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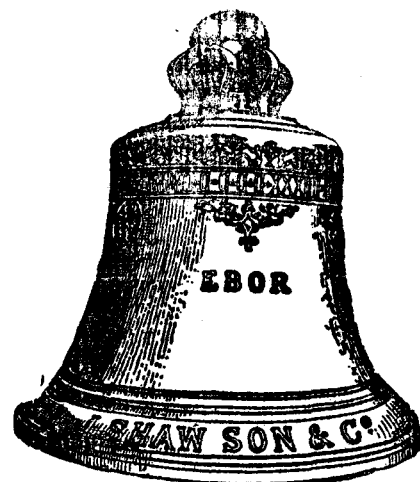
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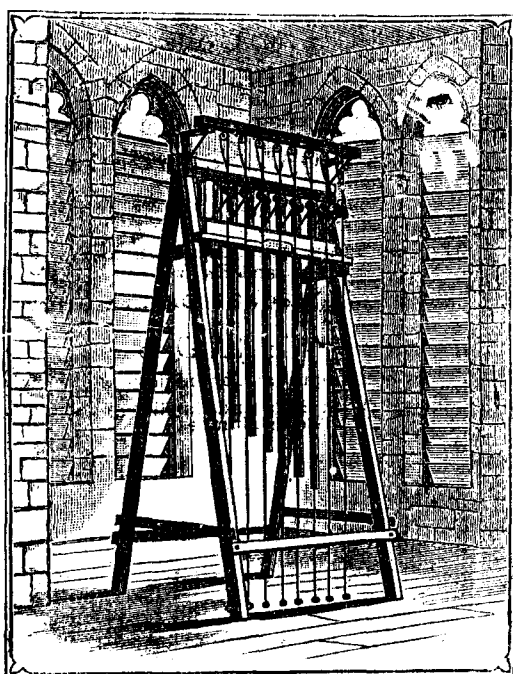
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## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

"A very good meeting." This was the general opinion of the members of the above Association who met together on Monday, January 14th, at Kingston-on-Thames, for the purpose of united practice on the fine peal of ten, tenor 33 cwt., which hang in the ancient and commodious square tower of the church of All Saints. Although the circle of ropes drop the reverse way, or as some were heard to remark "back-handed" or "left-handed," some good practice was got through in various methods, viz., Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Treble Bob, etc., a good muster putting in an appearance early in the afternoon. Later on some forty were comfortably seated in the Albany Hall to a substantial tea, the usual business meeting following, Mr. H. Daniels, of Streatham, in the unavoidable absence of the vicar (Rev. A. S. Young), in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Hon. Secretary reported that twelve peals had been rung since the last meeting. These included a 10,000 of Kent Treble Bob Major, and a 5088 of Superlative Surprise Major, the former being the longest length yet rung, and the latter the first peal of Surprise by members of the Association. It was resolved that these two peals be illuminated.

The nomination of two representatives for the Central Council resulted in Dr. A. B. Carpenter and R. B. Blanchard being elected to represent the Association at the forthcoming meeting on Easter Tuesday.

The Secretary gave his report for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1894, showing that twenty-nine peals had been rung during that time, bringing the total number to 203.

Four quarterly meetings had been attended by 240 members. Four Honorary, two Life, and forty-nine ringing members have joined the Association.

The receipts show an increase of some seven pounds, while the expenditure also shows an increase of some ten pounds, the present balance standing at £20 1s. 0d.

The next place of meeting on Easter Monday being put to the vote, St. Giles' church, Camberwell, was carried by a large majority.

One life member (Mr. Bayley, of Lewisham), and six ordinary members were elected.

Votes of thanks to the chairman, also to Mr. Strutt (steeple-keeper), and to the Secretary, brought the meeting to a close.

