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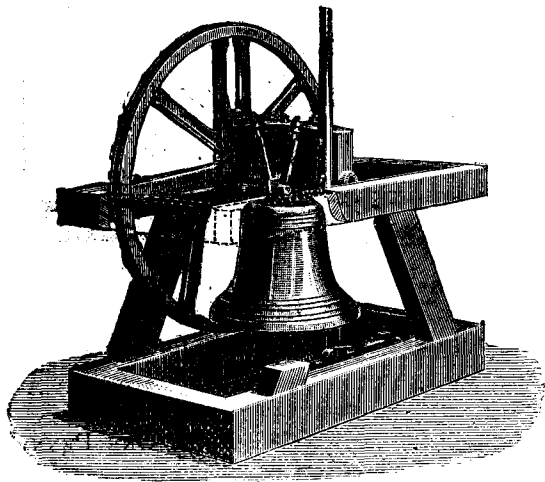
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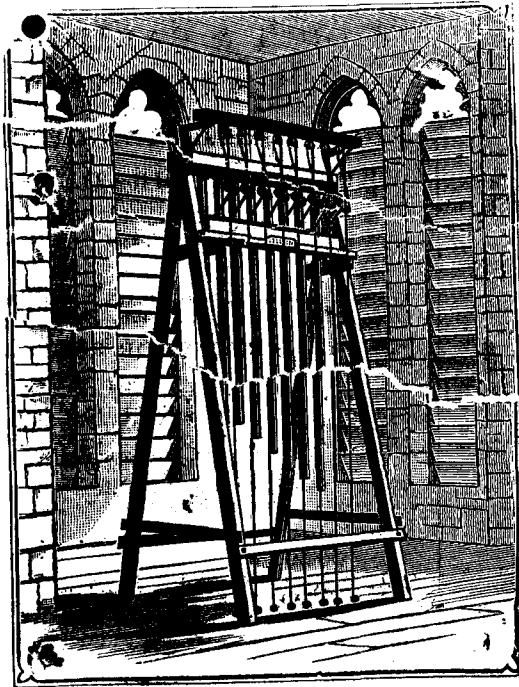
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## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.

The Annual Meeting was held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, and considering the wretched weather, was well attended by about 100 members. Divine Service was held at St. Mary's Church at 11 a.m., the Rector (Archdeacon Johnson) and his three curates being present, with the Revs. T. L. Papillon (Hon. Sec.), H. T. W. Eyre (Assistant Secretary), and F. H. Fisher, late Vicar of Fulham, now of Debden, Essex; the latter of whom delivered from the altar-steps a short practical address from Exodus xxxvi, 1-2. The business meeting was held after service in one of the Schoolrooms, the Hon. Secretary in the Chair. The President and Vice-Presidents for the past year were re-elected, the new Bishop of St. Albans being added to the Vice-Presidents. The Rev. T. L. Papillon was re-appointed Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, with the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre as Assistant-Secretary. The re-election of a "Peal Committee" occasioned some manifestation of feeling with respect to the voting of the representatives of the Association upon the Central Council, the names of Messrs. J. Murray Hayes and W. Lebbon being substituted for those of Messrs. N. J. Pitstow and F. G. Newman. The next business was the election of about 20 new members; after which the Hon. Secretary read his report for the past year. The association, he said, was going on steadily with gradually increasing numbers (about 520 ringing and 64 honorary members at present). District meetings had been held at Saffron Walden, Barking, and Southminster, the last-named being a new and unvisited district, where change-ringing is as yet unknown. Such visits to out-of-the-way places were useful in stimulating curiosity and helping to dispel the indifference towards ringers and ringing which is still so great a difficulty. The report then touched upon the meeting of the Central Council, noting the fact that on one disputed question, that of seven-bell peals, the decision of the Council was contrary to that of this association two years ago; and expressing a hope that practical good would result from the work of the committees appointed by the Council. In belfry improvement, the new ringing chamber at Barking was noted as "a model of what a ringing-chamber should be," and the opening of a new peal of eight at Radwinter was referred to. Two towers—Farnham, 6, and Great Leghs, 5 bells—had disappeared from the list; while that of Ilford was finally condemned as too weak to bear the ringing of its six bells—now to be increased to eight, and used only with a chiming apparatus. The financial summary for the year shewed a balance of £14 3s. 5d., as compared with £7 6s. 4d. last year, £10 of which would be carried to the credit of the Reserved Fund. Thirty-four peals had been rung since last Whitsuntide, including two of Stedman Caters, and two of Stedman Triples, a peal of Double Norwich, the first peal by the association of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Fulham, and the first of Oxford Bob Triples at Widford. The report ended with a cordial acknowledgment of the services of the Assistant Secretary.

The chief matter for discussion arising out of the report was the conduct of three out of four representatives of the association on the Central Council in voting upon the seven-bell peal question, contrary to the strongly-expressed opinion of the Association, which they represent. Unfortunately the three gentlemen concerned did not appear to render an account of their stewardship; and a motion to the effect that a record of their vote should be appended to the report was only withdrawn upon its being represented that such an entry would virtually be a vote of censure passed in their absence, without hearing their explanation. Notice, however, was given of a motion at the next annual meeting to condemn peals of Triples, Caters or Cinques, rung without a covering-bell. Under these circumstances, it was thought better to withdraw the next question on the agenda paper, viz., that of contributing towards the expenses of representatives attending the Central Council. A motion by the Hon. Secretary that a scheme of suggested rules for belfry management be drawn up and circulated under the authority of the Association was carried, the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Mr. B. Keeble being appointed a committee to draw up a scheme of rules.

The dinner took place in another schoolroom, and was excellently catered for by Mr. Hicks, of Chelmsford. At the close, votes of thanks to the preacher and to the Rector of Chelmsford were passed, and acknowledged by Mr. Fisher, and by the Rev.

J. D. Nairne, on behalf of Archdeacon Johnson. The towers of Widford and Writtle were both closed owing to cases of illness; but a party braved the elements in a brake to Galleywood; Great Baddow (8 bells), and Springfield (6), attracting others, while the bells of Chelmsford were kept pretty constantly at work.

The Hon. Secretary would be glad to receive at once any corrections in the list of members for the forthcoming report. If the correspondents of each company would send a list of its members revised and corrected to date, this would greatly assist the accuracy of the report.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Painswick on Monday, May 25th. The fame of the grand ring of twelve which hangs in the steeple of the Parish Church, and the beauty of the place and the surrounding neighbourhood, attracted a fair number of ringers, though doubtless many more would have been present had it not been for the heavy storms of rain which fell frequently during the day.

The Cheltenham members were amongst the first to arrive, having driven all the way, and about 12.30 a brake brought from Stroud the Thornbury band, who had already been at work on the Stroud bells; and others from Bristol, Birmingham, &c.

Service was held at 12.30 in the Parish Church, and was well attended, more than forty ringers being present. The service was choral; the lesson was read by the Master, the Rev. H. A. Coekey, and a most interesting and appropriate address given by the Vicar, the Rev. W. S. Guest-Williams.

Dinner was served at "The Falcon" at 1.30 in good style, and was much appreciated by the hungry travellers. The business meeting was held on the removal of the cloth, preceded as usual by the loyal toast of "Church and Queen" and that of "Success to the Association," both of which were given from the chair, occupied by the Vicar. The latter toast was coupled with the name of the Master, who, in his reply, dwelt upon the work that each member of the Association might do individually towards furthering the objects which it had in view, and warned his hearers against the selfishness which was so apt to creep into change-ringing when the ringer had passed through the preliminary drudgery and attained to the art's higher branches.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Master, as the Hon. Secretary was suffering from a sore throat, and passed.

The Secretary then asked the meeting to give authority to the Hon. Treasurer to forward a cheque for £1 17s. 6d. to Mr. Daltry, of Bristol, in payment of the cost of a peal board, new ready, to be erected in the tower of All Saints in commemoration of the peal of Stedman Triples rang there on August 20th, 1889, in honour of the wedding of the Master of the Association, which took place on that day. The requisite authority was at once granted.

Mr. W. S. Staines, of Thornbury, was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. G. D. Thurston (of Dursley), H. Clarke, F. Chappell, W. Munday, T. Payne (of Wootton-under-Edge), F. Peol, A. Philips, H. J. Thurston (of Thornbury), E. Devereux, A. Devereux, A. Attwoods, A. Wallis, S. Wallis, H. Payne, F. W. Wade, G. H. Pruen (of S. Mark's, Cheltenham), ringing members. The election of Messrs. F. G. Newman and R. French, of London, and W. R. Paddock and H. H. Tucker, of Bristol, on the occasion of peals recently rung, was confirmed.

Stroud, Tewkesbury, Berkeley, and Chipping Campden were proposed as the place of the next meeting, and Campden was decided upon by a large majority.

Mr. W. Hale was elected Local Secretary for the Deanery of Bisley. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his kindness in giving so hearty a welcome to the Association.

The bells were then set rolling to the tune of Stedman Caters, but the touch (about 600) failed a few leads from home. A touch of seven courses of Grandsire Caters was then successfully brought round, under the able conductorship of Mr. Pates, and was followed by a course of Grandsire Cinques. At 5.30 several of the party returned to Stroud, and there rang some short touches of Triples before leaving by the 7.3 train, while at Painwick, about 714 of Grandsire Triples was brought round prior to the departure of the Cheltenham band.

