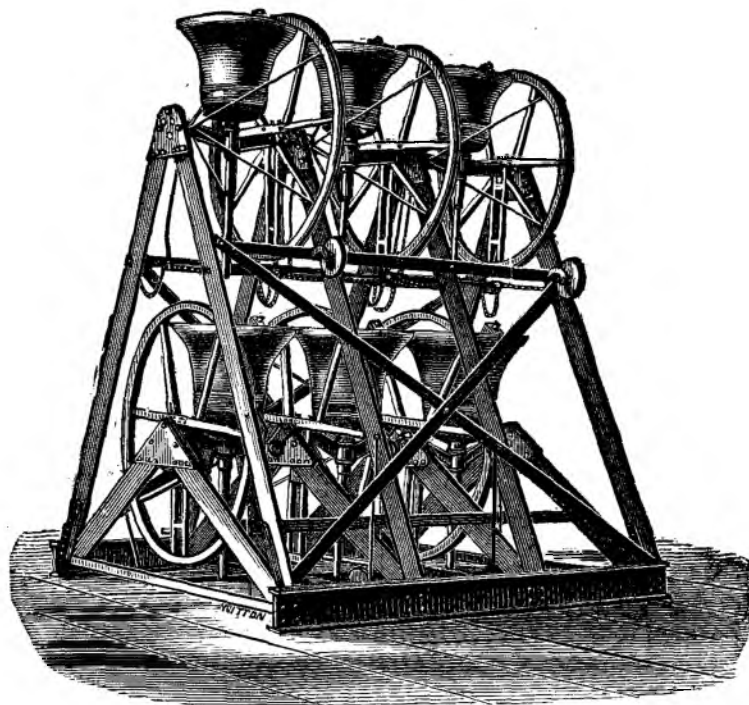
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