The following towers were represented: Benhlilton, Beddington, Bletchingley, Carshalton, Ewell, Epsom, East Molesey, Guildford, Kingston, Mitcham, Streatham, and Wimbledon.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting of this Association was held at All Saints' parish church, Edmonton, on Saturday, January 19th, which, taking into consideration the weather, was very well attended. Mr. F. A. Milne, the treasurer, was unanimously voted to the chair, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, and signed. On the proposition of Mr. W. Martin, seconded by Mr. Waghorn, jun., Mr. G. B. Lucas was elected to represent the Association on the Central Council. The Rev. D. W. Barrett, Rector of Barnet, was elected an hon. member of the Association. The following ordinary members were also elected: Messrs. H. A. Barnett, C. A. Button, F. Clements, W. Dickenson, H. Ellis, L. Iverson, and W. Tibson, of Tottenham; Messrs. P. J. Darlington, L. J. Darlington, W. J. Darlington, S. T. Darlington, H. W. Wise, R. Goodchild, and J. Pightling, of Edmonton, and Mr. W. Simms, of Barnet. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the steeplekeeper for having everything in readiness. During the evening touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Triples, and Bob Major, were rung.

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Northop is a village pleasantly situated within three miles of Mold, four miles from Hawarden, and nine from Chester. The scenery in the neighbourhood is very beautiful. When the atmosphere is clear, the Cheshire shore, with the city of Chester, the towns of Neston and Parkgate, and even Hoylake, are seen to advantage from the tower of the parish church. At present this tower holds a ring of six bells, but two new trebles are now to be added to make eight. The expense of this augmentation will be defrayed by Mrs. Scott-Bankes, of Soughten Hall, Northop, who wishes to have the bells erected in memory of her husband, the late Mr. J. Scott-Bankes, J.P., who was for more than a quarter-of-a-century chairman of the Flintshire Quarter Sessions. This will be a most fitting memorial to so worthy a benefactor, who will long be remembered by the present generation, and whose memory will be revered by posterity. The well-known bellfounders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, London, will supply the new trebles and do all the necessary work required, the entire completion of which will be effected by Easter. In the early part of the year 1891, three of the four old bells which were then in the tower were recast, and others added to make a ring of six, by the above-mentioned firm. This addition was made at the cost of Mrs. Wills, of Plas Bellis, Northop, in memory of her husband, the late Colonel Wills. The old bells had a few inscriptions upon them, of no particular interest.

The tower of Northop church is 116 feet in height, being the second highest tower in Wales, the highest being that of Wrexham, in Denbighshire. It was re-roofed and thoroughly repaired throughout in the year 1891, through the exertions of the Rev. Canon Richardson, M.A., Vicar of Northop, and formerly Vicar of Rhyl.

**RINGERS' SUPPER.**—On Friday, January 11th, the Society of Northop ringers, eight in number, were, through the generosity of Mrs. and Miss Sandars, entertained to their annual supper at Lower Soughten. The repast was of a most liberal character, and ample justice was done to the good things provided. The table was beautifully decorated, and presented a very gay appearance. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. and Miss Sandars for their great kindness and interest, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, during which a few touches were rung upon the handbells.

## DEATH OF THE REV. SEPTIMUS HANSARD.

We regret to say that the Rev. Septimus C. H. Hansard, for more than thirty years Rector of the important parish of Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green, London, died at the rectory on Saturday last. On Wednesday, the 23rd instant, at St. Matthew's church, as a token of respect to the deceased gentleman, the bells were rung half-muffled in the usual whole pull and stand manner, concluding with a touch of Grandsire Triples, 518 changes, the ringers being:—

A. Hughes, 1; H. F. Wood, 2; J. Bonney, 3; J. Comb, 4; W. Cooter, 5; M. A. Wood (conductor), 6; J. West, 7; J. Monday, 8.

The decease of the rev. gentleman will be deeply regretted by the parishioners. In him the ringers have lost a good friend. He was always ready with a few words of encouragement, and frequently expressed to them the pleasure which he always felt at hearing the sound of his bells.