In spite of the weather, a most enjoyable day was spent.

## THE LIVERSEDGE PRIZE-RINGING.

[From our Extra Special Peripatetic Correspondent.]

When I read the announcement a few weeks ago of the intention to hold a ringing match in the "county of broad acres" at Whitsuntide, there developed in my mind a strong inclination to pay another visit to Yorkshire and witness for myself how the "tykes" managed one of these affairs. As I mused upon it, my thoughts and recollections reverted to some events bearing the name of ringing matches which I had been present at previously in my own immediate neighbourhood, where the *pièce de résistance* was raising the bells, ringing so many minutes of rounds, and then falling them. My experience of these affairs had long since created in me a fixed determination (apart from the contentious nature of these performances) never to waste my time again with such puerile displays of "proficiency." But in this Liversedge case, the test piece was a half peal of Treble Bob Major; and thus, taking into account the reputed excellence of Yorkshiremen's striking in their favourite method, I thought that at least, from a merely ringing point of view, there would be something worse listening to. This reflection caused my inclination to wax stronger; and afterwards, when on imparting my ideas to our worthy Editor, he remarked, "Go, by all means, if you feel a desire, and let us have an account of your journey," that settled the matter, and I made arrangements to spend my Whitsuntide holiday accordingly. I give the foregoing just by way of explanation as to the why and the wherefore of my first presence at a Yorkshire ringing match; and in whatever I advance I must ask my readers kindly to remember that such is my own undivided opinion; that our Editor is in no wise responsible for my observations. This, I think, will clear the way.

Having thus decided, my next enquiry was as to the particular part of Yorkshire in which this town of Liversedge was situate; a reference to the map led to the discovery that it lay in the West Riding, close to the towns of Dewsbury and Batley—that Shoddyopolis of the world—and almost central between Leeds, Huddersfield, Wakefield, Bradford, and Halifax; so, thought I, if Yorkshire ringing be what it is commonly represented, there I should find myself in the midst of it.

Whitsun-Monday found me "up with the lark," and long before the great majority of suffering humanity were roused from their slumbers, had left my home in the "sunny south" with my face northwards. I won't trouble you here with the events of my journey—the interminable stoppages, shuntings, and other disagreeable features, caused by the extra excursion traffic usual at Whitsuntide. After some hours' riding we "pulled up" at Huddersfield, where "Change here" was not the unwelcome call, and I stepped on to the platform glad of the opportunity of putting my feet again on *terra firma*, and finding myself with about half an hour to spare, during which time a cup of hot coffee, with sundry substantial accompaniments, made me feel a considerable change for the better. Once more on the way, I soon arrived at the end of my journey, where the sound of bells rendered unnecessary any enquiries. The church was evidently close at hand, that was one comfort, so that a walk of a mile or two—as I had previously imagined—was not in prospect. Coming over the lines, out at the turnstile, down a lane for a few yards, and following several new arrivals to the left, I was soon in view of the church—the scene of operations. A narrow lane, bounded on each side by a stone wall, was next to traverse, ere I reached the churchyard gate, the circumscribed limits of which was considerably curtailed by reason of the rows of men standing on each side—some attentively listening to the sounds from the tower, others discussing the chances of the various bands (or companies, as they invariably call them hereabouts). And there could be no mistaking the earnestness of these men, or the keenness with which they noticed the slightest trip. All seemed to be alike imbued with the same desire that "our chaps" should win. The church itself, I should here remark, is situate about half-way up the hill side; it seemed to nestle in the shadow of the rising ground, while around it numerous gravestones testified to the existence of a "God's acre" which contained the earthly remains of a considerable number who had gone before. A little lower down the hill side was an evident addition to the original burying-ground, while the Spen valley stretched below, the tiny stream which gives the

name to this Parliamentary division, slowly meandering along its base. The open space in front of the churchyard gate, as I arrived, was occupied by quite a numerous assembly, all—like the ones I had just previously passed in the footpath—engaged either criticising the ringing or discussing the probabilities of the contest. I stood and listened to the ringing awhile, which was undoubtedly good. The bells are a most pleasant and musical ring, with a tenor evidently about 14 cwt. But my listening was not of long duration, for the touch (only too soon, I thought) was brought round almost ere I had fairly time to collect myself, so to speak. To a tall man of venerable aspect who stood near me, I ventured the enquiry as to how the contest had proceeded so far, when to my surprise I was told—"Oh, t'contest hasn't begun yet; they're nobbud practising." And so it appeared that Monday was devoted to a sort of final practice, the competing bands being allowed about an hour's practice each, in turn, according to the ballot which had taken place early that morning.

I need not enter into any long account of my experiences during the remainder of that day. In strolling about, I gained a pretty fair acquaintance with the village itself, which was of that straggling character we often see in these country places which are half manufacturing, half agricultural—although I must say, the former class appeared considerably predominant.

By-and-bye, Nature asserted itself, and I began to take dinner very seriously into consideration. Here, however, I was more fortunate than I had anticipated, for on entering a very respectable-looking hostelry, I was immediately told, in answer to my query, that I'd "just comed at t'reight time;" so, obeying instructions, I was soon seated and enjoying as good a dinner as ever I had in my life. A good wash—the bowl being almost large enough to swim in, and full of clear, soft water—followed, and I a little later emerged into the outer world again, feeling like Richard of old at that particular time in his life when he was "himself again." Crossing a low bridge, and passing two or else three "pubs" in close proximity to each other, I found myself for another time in front of the church, the bells still sending out the sound of Treble Bob—in fact, they never seemed to stop more than a few minutes at once during the day. I had now time to look round a bit, but beyond the sound of the bells, and a few men here and there in twos and threes, seated on the low wall, or stood in the pathway, a stranger would not have imagined that anything in the slightest degree unusual was taking place.

Evening drew on at length, and I sought a place wherein to rest my tired bones until morning. In this I was scarcely so fortunate, for enquiry elicited the information that visitors were by no means numerous at "Littletahn" (as such appears to be the local pronunciation of Liversedge), so there was not much in the way of accommodation, but was advised to "run on ta Cleckheaton, an' enquire for ——— Hotel," which I did, and went to bed earlier than I generally am in the habit of doing, a step which afterwards proved to be a very wise one. As I drew down the blind of my room windows, I still could hear (or *fancied* I did) the Liversedge bells, the sound coming through the air in the dim and fast-failing light like that of an Æolian harp from a distance. With this sound in my ears I fell asleep, and slept the sleep—why, the sleep of a man thoroughly well tired.

I woke next morning with a start. The sun was doing its best to make its way through the blind. From the sounds outside as well as within the house, everybody appeared to be stirring, as if the morning was well advanced. My watch denoted a quarter past six. I listened for its ticking in the fear that it had struck work during the time I was asleep, but no, it was click, click, just as usual, and so almost certainly right. They're early risers in this part, thought I, as I dressed and made my way downstairs. And so I found they were too. A great fire burned in the kitchen, while cooking tackle lay about in all directions; and before I was expecting it, came the message that I might have breakfast as soon as I liked. I was not long in "liking," and being seated with a large cup of steaming coffee in front of me, as well as slices of freshly-cooked ham, boiled eggs, and a lot of other provender enough for at least half-a-dozen.

Less than half-an-hour later, I was once more on my way to Liversedge; and on arriving found that the ballot for places had just been taken. The plan at these contests appears to be some-

thing of this sort. The persons who have been appointed judges (or "sanctioners," as they are styled here) having been located in the place set apart for them (both judges and their habitation being kept a most profound secret for some reason or other), at a specified time in the morning (7.30 was the time in this case), the competing bands ballet for order of ringing. Should any not be ready to take their place in that order, they are placed last on the list, and fifty faults put to their credit by way of penalty; then the bands following move up, so to speak. In this case the first three or four bands all appeared to be defaulters, (whether purposely or unavoidably I cannot say), and thus through delay caused by this, it was past the half-hour after eight o'clock when then the first band entered the tower, and the contest proper begun. This band, I soon found out, were chief favorites, their winning of the first prize was a "moral certainty," I was told; so I listened perhaps with more interest than I should have done to hear what was to be the best ringing of the day. This, however, turned out to be a mistake. The ringing certainly was good upon the whole, but considerably not that perfection one looked for. From the conversation around also, I soon gathered that the favorites were grievously disappointing their friends, as well as raising the hopes of the other contestants, so when they finished, the pretty general verdict appeared to be in accordance with the loudly-expressed one of an old weatherbeaten man—that "Bustell hesn't done as weel by fifty per cent. wha tha did yesterday; so they've sattled for." Next went up Kirkburton, whose performance appeared to be considered as rather inferior to that of their predecessors; and after them followed Bradford, the sweet striking of whom alone drew in front of the churchyard the largest assembly I saw at one time all the day. As this half-peal drew towards its close, general opinion seemed once more to have settled itself—this time Dewsbury and Bradford divided the chances of premier position, "barring accidents." Then followed Low Moor, who seemed to have taken either lack of ability or else ill-luck with them into the belfry, for their prefatory three leads were—particularly after what had gone before—positively painful; everybody seemed seized with a sudden desire to liquidate, which no doubt suited the landlords of the vicinity perfectly. The "foundrymen" at length got on the way with their half-peal, but a very rough and troublous way it was, and after struggling gamely on for half an hour, "came to grief." A band from Hyde followed with some good striking; after them Calverley, then Almondbury, all of whom acquitted themselves creditably; but as yet the settled opinion appeared to be that Bradford's claim to premier position had not so far been disputed. Then followed Dewsbury, who were regarded as the only possible competitors for first place. This band commenced a little before ten o'clock at night. All around was "as still as a funeral;" scarcely a breath of wind, even, seemed to be stirring; and though the night was chilly, for an hour and a half I listened to such ringing as I think I never heard before for such a length of time. The changes came out like clockwork; in fact, it seemed like one long piece of mechanism from beginning to end. So when they in turn had finished, the first prize was considered to have been undoubtedly won; and thus the "young set" from Bradford were credited with a second place. There were yet, late as it was—past eleven o'clock—two more bands to compete, and I imagined the affair would in consequence be adjourned till the following day. But no; Brighouse took possession of the belfry, and after about an hour's essay, collapsed, and retired with their task unfinished. Mirfield came on the scene, and somewhere about three o'clock brought their half-peal home, thus finishing the programme.