## FORESTERS' WEDDING.

On Saturday, January 19th, at Bradford parish church, the marriage took place between Mr. Charles Graham, P.C.R., (son of W. Graham, district secretary of the Ancient Order of Foresters), and Miss Emily Lockwood, daughter of T. Lockwood, P.D.C.R. In honour of the event, the following band met to ring a touch of Triples: J. and W. Joyce (Nottingham Imperial Oddfellows); Arthur Gill, Sam. Palframan, and W. Titterton (Free and Independent Oddfellows); B. T. Copley P.P.G.M. (Manchester Unity); J. Broadley and J. Wotton. Unfortunately during the ringing a rope broke, so Triples was abandoned, and in its place a 720 of Bob Minor with the tenor covering.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**ROSSENDALE BRANCH.**—A meeting of this branch was held at Newchurch, and was well attended by members from Christ Church (Bacup), St. Saviour's (Bacup), Helmshore, Newchurch, Ramsbottom, Rawtenstall, and Waterfoot. A short touch was rung at 5 o'clock. At 5.30 over thirty members sat down to tea, which was presided over by the Rev. T. B. Eddrup, who in welcoming the Association said he was glad to see so many present, and was sure the rector would have been glad if he had been present. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Haslingden. It was proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the rector for the tea he had provided, and for the use of the bells; also to the ringers for having all in readiness; and to the chairman for presiding. This brought the meeting to a close, and the tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Union Triples, Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and College Single were rung. The bells were kept going till 9.30.

**FYLDE BRANCH.**—The quarterly meeting of this branch was held at St. Anne's-on-Sea on Saturday, January 19th, but, unfortunately, the attendance was very meagre. Various methods in the Art of change-ringing were satisfactorily rung. Mr. Townsend occupied the chair at the after proceedings, in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. W. G. Terry. Mr. J. Fell (Lytham), said that in accordance with a wish expressed by Mr. Cookson, of Kirkham, he had endeavoured to call together a good meeting, but his efforts had not been successful. He read the correspondence explanatory of the reasons through which members of the Association would be unable to attend. A post-card was read which had been received from the President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, who stated that he would be unable to leave his work. Otherwise he would have been glad to visit St. Anne's, as he had never rang there. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Kirkham on April 27th. There was very little business, and at the conclusion a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. W. G. Terry for the use of the schoolroom and bells.

## OLNEY, BUCKS.

On Wednesday, December 26th, the Biddenham branch of the Bedfordshire Association held their annual outing at this place, where the peal of six bells, tenor about 25 cwt., have been rehung by Mr. Blackburn. A start being made from Bedford at 11.30 by train, we found ourselves soon in sight of the fine old spire of Olney church. On arriving at the station, we at once made our way to the belfry, when the bells were soon set swinging, and some good touches of Doubles and Minor were rung, including two 720s of Bob Minor. First 720: W. West, 1; W. Davison, 2; H. King, 3; C. West, 4; P. Howard, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. Second 720: J. Davison, 1; H. King, 2; W. Davison, 3; C. West, 4; P. Howard, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. Ringing was kept on till about five o'clock when the bells were lowered and a start was made for the house of Mr. S. Smith, who had so kindly arranged for tea at his own expense, which for a party of about fifteen is no slight undertaking. After this a start had to be made for the station, as the last train left at 6.50, and we all knew well that time and trains wait for no man. Altogether a most enjoyable day was spent, everyone being delighted with their outing. The ringers wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also give their hearty thanks to Mr. and Mrs. S. Smith for their hospitality to them, hoping that this will not be their last visit to Olney. D.

**NOTICE.**—We ask our friends to exercise their forbearance if their touch reports have not yet appeared; they will all appear in due course. We hope to be able to announce in our next number the appearance of an extensive collection of musical touches of Stedman Triples, easy to call, composed by Mr. JOHN CARTER, of Birmingham.

**PORTRAIT NUMBER.**—Next week will be published a splendid group portrait of the band of the Cumberlands who rang the 12,000 of Double Norwich. A short memoir of each ringer will also appear.

## ST. NICOLAS, PEVENSEY.—PRESENTATION.

On Friday, January 18th, the local ringers tried for 1080 Grandsire Doubles, all to be called differently, but after a capitally struck 600 had been rung, they came to grief. The fact of the matter was the captain and conductor (Mr. Brant), saw the absurdity of calling "single" to his right-hand neighbour, Mr. T. Beale, for he—T. B.—had taken to himself a wife, being utterly disgusted at being called "single" so often.

After the breakdown the ringers adjourned to the vestry, where the Ven. Archdeacon Sutton (vicar), and President, presented the aforesaid "Double" man with a clock. Although the vicar is not a ringer, he always comes forward with his "bobs" when anything is required, and the curate, the Rev. E. B. Walsh—who by the way will soon become a practical ringer it is hoped—and all the band came to "lead" with "bobs," not one "dodged behind" when the idea of a testimonial was raised. The captain drew attention to the alarm of the clock, and informed the recipient that it was to be "set" for seven o'clock on Saturdays and Fridays—the ringing nights—for though he had been "belle ringing" on his own account, he could not be excused from ringing with the rest.

## ELHAM, KENT.

The members of the local company held their annual festival on Tuesday, January 15th, in the old infants' school. The band is unpaid, and the yearly rennion is supplied by subscriptions of the residents of the parish and friends of the ringers. The programme commenced with a capital hot supper, which was satisfactorily disposed of, the vicar presiding, with his warden as vice. After supper harmony was the order of the evening. The ringers make it a rule to invite all subscribers to spend the evening with them, and these with the ringers from Lyminge (also the guests of the Elham ringers), formed a goodly company. Plenty of singers were found to enliven the proceedings, Mr. F. Bush, a former member of the band, coming specially from Chatham to add to the success of the evening by presiding at the piano. No time was lost, song following song in quick succession, and midnight (the time for dispersing) arrived only too soon, but with the comforting reflection that a capital evening had been spent, and the hope that the Elham ringers may go on and prosper, and have the pleasure of meeting their friends in similar social gatherings "Again" and yet "Again."

## THE HOLY TRINITY GUILD, BARKING, ESSEX.

On Tuesday, January 15th, the members of the above Guild entertained about eighty church friends, ladies and gentlemen, at an "At Home" held in the school rooms, which were set out for the event. Various parlour games were indulged in by the visitors, while some found amusement in cards, chess, draughts, etc. During the evening the ringers regaled their guests with tea and coffee, fruits and sweets, and other light refreshment. At intervals touches were rung upon the hand-bells consisting of Bob Cinques, by the following ringers: W. Dallimore (conductor), H. F. Crick, H. H. Wilkins, A. Worwood, A. Saunderson, and W. Floyd. Songs and selections on the piano and mandoline were rendered by some of the friends present, all going on merrily up till about 11.30 p.m., when the head ringer, Mr. W. Dallimore, thanked all present on behalf of the ringers, for making the evening so bright and gay. Mr. E. Perry responded by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the ringers for their great kindness and very pleasant evening, which was seconded by the Rev. J. Manus, and carried in the usual way. Some dancing and the National Anthem ended the ringers' first "At Home."

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## BARNET, HERTS.

The members of the Parish Church Guild held their second annual dinner on Friday evening, January 18th, at the Church House. A substantial repast was provided by Host and Hostess Dolton, and when "go" was called the company present showed that they all understood the "knife and fork" method very well. The Rector, the Rev. D. W. Barrett, presided, and was supported by the Rev. D. J. Learoyd, Mr. F. A. Milne, and Mr. A. T. King. After the cloth was cleared, the rev. chairman proposed the loyal and patriotic toasts, and these having been drunk, proposed the health of the members of the Barnet Guild of Ringers. He said he must congratulate them on their success during the past year. They had not only took an interest in the ringing, but they had also taken an interest in the church, and it gave him great pleasure to see them at the services after they had done ringing. He referred to some extracts he had made from the old parish records, some of which caused much laughter, and seemed rather eccentric. He concluded by wishing the society every success, and expressed the hope that they might be spared to attend many annual dinners.

Mr. A. T. King (treasurer), then read his financial statement, the receipts of which showed a great increase on the previous year. He said it gave him great pleasure to do anything for the ringers, and he hoped they would continue to work amicably together. The treasurer then proposed the health of "The Clergy," coupling with the toast the name of the Rev. D. J. Learoyd, which was received with loud applause.

The Rev. D. J. Learoyd acknowledged the toast in suitable terms.

Mr. F. A. Milne (on behalf of the ringers), proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. King for the services he had rendered to the Guild. He said he thought the members had reason to be proud of the progress they had made in the Art of change-ringing during the past year: he thought they were also very much indebted to Mr. C. H. Martin (Master of the Middlesex Association), their instructor, for the pains he had taken with them.

Mr. King replied in warm terms, and said he hoped the society would continue to flourish. They had had the misfortune to lose one or two of their members through their leaving the district, but they must not be disheartened; they had plenty of young ringers coming on, and they must pull together and make them proficient.