You might well imagine that at this "unearthly hour" everybody had been long gone to their respective homes, and were soundly asleep. But in this you would have been mistaken, for there was quite a numerous assembly in and about the "pub" where the committee had conducted operations. About an hour afterwards, some one appeared at one of the windows and proceeded to read out the judge's decisions, which were as follows: Birstall, 643 faults; Kirkburton, 1008; Bradford, 750; Hyde, 899; Calverley, 832; Almondbury, 952; Dewsbury, 632; Mirfield, 1090. Thus Dewsbury came first; Birstall (much to my surprise) second; Bradford third; Hyde fourth; and Calverley fifth; the band from Kirkburton receiving a sovereign as consolation, they having come the longest distance amongst the unsuccessful competitors.

I have endeavoured thus to give you a "plain, unvarnished tale" of my experience at this contest, which is rather more lengthy than I had at first intended; so I will leave till next week the telling of my own opinions about it, and what I thought when in the train going back to my home in the south.

#### SONNING, BERKS.

A peal having been arranged for Whit-Monday at the above parish church, by the Caversham band, and a meeting-place appointed, the men turned up punctually at 8 a.m. and commenced the old-fashioned three miles' walk in the pouring rain. Arriving at Sonning at 9 o'clock, the band were enlivened by hearing that they could not ring till 12 as there was service. This led to the desertion of one, who however promised to call at another ringer's house, and tell him how we were situated. After waiting some time for the promised substitute to arrive, another of the band became impatient, and as his defection left us in a worse plight than ever, we determined to give it up and all go back. Arriving at Caversham it was ascertained that that man had started but we had missed him; and now, alas! two more refused to face the weather again, but by a little hunting two more peal-ringers were found, and another little walk was indulged in, in which we met our man returning home. We got him to retrace his steps back to Sonning for the second time, and, for a reward for our patience and endurance, scored a good sound peal, a report of which appeared in the peal column.

R. T. H.

#### ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.

As a tribute of respect to the memory of the late G. Woodcock, Esq. (the munificent subscriber towards the restoration of St. Michael's Coventry, and a new tower for the famed peal of bells), the bells of the above church were deeply muffled on the 26th inst., and the following touches rung, viz.:—755 changes of Stedman Caters by ten members of the St. Martin's Guild. W. Haywood, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; J. Joynes, 4; C. Stanbridge, 5; A. Roberts, 6; T. Miller, 7; H. Johnson, 8; J. Buffley (conductor), 9; J. R. King, 10. And 270 Grandsire Caters by a mixed band. E. Atkins, 1; H. Johnson, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; G. Walker, 4; C. Stanbridge, 5; A. Roberts, 6; J. Buffley (conductor), 7; W. Challoner (Coventry), 8; T. Miller, 9; J. E. King, 10.

#### FROYLE CHURCH, ALTON, HANTS.

A large turret clock has just been erected at this church by Messrs. Thwaites and Reed, of Clerkenwell, London. The dial is 5 ft. in diameter, with gilt figures and mins. The clock chimes the Cambridge quarters on four bells of the peal, and strikes the hours on the tenor.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Tuesday, May 19th, at St. James' church, 120 Stedman Doubles. S. Radford, 1; G. E. Harbour, 2; R. Crossman, 3; J. Burge, 4; J. Maddock (conductor), 5; W. Thorne, 6. First 6-score in the method by Messrs. Harbour and Radford. G. E. Harbour hails from Portishead.

WALSALL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, May 13th, at the parish church for practice, 768 Treble Bob Major in 31 mins. W. Griffin, 1; F. Hallsworth, 2; J. Astbury, sen., 3; W. Walker, 4; E. Lightwood, 5; J. Lawton, 6; D. Wesley, 7; J. Astbury, jun. (conductor), 8.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

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## RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH &amp; DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the above society took place at Earls Barton on Whit-Monday, and despite the wintery weather there was quite an average attendance of ringers and hon. members. The peal of six bells in the ancient Saxon tower of the parish church was raised by the local team at 9 o'clock, and afterwards bands of ringers from Wellingborough, Kettering, Raunds, Higham Ferrers, and Rushden handled the ropes in turn. Divine Service was held in the church at 1 o'clock, with sermon (well suited to the occasion) by the Rev. R. R. Cobbold, Vicar of Earls Barton. An excellent dinner was provided in the schoolroom, to which over 50 ringers sat down. The Rev. A. S. Lindsay, Kettering; the Rev. Hugh Bryan, Raunds; The Rev. R. R. Cobbold and Mr. Abbott (churchwarden), Earls Barton, being also present. At the conclusion of the repast the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. A. S. Lindsay (vice-president of the society). Minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed. The Hon. Sec., the Rev. Hugh Bryan, stated that the society had now a balance in hand of £13 15s. 6d. Eight new ringing members were elected, five from Earls Barton and three from Wellingborough. The Rev. R. R. Cobbold, Mr. Abbott of Earls Barton, and the Rev. J. E. Gordon of Rushden were announced as having become hon. members. The Hon. Secretary was unanimously re-elected with hearty thanks for his services. The Rev. J. Dunn, Higham Ferrers, was elected as treasurer in place of the Rev. J. P. Goodman, who, to the regret of the members, felt obliged to resign the office owing to ill health. A proposition made at a delegates' meeting at Finedon, with respect to making the society a county association, met with no support from the company, and was allowed to drop. Mr. J. Martin, Higham Ferrers, thought it would much benefit their society if they could be made a local branch of the Midland Counties' Association, as this would give them a better standing in the ringing world. The hon. sec. was desired to make enquiries on the subject. It was decided that in future the railway fare of delegates attending special meetings should be paid by the society. The delegates for 1890 were re-elected to serve for the present year with the addition of three hon. members, viz.: the Revs. Cobbold and Gordon, and W. J. Henry, Esq. A proposition that belfry instructors be paid by the society was opposed, it being the general opinion that any ringers desiring instruction should pay for it themselves. A suggestion with regard to the admission of ringers who were not attached to any particular belfry, met with approval, and was adopted. It was decided that the next annual meeting be held at Rushden, and that the next quarterly ringing meeting take place at Kettering on the first Saturday in July, the bells there having now been re-hung and put in excellent order. It was unanimously decided that all ringers who have been members of the association for one year should be allowed to take part in a trip to Leicester, on Saturday, August 29th. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. R. R. Cobbold, for the use of church, schoolroom, and bells, also his kindness in providing tea for the ringers. Earls Barton bells are a peal of six and were re-hung a few years ago. The tenor was cast by Eayre of Kettering, 1761; it weighs about 14 cwt. The other bells are all dated between 1720 and 1775. Mr. Jones, the steeplekeeper, made every preparation for the visitors, and the day's ringing passed off without a single mishap. Some excellent new ropes (Nicoll's London make) have just been put up.

The village of Ecton being so near, it was thought desirable to apply for the use of the bells there, in order to give ringers a chance of a visit to that interesting old belfry, and if possible to get the Ecton men to join the society. But for some reason or other the rector refused permission to the hon. sec., and also to some of the ringers, who merely asked to view the church and bells. The local ringers and churchwardens were, we understand, much annoyed at his refusal. Discourtesy such as this is not likely to conduce to the good feeling which should exist between clergy and ringers, and which it is the object of our bell ringing associations to promote. This is the first occasion on which the Raunds and Wellingborough society has been refused the use of a peal of bells when desired.

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## THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, HULL.

On Thursday, April 30th, the Annual Dinner of this society, which had been postponed from January, was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Kingston-street, the day being the jubilee of the opening of the bells. The St. James's company met at the church at 6.30 p.m., and rang two touches of Grandsire Triples until 7.30., when they adjourned, and changed the method to roast beef, leg of mutton, etc., with the Vicar (Rev. D. K. Moore) conducting, assisted by Mr. Churchwarden Kelsey. After the repast, the chair being occupied by the Vicar, and the vice-chair by Mr. W. D. Theaker, the usual loyal toasts were given from the chair. "The Archbishop and Clergy" was submitted by the Vice-chairman, and responded to by the Vicar. "Our Churchwardens" was next given by Mr. Stickney, who alluded to the manner in which the Churchwardens were always ready to assist them (the ringers) in making the belfry as comfortable as possible. "The St. James's Society" was then given by Mr. Churchwarden Kelsey in a neat speech, after which Mr. Southwick gave "The Yorkshire Association of Change-Ringers," which was ably responded to by Mr. H. W. Needham. Mr. Jenkins gave "Kindred Societies," which was responded to by Mr. H. Campey, jun., of Beverley. A copy of some verses was read by Mr. Brownrigg, with reference to the St. James's bells. The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing, songs, recitations, etc., by Messrs. Newham and Parr, of the Horace Lingard Opera Company, and Messrs. Vinson, Shaw, Littlefield, Verity, Dale, Jackson, Worsdale, and T. Theaker. The "National Anthem" brought a very pleasant evening to a close at 12.30.

## THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The belfry of the parish church of St. Mary's, Thornbury, Gloucestershire, has (in addition to being laid down with matting and oilcloth) has been greatly improved by the addition of a handsome timepiece, the gift of Arthur E. Lane, Esq., and bears the following inscription: "Presented to Thornbury parish, by Arthur Lane, in memory of two years spent in the parish." The following letter, expressing the heartfelt thanks of the company, has been forwarded to Mr. Lane:—

DEAR SIR,

Thornbury, May, 1891.

We, the undersigned, desire on behalf of the St. Mary's Thornbury Society of Change-Ringers to express our hearty thanks for the handsome time-piece you have placed in our Belfry as a memento of two years spent in this parish. In so doing you have greatly improved its appearance, and also supplied us with a want we have long felt. We can assure you that although you may be far away from us, yet we shall never have cause to forget one who has been amongst us, and shewn so great an interest in our bells and belfry, but shall ever remember you each time we gaze at its face; and should you ever give a return visit to Thornbury parish, a most hearty welcome to our belfry will always be accorded to you.—We are, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

CHARLES EDDINGTON, Capt.

EDWARD HALE, Hon. Sec.

The efforts of the ringers of this parish for belfry improvement are highly appreciated, for hardly had the request appeared in print, than the clock was placed in the belfry, but had not this donor been so prompt, another kind parishioner would have given one.

## NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Worksop on Whit-Monday. A short service was held in the Priory Church, and the Vicar of Worksop, who is Secretary of the Society, gave an address. In the course of the afternoon various methods were rung on the fine peal of eight bells in the Priory Church; we noticed specially Kent, Oxford, Violet, and Grandsire Triples, and some very good ringing was executed. At 4 o'clock the members sat down to a very substantial tea, and at 5 p.m. the general meeting was held. The Society is in a fairly flourishing condition, but it is a matter of regret that several members of belfries still hold aloof. We are quite sure that a society like this is very helpful towards promoting good fellowship amongst ringers, and ought to stimulate the members of the various belfries to attain to the highest pitch of excellence in the art of bell-ringing.

## 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."

ANSWER TO "A LONG LETTER."

SIR,—In reference to the long letter that appeared in your issue of May 16th, I felt somewhat surprised to think anyone would be so guilty of criticising a clergyman's duty outside the church; but before I read it half through I looked to see if he had signed his name, and where it came from, but when I found he had not I soon drew my conclusions, and now I am open to stake a wager—if you will allow me to use that expression—that he is no change-ringer at all, and if he only done his duty as a Christian ought to do, he would bring in some of the worst characters and try and teach them how to ring, and let them see the pleasure of ringing, and keep them away from sin as much as possible, then he would be doing somewhat of his part as well as assisting the clergy. One thing I know, that if we had more of the clergymen in our belfries it would be better for us all as ringers, as they would soon be able to see for themselves what humbug many ringers have to put up with, I believe, Sir, that one-half the bother is owing to the steeple-keeper's obstinacy, for many are not change-ringers themselves and they will not let others try to learn. I do think, Sir, that the clergy ought to have the right of letting anyone ring they think fit. Now Sir will "Change-ringing Churchman" undertake to ring voluntary twice every Sunday? I think not; and as for him comparing an organist's duty to a bell-ringer's, in my eye it is as different as chalk and cheese. I hope, Mr. Editor, if you cannot give us his name you will mention the name of the town from where the letter came. I do not think that he will ever give us his name and address, otherwise we might discover a queer character.

HENRY WEST.

RINGING AT BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

SIR,—I have not heard the bells rung at Brentwood for nearly a year, and cannot therefore question the correctness of "J. W.'s" statement with regard to the ringing there. But it is only fair to state that the ringers are (with perhaps one exception) a young band, all beginners within the last two years; and that the bells (unquestionably a very fine peal) are not such as can be very easily handled by beginners. The church, too, stands in the middle of the town, so that opportunities for practice are probably limited. They have had a competent instructor—I cannot say for how long; nor can I tell what difficulties he may have had, or whether his pupils were regular in their attendance at the belfry. Your correspondent is right in objecting to the bells "clashing down two or three at a time." But falling them "in peal" is (I am sorry to say) almost unknown in this part of England; and young ringers can hardly be blamed for not practising what they have never heard, and what no local instructor would think of teaching them.

T. L. PAPILLON,

Hon. Sec. Essex Association

SIR,—In reply to "J. W." in your issue of May 23rd, the ringers at Brentwood have had a competent instructor for two years. "J. W." states that the ringers do not strike at all well, and finish up by clashing the bells down two or three at a time, instead of falling them in peal. "J. W." could not have heard the finish up, as each bell is lowered separately. With such a heavy peal of bells as Brentwood, it would be a difficult task to undertake to fall them in peal. I think "J. W." might have signed his name instead of giving his initials, because it is thought that there is nothing to complain of in the ringers at Brentwood, but just the opposite, and the greatest praise is due to them from the parishioners.

J. BAKER,

Secretary to St. Thomas's Society, Brentwood.

REPLY TO MR. CRAWLEY.

SIR,—In reply to J. S. Crawley, in your issue of May 16th, I have pleasure in informing him that on the restoration of the parish church at Market Drayton, Salop, a few years ago, the bell-chamber floor was raised in order to open out the large west window; consequently the bells had to be raised and rehung. They are now supported by two oak beams 18 or 20 ins. each deep, planked on the underside by wood tongued boards, and on the upper side by 4 ft. iron-tongued planks. The cavity between planks and boards are tightly filled up with sawdust, which completely prevents the deafening noise complained of by your correspondent. The height of chamber is 12 ft.

A. BOWLES.

REPLY TO "ASSISTANT CURATE."

SIR,—In your issue of May 16th your correspondent, "Assistant Curate" says he thinks "it would be well for ringers to know that it is illegal for any Conventicle-keeper to ring a bell," and judging from the

general tenour of his letter he evidently intends it to be understood, that it is illegal for any dissenting chapel (including Romanists, who by-the-bye are not dissenters) to have a peal of bells and ring them for service. I venture to assert that if "Assistant Curate" will test the questions in a legal court, he will find that there is no law on the subject, and that therefore it is perfectly legal for dissenters to have bells, and ring them if they are able to get them and like to have them. I believe reliable legal opinion has been obtained on the subject, and in consequence we have a handy peal here, and if "Assistant Curate" can ring, and likes to have a pull he will receive a cordial welcome, and find a company ready to give him a chance for a peal if he will pay us a visit.

J. W. G. (Todmorden).

## RINGERS' ATTENDANCES.

SIR,—I have sometimes heard it said that Ringers who are always available when a peal is on hand are not always to be found in their places for regular Sunday ringing. Whether this be done elsewhere or not I cannot say. But I am glad to think it cannot be said of the belfry of the church in which I minister. For instance: our people were summoned to the first Celebration of Holy Communion at 6.30 a.m. to-day, by two well-struck touches of Bob Doubles and one of Grand-sire. Every man of the band who had thus called others to keep this great festival in the only true way, went from the belfry to the altar for his Communion. I need not add that the later services were not neglected by them, either in belfry or church. They are competent performers in many methods, and have a good score of peals to their credit. They are also consistent church members and officers, whose work and life strengthen the hands of the clergy and the church. The same custom of ringing for the earliest celebration obtains amongst us on all the great festivals, and I would fain hope, in many other belfries also. I note our own practice simply as an example of what is the natural consequence of our ringers' recognition of their privileges as churchmen, and their duties as church officers.

R. P. NEWHOUSE.

All Saints, Boyne Hill, Berks, Whit-Sunday, 1891.

## Obituary.

REV. J. S. STEWART.

Many readers of this paper will be very sorry to hear of the death of this highly-esteemed friend of ringers. Mr. Stewart had a very severe illness towards the end of last year, but from which he seemed in a great measure to recover, and to the surprise of many, he passed away on Thursday, 14th May. Mr. Stewart had not taken part in much ringing of late, on account of illness, but he was a true lover of bells and ringers; in fact, no one could have taken a more kindly interest in ringers than he did, and they have indeed lost a friend.

JAMES AVIS.

After an illness of only a week's duration, James Avis, of Benhall, Suffolk, has departed from us, and was buried at Benhall on the 21st of May. Deceased was 69 years old, having commenced to ring at the age of 17, since which time he has been an ardent lover of the art. He was much respected by the many ringers in this district, being of a kind and genial disposition, and always ready to lend a helping hand in the instruction and training of young members. He was formerly a member of the Kelsale company, and was always very regular in his attendance on practice-nights. Deceased joined the Norwich Diocesan Association at the time of its commencement, and has continued a member up to the present time. The funeral was attended by several ringers from neighbouring places, and at the close of the solemn service some touches were rung upon the muffled bells.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, May 3rd, before Divine Service at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; F. Finch, 3; C. Hills, 4; T. Linfield (conductor), 5; C. Clear, 6. And in the evening a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (15 bobs). H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; C. Clear, 3; C. Hills (conductor), 4; T. Parsons, 5; T. Linfield, 6. Also on Monday, May 4th, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob. F. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, May 10th a 720 of Violet Treble Bob. F. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; T. Parsons, 3; C. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, May 17th, a 720 of Duke of York. F. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot (first in method), 2; F. Hills, 3; C. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1891

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## The Metropolis.