Mr. Martin said he was always glad to do anything to further change-ringing. At the previous dinner, he expressed the hope, he said, that he would have some of the members of the Guild through a peal before the year was out, but they had even done better than he anticipated, for they had also scored one of Bob Major. He thanked them for their appreciation of his services, and hoped they would continue to prosper.

Mr. F. Blondell proposed the healths of the "Host and Hostess," and said the success of the evening was no doubt due to their energies.

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

Vocal and instrumental music was contributed during the evening by Messrs. A. R. Samuels, W. Jinns, T. Sapshead, F. Blondell, A. E. Dolton, J. Sumpter, J. Thrussell, J. Waldoock, F. Butler, and R. Roffey, and Miss M. Dolton. "That's all" was called at an early hour in the morning, and the company separated after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Mr. C. Smart, of Church Street, Steyning, writes: "Looking through this week's issue of 'THE BELL NEWS,' I find that a date touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on Christmas Eve at Tamworth, Staffordshire, composed by P. Brickell. Should that be the same date touch which appeared in 'THE BELL NEWS' of March 17th, 1894, it was pointed out by me to be false in the following week's issue. Also the date touch of Grandsire Triples, published in last week's issue, and composed by G. Preston, of Christchurch, Hants., is false, the change 1245367 at the starting changes repeats at the seventh treble-lead in the fifth part."

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. Benjamin Foscett, on and after January 28th, will be Sydney Cottage, Vale of Health, Hampstead, N.W.

## HAYES, KENT.

On Thursday, January 3rd, the ringers of this church were invited by the rector (Rev. G. Clowes) to supper, the churchwardens, J. W. Selby, Esq., and T. H. Bower, Esq. being also present. An excellent supper was provided, each course being brought round in good style. The rector, in proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Hayes Bellringers," alluded to the progress which they had made during the past year. Mr. Selby, as Hon. Secretary, replied on behalf of the ringers. After thanking the rector for his kind remarks, he said that the band had made great progress, having rung a 5040 of Bob Minor, and twenty-six 720s in the year. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Selby for the presentation of a peal board denoting the performance of the 5040 changes, on Friday, June 1st, 1894, also thanking Messrs. Bedwell and Warnett, of Lewisham, for their assistance on that occasion. The remainder of the evening was spent in singing, etc., and after a vote of thanks to the rector and Mrs. Clowes for their kindness, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

## RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Wednesday, January 9th, the annual supper of the Edenbridge band took place at The White Horse hotel. There was an unusually large number of tradespeople and visitors generally present, thirty-five sitting down to a first-class supper, and they had not forgotten to invite the hard-working new district secretary, Mr. W. Latter, of Tunbridge Wells, who readily attended. The chair was taken by Mr. F. Holmden, vicar's warden, Mr. H. Whitmore occupying the vice-chair. After all had done justice to the splendid repast provided, the toast of "The Queen" was drunk, being followed by "The Archbishop." Then came that of "The Kent County Association," coupled with the name of the district secretary.

Mr. Latter, in responding, gave a descriptive account of the work and reform being done by the society, and made a strong and not fruitless appeal for honorary members, and spoke of the need of an additional two bells to make a ring of eight. Songs and instrumental music combined to make it enjoyable for all concerned, and the hour of ten came too quickly. It is with much pleasure stated that the idea for two more bells is receiving the support and consideration of the principal inhabitants, and it is hoped ere long to be able to state something more definite in the matter.

## WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 12th, the ringers of the parish church held their annual dinner at the house of Mr. Joseph Bates (a member of the band), and partook of an excellent repast, which was catered for by Mr. and Mrs. Bates in first class style. Mr. Thomas Foster (captain), presided, and after the usual toasts had been duly honoured, it was said that more public interest ought to be taken in bellringing in all its forms. The members also strongly commented upon the bad condition of the bells and the urgent need of help to put them in proper order, and hoped the same would soon be forthcoming. Messrs. W. E. Brittan and H. Tinsley supplied the harmony during the evening, and after the usual votes of thanks, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

CORRECTION.—In the report printed in a recent issue from the Guild of St. Mary's, Portsea, it was by mistake stated that Mr. Gould had been elected to represent the band on the council of the Diocesan Guild as in former years. It was Mr. Harper who was elected. It should have been noticed that Mr. Gould presented a complete set of "THE BELL NEWS" for 1894 to the tower, as in former years.