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On Saturday, May, 23, 1891, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND  
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On Sunday, May 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

The above peal is the first peal in the method on the bells, also the first by all the band, and was rung at the first attempt. Messrs. Martin, Pratchett and Tucker hail from Hendon.

## EASTMEON, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. 18 lbs. in F.

JOHN STAPLES .. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 2.	JOHN J. JONES .. .. 6.
F. W. J. REES, ESQ.* .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
JAMES E. WARREN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GROVES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. This is the first peal on the bells, also the conductor's 100th peal. This peal has the 6th six course-ends each way in 5-6, also the extent at home.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

A. E. DURRANT .. .. Treble.	R. HAWES .. .. . 5.
E. T. SHEARING .. .. 2.	E. REEVES .. .. . 6.
I. S. ALEXANDER .. .. 3.	T. G. STAULKEY .. .. 7.
H. J. BUTTON .. .. . 4.	W. L. CATCHPOLE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. E. DURRANT.

The above peal was published in "THE BELL NEWS" in April 1888, and never has the 2nd in 6th's place at a course-end. Messrs. Button and Staulkey belong to the local company, the rest to Ipswich, St. Mary-le-Tower.

## AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE ALL HALLOWS  
(TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

On Monday, May 18th, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.	THOS. C. GROVE .. .. 5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS .. .. 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN .. .. 6.
JOS. WAGHORN, JUN. .. 3.	JOHN BARBER .. .. 7.
HENRY A. BARNETT .. .. 4.	WM. PYE ENGLISH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. WAGHORN, JUN.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells and by all the band. It was rung with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. A. Brassey, of Aylesford, who was buried in the churchyard on the previous day.

## HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, May 18, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

JOSEPH BUCKINGHAM* .. Treble.	ALFRED MOORE .. .. 4.
THOMAS WYER .. .. . 2.	†THOMAS FARMER .. .. 5.
HENRY BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	HENRY TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. FARMER.

\*Longest length. †First 5040 as conductor. This was rung as a farewell to T. Wyer, who is leaving for Australia; also to commemorate the 42nd birthday of Alfred Moore.

## BURLING, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE ALLHALLOWS  
(TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, May 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lbs.

GEORGE B. LUCAS .. .. Treble.	THOS. G. GROVE .. .. 5.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
HENRY A. BARNETT .. .. 3.	JOHN BARBER .. .. 7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE ENGLISH .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. B. LUCAS.

This is the first peal on these bells, which have recently been augmented to eight by the addition of a new treble and tenor. One of the old bells has also been recast.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.—SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. Treble.	JOHN HOLDEN .. .. . 5.
HENRY D. ADAMS .. .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
JAMES H. SHAW .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES PLATT and Conducted by JOHN HOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the Independent Order of Oddfellows (Manchester Unity) holding their A.M.C. in Salisbury. Prov. C.S. J. Holden and P.P.G.M. J. H. Shaw are delegates of the Saddleworth district.

## CARDINGTON, BEDS.—BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1891, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb.

FREDERICK SHARP* .. .. Treble.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. . 5.
SAMUEL J. CULLIP .. .. 2.	*HERBERT SHARP .. .. 6.
PERCY HOWARD* .. .. 3.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 7.
SAMUEL CONSTANT* .. .. 4.	FREDERICK KEECH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

\*First peal in the method.

## STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

C. BEDWELL .. .. . Treble.	J. SOUTER .. .. . 5.
G. PONDER† .. .. . 2.	†J. G. WADE .. .. . 6.
H. BURCH† .. .. . 3.	*W. SOUTER .. .. . 7.
C. SOUTER .. .. . 4.	†W. WELHAM .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by W. SOUTER.

†First peal. \*First peal as conductor. This is the first peal rung by a purely Stowmarket company for upwards of forty years. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

## FAREHAM, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 25, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES HEWETT .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. WARREN .. .. 5.
JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 2.	FREDERICK HILL .. .. 6.
GEORGE GRAHAM .. .. 3.	*THOMAS GROVES .. .. 7.
JOHN STAPLES .. .. . 4.	†HENRY WHITE .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

\*First peal in the method. †First in the method as conductor. This is believed to be the first peal of Treble Bob Major rung in Hampshire by men resident in the county. Hewett hails from Gosport and is in his 74th year; Staples from Havant; Warren from Swanmore; Groves from Bishopstoke; Whiting from Basingstoke; Graham, and Hill are local men. Rung as a birthday peal to T. Groves, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs. in Eb.

JAMES JONES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 5.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 2.	CHARLES PRICE .. .. 6.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 3.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 7.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 4.	JAMES HALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Messrs. Jones and Carter hail from Birmingham; the rest belong to West Bromwich.

DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE ATKINS .. .. Treble.	JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 5.
THOMAS ELLIOTT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. THRUSH .. 6.
ROBERT HOLE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 7.
JOHN TUDBALL .. .. 4.	JOHN PAYNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM W. THORNE.

G. Atkins hails from Minehead, and this is his first peal. It was intended to have rung the peal on the Queen's birthday, but the bells not being available it was rung the night previous to commemorate the event.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY SIMMONDS .. .. Treble.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 5.
GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 2.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 6.
JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 3.	HENRY SMITH .. .. 7.
ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by the  
Rev. G. F. COLERIDGE.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1891, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 6.
FREDK. J. CULLUM .. .. 3.	JOHN H. CHEESEMAN .. 7.
WALTER J. SMITH .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

It was intended to start for 10,080, but some funeral services prevented an early start, so the above was rung instead. This is W. Bedwell's fiftieth peal.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday evening, May 11th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. J. Clayton (longest touch), 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; S. Pye, 3; M. Myhill, 4; S. Roughton, 5; W. Nash, 6; A. Porter, 7; S. James, 8. Composed by H. W. Wild, of Sandiacre.

CHELMSFORD.—On Saturday evening, April 18th, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. and 15 mins. R. C. Burrell, 1; H. Allen, 2; H. Richell, 3; W. Rowland, jun., 4; R. W. Everard, 5; G. Green, 6; A. Edwards, 7; W. Ridgewell, 8. Composed by H. Wilde. Conducted by W. Rowland, jun.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

GREAT SHELFORD (Cambs.).—At the parish church of St. Mary. On Friday, May 8th, five members of this society visited the above church and rang a date touch in three methods on five bells, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. and 5 mins. One 6-score of Canterbury, four of Plain Bob, and ten and 91 changes of Grandsire Doubles. G. F. Seaton (Corpus), 1; E. B. James (Caius), 2; C. A. Clements (non-coll.), 3; H. L. James (Caius) (conductor), 4; E. F. Wedemeyer (Trinity) 5. Tenor about 8 cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 2nd, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. C. Palmer, 1; G. Day, 2; G. Archer, 3; E. Hayward, 4; F. Day, 5; G. Ford, 6; J. Souter (conductor), 7; G. Bird, 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN.—On Wednesday, May 13th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. Jas. Smith, jun., 1; W. Slater, 2; Jas. Walker, 3; T. Hindle, 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; Jas. Smith, sen., 6; J. Walker (conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8. Tenor 17 cwt. Composed by John Aspinwall, of Liverpool.

BELGRAVE (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, May 17th, at the parish church of St. Peter, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes. Composed by Ellis Nuttall, of Rawtenstall. G. Pole, 1; H. Clayton, C. Hubbard, 3; A. Ballard, 4; J. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Pole, 6. S. Pole, 7; W. Bennett, 8. Time 1 hr. 8 mins.

DUNSTER (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 17th, at the church of St. George, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. T. Elliott, 1; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 2; R. Hole, 3; — Tudball, 4; J. Grabham, 5; H. Moore, 6; W. W. Thrush, 7; J. Payne, 8. The above was rung for evening service, and also on the birthday of the conductor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, May 3rd, for Divine Service, by St. Giles' society, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 2 mins., taken from "THE BELL NEWS," May 2nd, composed by Mr. James George, of Rugby. William Johnson (conductor), 1; S. Pitt, 2; B. Hodson, 3; S. Dace, 4; J. Appleby, 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Admas, 7; M. Kibble, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

Miscellaneous.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Saturday, May 9th, at St. Saviour's church, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 47½ mins., in memory of Dr. Magee, formerly curate of this church. Followed by the usual whole pull and stand. R. Lewis, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; A. Wilcox, 3; C. Bell, 4; H. Mills, 5; J. Fussell, 6; H. W. Brown (conductor), 7; W. A. Gulley, 8. First quarter-peal by C. Goodenough

THE HORNSEY GUILD.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Monday, April 20th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Double Court in 25 mins. W. Dixon, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; W. Short, 3; J. Barber, 4; T. Titchener, 5; G. Griffin, 6. And on Monday, May 4th, 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins. J. Ward, 1; W. Dixon, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; A. Howell, 4; T. Titchener, 5; G. Griffin, 6. Also on Sunday morning May 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. W. Dixon, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; J. Barber, 3; A. Howell, 4; T. Titchener, 5; G. Griffin, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Monday, May 4th, for practice at the parish church, the local company rang the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 29 mins. Jas. Smith, jun., 1; Jas. Walker, 2; T. Hindle, 3; Jas. Smith, sen., 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; J. Watson, 6; J. Walker (conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8. Tenor about 17 cwt.

THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, May 5th, at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, three courses of Grandsire Cinques with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Captain A. P. Moore. F. J. Howchin, 1; G. Howchin, 2; E. Ward, 3; A. G. Warnes, 4; P. Sadler, 5; F. H. Knights, jun., 6; J. W. Spratt, 7; J. Smith, 8; F. Knights, sen., 9; J. Skinner, 10; G. Smith, 11; S. Smith, 12.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**BARKING (Essex).**—On Sunday evening, April 19th, for Divine Service at the abbey church of St. Margaret, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. A. Deards, 1; F. Norris (conductor), 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; E. Lucas, 4; J. King, 5; J. Norris, 6; A. Whight, 7; C. Dean, 8.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, May 17th, 672 Grandsire Triples. M. Myhill, 1-2; B. Keeble, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Battle, 7-8. This was a printers' touch.

**STANSTED (Essex).**—On Sunday, April 26th, at the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; Isaac Hammond, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, April 30th, for practice 720 Stansted Court Bob in 24 mins. W. Watts, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; Isaac Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts' 450th 720. Also 720 Victoria Treble Bob in 24½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; Isaac Cavill (conductor), 6. This makes W. Cavill's 100th 720. And on Saturday, May 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Cavill, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Superlative Surprise. W. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; Isaac Cavill (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, May 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning 720 Double Court Bob. W. Cavill, 1; G. Gray, 2; W. Watts, 3; Isaac Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 360 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Luckey, 4; Isaac Cavill (conductor), 6; the rest as before. And on Thursday, May 7th, for practice, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Violet Treble Bob. T. J. Watts, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, May 10th, for morning service, 720 Yorkshire Court in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; Isaac Cavill (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Double Oxford Bob (forty-two singles). J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; Isaac Cavill (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

**PRITTEWELL (Essex).**—On Monday, May 11th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Hunt, 1; W. Dowsett, 2; W. Bedwell, 3; J. Smith, 4; C. Anderson, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by Messrs. Hunt, Smith, and Anderson.

**CHELMSFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday evening, May 17th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. R. C. Burrell, 1; W. Rowland, sen., 2; A. Speller, 3; W. Rowland, jun. (conductor), 4; G. Green, 5; C. H. Howard, 6; W. Battle, 7; W. Ridgewell, 8.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**WALKDEN (Lancashire).**—On Sunday evening, May 19th, 720 Bob Minor was rung at St. Paul's church, in 25½ mins. J. Brookes, 1; Jno. Potter, 2; R. Aldred (Tyldesley), 3; S. Oakes, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 3rd, being the occasion of the Sunday School Anniversary sermons, 720 Bob Minor was rung at 6.30 a.m., in 26 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Williamson, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; A. Potter, 6. Also at the 10.30 service 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung in 26 mins. A. Potter, 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Welsby, 3; J. Williamson, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. At the afternoon service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25½ mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; A. Potter, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. Also at the evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. J. Brookes, 1; J. Welsby (Worsley), 2; J. Worthington, 3; J. Williamson, 4; E. Cash (Swinton), 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**ROSTHERNE (Cheshire).**—On Monday, May 18th, the Witton society visited this place and rang at the parish church a 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins. Tenor 20 cwt. These bells have been lately rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough. This is the first 720 on the bells. W. Forster, 1; S. Forster, 2; R. Chantler, 3; T. Forster, 4; J. Bell, 5; T. Moore, 6.

**WILMSLOW (Cheshire).**—On Monday, 17th, at the parish church, by the Witton Society, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins., standing as above. Tenor 15 cwt.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**GRIMSBY.**—On Monday evening, at St. Peter's church, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 30 mins. J. Hobson, 1; C. Creasy, 2; G. Weldon, 3; J. W. Chapman, 4; D. Seymour, 5; A. Brammall (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Plain Bob Minor on the bells.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**NORTH WINGFIELD.**—At St. Lawrence's church, on Sunday, May 3rd, 1891, with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late J. Marples, of Brampton, a member of this association, 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and two bobs). Composed by T. Millington. John Butler, 1; Wm. Butler, 2; Fred Knowles, 3; Thos. Millington, 4; Thos. Day, 5; J. Tarleton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F Time 28 mins.

## EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**FRISKNEY.**—On Saturday, May 2nd, at the parish church, 720 of College Single and four 720's of Bob Minor. G. Woodthorpe, E. Clayton, W. F. Harwood, G. Clark, H. Daulton, E. Mason, and the Rev. J. Cheales. Also on Monday, May 18th, 720 College Single. G. H. Daulton, G. Clark, W. F. Harwood, A. Barber, G. F. Smith, and E. Mason.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).**—On Sunday evening, May 17th, for Divine Service at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. G. West, 1; W. H. Royston, 2; J. Allen, 3; R. Munn, 4; J. Smith, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6.

**ROCHESTER (Kent).**—On Tuesday, May 12th, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 27 mins. G. Lindoff (conductor), 1; W. Baker, 2; J. Tulett, 3; A. Osborne, 4; J. P. Kidd, 5; W. Haigh, 6. First 720 in the method by the 4th and 5th men. Messrs. Lindoff and Haigh belong to Gillingham.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—On Monday, April 27th, a peal of Bob Triples was attempted at St. John's church, but it collapsed after ringing 2 hrs. 30 mins. (4200 changes). Another attempt on Monday, May 11th, failed within 120 changes of the end after 2 hrs. 48 mins. capital ringing. G. Campbell, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; J. Clapperton, 4; H. Lindsey, 5; W. Story, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; H. Pearson, 8. And on Monday, May 4th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. H. Ferguson, 1; J. Clapperton, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; W. Story, 4; F. Lees, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent on Sunday, the 10th inst., for evening service, on the middle six. H. Pearson, 1; G. Campbell, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; J. Clapperton, 4; H. Lindsey, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6; F. Lees, 7; R. Welsh, 8.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BRANDESTON (Suffolk).**—On Friday, May 1st, at the parish church, 720 Double Oxford Minor and 720 Double Court Bob. E. Wightman, 1; S. Wightman, 2; G. Wightman, 3; A. S. Wightman, 4; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, sen., 6. Also on Tuesday, May 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Double Stedman Slow Course, and Bob Minor, standing as before, the above being father and sons. And on Tuesday, May 12, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Wightman, 1; S. Wightman, 2; H. Beddingfield, 3; G. Wightman, 4; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, 6. Also 240 each of Double Stedman Slow Course, Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise, in which D. G. Wightman took part. And a 720 of Double Court, in which W. Beddingfield rang the treble.

## THE HERTS. ASSOCIATION.

**ALDENHAM (Herts.).**—On Wednesday, April 22nd, for practice on handbells retained in hand, 742, 504, and 336 Grandsire Triples, G. Layzell, 1; W. Bennett, 2; F. Wright, 3; H. Wright, 4; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 5-6; W. Hewitt, 7-8. Also on Sunday, April 26th, eight 120s of Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. G. Layzell, 1; H. G. Rowe, 2; C. Williams, 3; H. J. Wright, 4; W. Hewitt (conductor), 5; W. Bennett, 6; H. Hart, 7; A. Childs, 8. And on Friday, May 1st, for practice 480 Grandsire Minor with 7-8 covering. G. Layzell, 1; C. Williams, 2; F. Wright, 3; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 4; H. Wright, 5; W. Hewitt, 6; H. Hart, 7; A. Childs, 8.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.**—On Sunday evening, May 17th, at the parish church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Hatton, 1; E. W. Beadsmore, 2; W. Liggins, 3; J. H. Dunmore, 4; T. Jacques, 5; H. Canner, 6; W. Canner, 7; G. Thornley, 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. Arranged and conducted by W. Canner. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Archbishop of York, who exactly twelve months since preached at the above church.

**BOCKING (Essex).**—On Saturday, May 16th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor, with the bells deeply muffled. And 360 with the bells half-muffled. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; W. Moore, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. The above was

rung as a mark of respect to Mr. John Carter, the oldest member of the company, who died on Wednesday, May 13th, after a long and painful illness, at the advanced age of eighty-two. He was carried to his last resting-place in Bocking cemetery by the parish church ringers, by whom he was much respected.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, May 10th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, Fulham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 47 mins. Tenor 21 cwt. A. S. Ough, 1; J. W. Driver, 2; H. R. Newton, 3; J. C. Green, 4; A. G. Ellis (first quarter-peal of Caters), 5; A. Hubbard, 6; E. H. Adams, 7; J. Nicholls, 8; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 9; W. Crockford, 10. And on Saturday, May 2nd, at the parish church of St. John-at-Hackney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 52 mins. A. Coles, 1; C. H. Jessop, 2; G. J. Smith, 3; F. A. Nunn, 4; J. W. Creasey, 5; W. Burkin (conductor), 6; W. D. Smith, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. Composed by the late John Cox.

HINDLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, April 20th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Joseph Prescott, for twenty years a member of the local company, and for eighteen years its conductor. He was also a leading member of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, and was well respected by the ringers around the Hindley district. T. Tickle, 1; E. Brown, 2; J. Brown, 3; S. Tickle, 4; W. Blackledge, 5; E. Kay, 6; E. Prescott, 7; N. Gregory, 8. Conducted by Thomas Tickle.

NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On Monday, May 18th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Burkin, 1; E. Matthews, 2; W. Burkin, 3; J. Harding, 4; G. Bourne, 5; J. Fayers (conductor), 6.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, May 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. G. Wood, 1; W. Tabernor, 2; J. Morton, 3; W. Baddeley, 4; E. Glover, 5; J. Wood (conductor), 6.

SLEAFORD (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, May 4th, at the parish church, a quarter peal (1260) of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. W. Townsend, 1; N. E. Snow (conductor), 2; W. Bean, 3; H. T. Holder-ness, 4; J. Holmes, 5; J. R. Mackman, 6; J. E. Picker, 7; T. Whiting, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 11th, for practice at the parish church, the last 700 of Holt's Bottle. W. Elliott, 1; E. Allen, 2; J. Mann, 3; C. Willshire, 4; J. Bottle, 5; J. Ellissell, 6; E. Price (conductor), 7; R. Stains, 8. Messrs. Tassell, Allen, and Stains hail from Borden.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, May 9th, at 3, St. Peter's-street, 720 Bob Minor. H. Lewis, 1-2; E. R. Mitchell, 3-4; J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 5-6.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 5th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 26 mins. T. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; E. F. Cole, 4; A. Garrott, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6.

#### ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

Position in 1891.	Jan.to Mar.	Apr.	Total.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grand-sire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Sur-prise.	Stedman.	Total.	Position in 1890.
1 Kent County Association ..	19	7	26	2	7	2	11	—	—	4	26	2nd.
2 Anc. Soc. of College Youths ..	19	4	23	2	5	—	3	—	—	13	23	1st.
3 Yorkshire Association ..	17	4	21	15	3	—	2	—	—	1	21	9th.
4 Essex Association ..	18	2	20	7	5	1	6	—	—	1	20	6th.
5 Norwich Diocesan Assn. ..	16	2	18	8	3	3	3	1	—	—	18	8th.
6 Royal Cumberland Youths ..	15	3	18	4	4	1	2	2	—	5	18	12th.
7 Sussex County Association ..	14	4	18	3	4	—	7	—	1	3	18	3rd.
8 Midland Counties' Assn. ..	9	4	13	2	2	1	1	3	2	2	13	5th.
9 Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	6	7	13	—	6	—	3	1	—	3	13	4th.
10 Trinity Youths ..	9	3	12	2	3	—	4	—	—	3	12	14th.
11 Surrey Association ..	9	3	12	3	3	—	3	2	—	1	12	17th.
12 Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	10	1	11	1	6	—	2	—	—	—	11	11th.
13 Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	10	1	11	—	8	—	5	—	—	—	11	13th.
14 Lancashire Association ..	9	2	11	2	5	1	2	—	—	1	11	7th.
15 Gloucester and Bristol Assn. ..	5	6	11	—	3	3	1	3	—	1	11	10th.
16 Society for Archdean. Staffd. ..	8	2	10	—	7	—	1	—	—	2	10	18th.
17 Middlesex Association ..	6	—	6	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	6	20th.
18 Hertford Association ..	6	—	6	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	6	15th.
19 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham ..	4	1	5	—	2	—	—	1	—	2	5	21st.
20 Worcester and Districts Assn. ..	3	1	4	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	4	19th.
21 Durham & New'cle Dio. Assn. ..	3	1	4	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	4	31st.
22 United Counties' Association ..	3	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	16th.
23 Bedfordshire Association ..	3	—	3	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	3	29th.
24 Hereford Diocesan Guild ..	2	1	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	36th.
25 All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham ..	2	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	22nd.
26 Liverpool Diocesan Guild ..	2	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	23rd.
27 North Lincolnshire Asso. ..	1	1	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	30th.
28 St. James' Society, London ..	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	25th.
29 Bath & Wells Association ..	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	26th.
30 Cambridge University Guild ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	34th.
31 Salop Association ..	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	37th.
32 South Lincolnshire Assn. ..	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
33 Old East Derbyshire Assn. ..	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	39th.
34 Independent Societies ..	15	4	19	4	12	—	2	—	—	1	19	—
Less peals entrd. under two Assn. ..	23	2	25	4	4	2	9	0	0	6	25	—
Total ..	225	63	288	55	97	18	60	15	3	40	288	—

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Surprise Methods:—Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 1. Double Methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 13. Duffield Maximus, 1. Forward Royal, 1; Stedman's Principle: Cinques, 4; Caters, 10; Triples, 26. Treble Bob Methods: Maximus, 2; Royal, 5; Major, 43; Violet Major, 1; in Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 4. Grandsire: Caters, 16; Triples, 75. Doubles (5040), 6. Plain Methods: Canterbury Pleasure Major, 3; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 2; Union Triples, 12; Oxford Bob Triples, 6; Bob Royal, 3; Bob Major, 24; Bob Triples, 9; in three methods on five bells, 1; on Six bells:—in seven methods, 8; in five methods, 2; in two ditto, 2; in one ditto, 6. Total 288.

The 19 peals by independent societies were rung in the following Counties: Lancashire 7, Worcestershire 3, Yorkshire 2, Warwickshire 2, Cheshire, 1, Gloucestershire 1, Middlesex 1, Monmouthshire 1, and Somersetshire 1.

Peals rung in January, 1890	64	Peals rung in January, 1891	80
" February, 1890	61	" February, 1891	81
" March, 1890	38	" March, 1891	64
" April, 1890	67	" April, 1891	63

Increase on the first four months of present year over 1890, 58.

# Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is R. H. HART-DAVIS.  
*Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.*

**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—By kind permission of the vicar and churchwardens, the 109th Anniversary meeting will be held at St. Alfege church, Greenwich, to-day, Saturday, May 30th, 1891. The Tower will be open for ringing, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., and after the meeting. Under the superintendence of Miss Christabel Airy, a meat tea (price 9d.) will be served in the Mission room, at 6 p.m. A Special Service (Choral), with an Address by the Rev. Brooke Lambert, M.A., B.C.L., vicar of Greenwich, will be held in St. Alfege church, at 7.30 p.m. Meeting for the Election of officers, &c., immediately after the service.  
ED. E. RICHARDS, *Hon. Sec.*  
15, Collierston Road, East Greenwich.

**Yorkshire Association.**—The next General Meeting will be held at Ripon, on Saturday, June 6th. The local Secretary is Mr. Thomas Clark, Keldale Villa, Ripon. Circulars and particulars as soon as arrangements are completed.  
B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, Jude's Square, Bradford.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton District.—A meeting of this district will be held to-day, at Barwell. Tower open at 4 o'clock. HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*  
*Bond Street, Nuneaton.*

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashover, on Saturday, June 6th, 1891, at 5.30 p.m.  
JNO. JAS. COOK, *Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Huyton, with Prescott combined, on Saturday, June 6th, from 4 p.m. Meeting in School-room at 2 p.m., prompt, at Huyton. RICH. HILL, *Branch Sec.*  
21, Chestnut Street, Southport.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester, on Saturday, June 6th. Tower open at 4 p.m.  
W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The first annual district meeting will be held at Aldeburgh, on Saturday, June 6th. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 till 9. Business meeting at 7. All members and friends cordially invited.  
WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*  
*Leiston.*

**St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wolverhampton, on Saturday, June 6th. Tower open at 2.30. All members are requested to attend.

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—There will be a meeting held at Milton-Next-Gravesend, June 6th, 1891; Belfry open at 5.30 p.m. W. A. COOKE, *District Sec.*

**Kent County Association.**—Annual Meeting. Change of date. The Annual Meeting will be held at Folkestone, on Monday, July 13th. Further particulars will appear in due course.  
E. W. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The monthly meeting of the guild will be held at St. James, West Derby, on Saturday, May 30th. Bells open 3 p.m.; meeting 6 p.m.  
REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM, }

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Biddulph on Saturday next, June 6th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. W. Carter, Biddulph, not later than June 3rd.  
REV. R. B. TONGE, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. TWIGG, }

**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next Committee and Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pershore on Saturday, June 13th, in the National School-room, at 6 p.m. prompt, by the kind permission of the Ven. the Archdeacon of Worcester, Canon Walters, who will preside. The tower will be open for ringing at the Abbey Church. Members are requested to meet at the "Ship Inn," Mr. J. Mealing's.  
JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Simms Lane,  
Netherton, Dudley.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—June Meeting.—All ringers and friends wishing to join the Leeds St. Peter's Society at Leeds for Ripon, at 1.30, with a pass, please forward their names, on or before June 3rd, to the undersigned,  
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH.

15, Far Fold Terrace,  
Armley, Leeds.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly Ringing meeting of the above Society, was held on Saturday, the 23rd, at Drighlington, and fairly attended by members and friends, the following companies being represented, viz; St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Headingley; Rothwell, Leeds, Birstall, Wakefield, Tong and Pudsey. This fine peal of bells, the tone which are so much admired, was started at 4.15 and kept well going up to 9.45, in Major and Minor methods. Several new members were elected. Two Trustees were also elected viz: H. Lockwood (Leeds), A. Naylor (Headingley), to invest funds which are steadily increasing. Courses on Handbells were rung at the Meeting house "The Spotted Cow." Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, &c., also to the steeple-keeper for having for having everything in readiness for ringing. Armley was chosen as the place at which to hold the June meeting, and this concluded another successful meeting of the society.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. W. PIKE.—As soon as possible, with other matters.