Mr. A. Jacob, Hon. Secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths, writes: "The society of Royal Cumberland Youths wish to state that the peal of Grandsire Caters rang on Wednesday, December 26th, at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, and published in 'BELL NEWS' of January 5th, is not a Cumberlands' peal, as one of the band is a non-member."

**Compositions.**

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

**A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

By FREDK. S. W. BUTLER, *Gainsborough.*

1895.

1 2 4 3 6 5 7  
2 1 4 3 5 6 7  
1 2 3 4 5 7 6 odd changes  
2 1 3 4 5 6 7  
1 2 3 5 4 6 7  
6 7 2 4 5 3 2  
4 7 6 3 2 5 5  
5 3 4 2 7 6 1  
3 4 5 2 7 6 4  
7 6 3 5 2 4 2  
6 3 7 5 2 4 4  
7 2 6 3 4 5 3  
5 3 7 4 2 6 1  
2 6 5 7 4 3 2  
5 4 2 6 3 7 3

Four times repeated.

**A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

By D. H. BURTON, *Thirsk, Yorks.*

1895.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
1 2 3 4 5 7 6 odd changes—  
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 start at back.  
3 1 2 4 5 6 7 stroke.  
1 3 2 4 5 7 6  
1 2 3 5 4 6 7  
2 1 3 5 4 7 6

5 7 6 2 4 5 3 2  
5 3 5 7 2 4 6 2  
5 7 3 2 4 6 2  
7 3 5 2 4 6 4  
2 5 7 6 5 4 5  
7 5 2 3 4 6 3  
5 2 7 3 4 6 4  
2 7 5 3 4 6 4  
6 3 2 4 7 5 1  
4 3 6 5 2 7 5  
2 7 4 6 5 3 2  
3 6 2 5 7 4 1  
6 2 3 5 7 4 4  
2 3 6 5 7 4 4

Twice repeated, and contains twelve 4-6s, twelve 7-4s, and twelve 6-7s.

**A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

By EDWARD COOK, *Cardiff.*

4 6 2 3 7 5 3  
3 6 4 5 2 7 5  
2 7 3 4 5 6 2  
4 7 2 6 3 5 5  
5 6 4 3 7 2 1  
3 6 5 2 4 7 5  
4 7 3 5 2 6 2  
7 3 4 5 2 6 4  
2 6 7 4 5 3 2  
3 4 2 5 6 7 1

Twice repeated.

**A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.**

By E. BENNETT, *Beddington, Surrey.*

1895.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
2 1 3 5 4 7 6 9 8  
1 2 5 3 7 4 9 6 8  
2 1 5 7 3 9 4 8 6 odd changes  
1 2 7 5 9 3 8 4 6  
2 1 7 9 5 8 3 6 4  
1 2 9 7 8 5 6 3 4  
3 4 2 5 6 7 8 9 3  
7 5 3 9 4 8 2 6 1  
2 6 7 4 8 3 9 5 3  
2 3 4 5 6 9 7 8  
4 2 3 5 6 9th in 3  
5 4 2 5 6 9th in 3  
4 5 2 3 6 8th in 3  
2 5 6 3 4 8, 9  
6 5 4 3 2 8, 9  
5 3 4 6 2 8th in 3  
4 5 3 6 2 9th in 3  
3 4 5 6 2 9th in 3  
5 4 2 6 3 8, 9  
2 4 3 6 5 8, 9  
3 2 4 6 5 9th in 3  
4 3 2 6 5 9th in 3  
2 3 5 6 4 8, 9  
5 2 3 6 4 9th in 3  
3 5 2 6 4 9th in 3  
2 5 4 6 3 8, 9  
4 2 5 6 3 9th in 3  
9th in and out at 2.

**A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

By CHARLES SMART, *Steyning.*

1895.