KENDAL.—Holt's One-Part.

G. T. SPICER.—Not yet.

# Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By E. BARNETT, *Crayford.*

10,080.

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

Five times repeated; with single for bob at end of third, and sixth parts.

By calling a bob instead of single at the third part-end it will be 5040.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in sixth's place.

## A 720 OF BOB MINOR.

By CHARLES HOWARD, *Braintree.*

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S	5	3	2	6
	3	6	5	4
B	3	6	4	2
	6	2	3	5
B	6	2	5	4
	2	4	6	3
S	4	2	3	5

Five times repeated; bob instead of single at end of third and sixth parts.

**NOTE ON PEAL AT CAVERSHAM.**—This is the first peal of Double Norwich by all the band except the conductor; also the first in the method on the bells. It was rung for the 24th birthday of H. Simmons, the steeplekeeper; his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. It is the Rev. G. F. Coleridge's first peal as conductor on eight bells, and it is also his 100th peal. They have been rung in the following methods—Grandsire: Caters, 3; Triples, 15. Stedman: Caters, 12 (including 13,000 and 15,000; Triples, 31. Treble Bob: Maximus, 1; Royal, 4; Major, 3. Plain Bob: Royal, 1; Major, 5. Double Norwich Major, 13. Superlative Surprise Major, 6. Cambridge Surprise Major, 1. In 7 Minor Methods, 4. In 14 Minor Methods, 1. Total, 100.

**PORTRAIT NUMBER.**—Next week we shall publish the Portrait, with Memoir, of Mr W. ROCK SMALL, of Tipton, Staffordshire.



HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of Policies issued during the year was 55,846, assuring the sum of £5,615,676, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £440,690.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,162,649, being an increase of £257,734 over the year 1889. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years 1887-90 was £765,709, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium, of £191,427 per annum.

The Claims of the year amounted to £308,076. The number of Policies in force was 220,545.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £3,517,925, being an increase of £181,783. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years

1887-90 was £606,630, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium, of £151,657 per annum. The Claims of the year amounted to £1,489,204. The number of Deaths was 169,890. The Number of Policies in force was 1,000,000. The average duration of policies was 10 years and 6 months.

The Number of Policies in force was 9,099,204: the average duration continues to increase, and now exceeds six and a half years.

The total Assets of the Company have been raised during the year from £10,946,156, to £12,579,870, being an increase of £1,633,714. The Balance Sheet has been again submitted to the independent professional audit of Messrs. DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & Co

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, ON THE 31<sup>ST</sup>

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, ON THE 31st DECEMBER, 1890.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	200,000	0	0	British Government Securities (Consols)	1,237,327	18	9
Ordinary Branch Funds	4,439,792	4	0	Railway and other Debentures	1,849,221	3	6
Industrial Branch Fund	7,912,205	16	9	Loans on Municipal and other Rates	2,850,515	11	6
Claims under Life Policies admitted	27,871	19	9	Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	2,041,468	3	3
				Mortgages	1,468,355	2	1
				Metropolitan Board of Works Stock and City of London Bonds	266,468	12	0
				Bank of England Stock	169,337	0	9
				Freehold and Leasehold Property	823,728	0	9
				Indian, Colonial, and Foreign Government Securities	675,558	11	6
				Reversions	132,036	16	0
				Railway and other Shares	165,582	16	2
				Leans on the Company's Policies	100,319	8	3
				Furniture and Fittings	15,500	0	0
				Loans upon Personal Security	705	0	0
				Outstanding Premiums	330,572	8	1
				Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' Balances	59,157	8	5
				Outstanding Interest and Rents	100,760	6	0
				Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	302,258	14	2
	£12,579,870	0	6		£12,579,870	0	6

THOS. C. DEWEY,  
WILLIAM HUGHES } *Managers.*

W. J. LANCASTER, *Secretary.*

We have examined the Cash tra

W. J. LANCASTER, Secretary.

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts, and Payments, affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended February 31st, 1890, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1890.

18th February, 1891.

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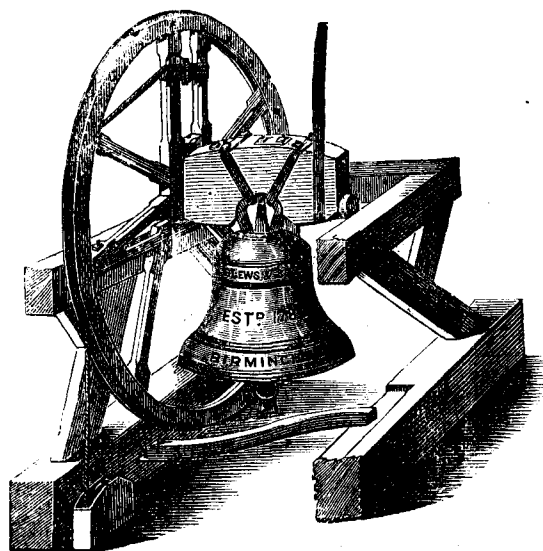
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HENRY HARBEN.

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## "PAINLESS AND PERFECT DENTISTRY."

A new Pamphlet, by Dr. GEO. H. JONES, F.R.S.L., F.R.M.S., etc., Surgeon-Dentist, 57, Great Russell Street, facing British Museum entrance, London, containing a list of Diplomas, Gold and Silver Medals, and other Awards, obtained at the great International Exhibitions, forwarded gratis and post free.

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S. G. HUTCHINS. By appointment Surgeon-Dentist to Her Majesty the Queen.

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(Signed) EDW. V. GARDNER, F.H.S., M.S.A.

Professor of Chemistry, and of Berners College, W.

To GEO. H. JONES, Esq., Surgeon-Dentist, 57, Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury Square, London.

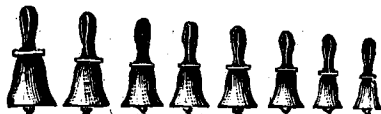
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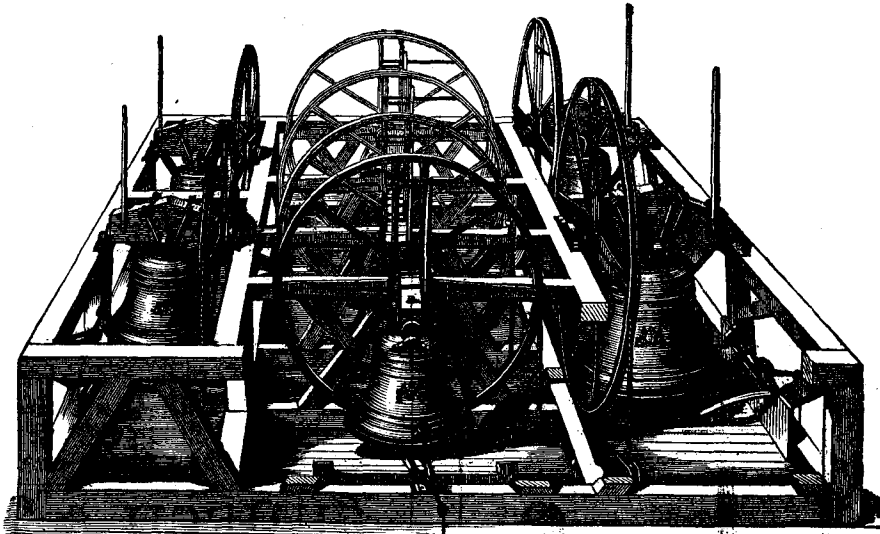
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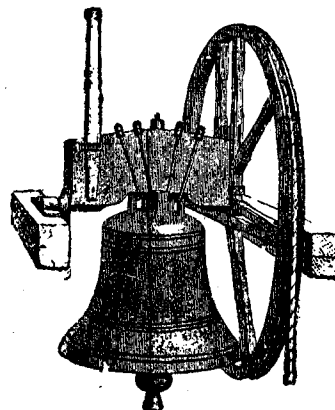
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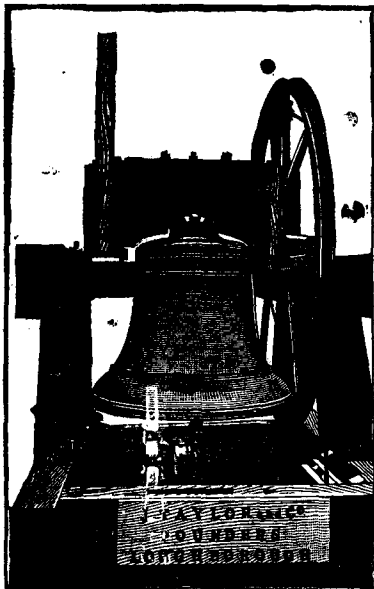
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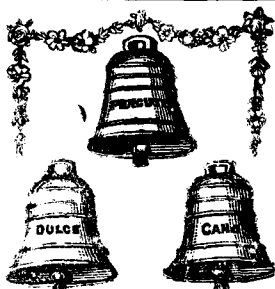
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