2 1 3 5 4 7 6  
2 3 1 4 5 6 7  
3 2 1 5 4 7 6 Odd changes.  
3 1 2 4 5 6 7  
1 3 2 4 5 6 7  
6 7 3 4 5 2 2  
2 4 6 5 7 3 1  
7 3 2 6 5 4 2  
3 2 7 6 5 4 4  
4 6 3 5 2 7 1  
6 3 4 5 2 7 4  
4 2 6 3 7 5 3  
6 7 4 2 5 3 3  
3 2 6 5 7 4 1  
7 4 3 6 5 2 2  
3 5 7 4 2 6 3  
6 4 3 2 5 7 1

Four times repeated. A single for bob at end of 5th part.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.**

By T. TEASDALE, *North Shields.*

6720.

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

Five times repeated; single instead of bob midway and end.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.**

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Staveley.*

5184.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 5 6  
4 3 6 5 2 - - -  
3 6 4 5 2 - - -  
6 4 3 5 2 - - -  
3 6 2 4 5 - - -  
6 2 3 4 5 - - -  
2 3 6 4 5 - - -  
3 5 6 4 2 - - -  
6 3 2 5 4 - - -  
3 2 6 5 4 - - -  
2 6 3 5 4 - - -  
2 4 3 6 5 - - -  
4 3 2 6 5 - - -  
3 2 4 6 5 - - -

Contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6. Three times repeated, calling single for bob at 6 in the tenth course of the 2nd and 4th parts.

**PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.**

By G. LINDOFF.

9312.

2 3 4 5 6 5ths M W in 4ths H  
6 5 4 3 2 - - -  
4 6 5 3 2 - - -  
3 5 2 6 4 - - -  
6 2 4 5 3 - - -  
5 4 3 2 6 - - -  
2 3 6 4 5 - - -  
5 4 6 3 2 - - -  
6 3 5 4 2 - - -  
5 7 2 3 6 4 - - -  
2 7 6 3 5 4 - - -  
4 2 5 6 3 - - -  
5 4 2 6 3 - - -  
3 6 2 4 5 - - -  
6 4 3 7 5 2 - - -  
3 4 6 2 5 - - -  
6 7 5 4 3 2 - - -  
5 7 3 4 6 2 - - -  
2 5 6 3 4 - - -  
6 2 5 3 4 - - -

The last seven courses three times repeated. Longest length in the method yet composed. First rung at Crawley, Sussex, on Wednesday, December 26th, 1894, conducted by James Parker.

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL**

By CORNELIUS CHARGE, *Fulham.*

5040.

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

Repeated. This peal has the 6th its extent at home.



### 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."

#### "CRITICISMS."

SIR,—In answer to the Rev. H. Law James' letter which appeared in a recent issue, I quite appreciate the relationship between Darlaston Bob and College Single, but the two cannot be identical, as the one contains a bell in the hunt and the other does not, and in the one 5ths place is made, and in the other 4ths place. If Mr. James be of opinion that Darlaston Bob and College Single are the same, why does he allow his name to appear in connection with Grandsire when it is Plain Bob? I cannot at all tell what method it was he rang in a short time ago, although it appears in "Shipway" under the name of Double Norwich Caters. I should be glad of a clearer explanation concerning "Surprise" methods. Does Mr. James allude to "Champion Surprise," and does he think it is not a Surprise method? Forward Villa, Park Road, Aston, Birmingham. JOHN CARTER.

In "THE BELL NEWS" of January 12th, the Rev. H. Law James calls attention to what, in his opinion, is a serious fault in my system of points. In reply, I would say firstly; I did not fix the value of the respective peals, but that the value in points per man was arranged by three of the best known of the ringers in England; secondly, I fail to see any injustice in the examples he quotes. Why if eight ringers in Stedman Triples score four points per man, should not ten ringers in Stedman Caters also be credited with a similar number of points each? Again, why should not a peal of Treble Ten, in which ten ringers take part, score five-sixths of what eight ringers can obtain in a method after all only a little more difficult. I propose to submit the scale of points for consideration, and if necessary, for revision at the next meeting of the Central Council, when Mr. James will have an opportunity of expressing his views upon the matter. 8, Hanover Crescent, Brighton. G. F. ATTREE.

#### A COINCIDENCE.

SIR,—Having neither seen nor heard, prior to its publication in these columns, of the principle on which Mr. Carter's "Champion Major" was founded, I was struck with the resemblance it bore to a method that I originated ten weeks ago. Indeed in my search after this one, and previous to its being produced, it is a fact that I produced Mr. Carter's new method in exactly the same form in which it was published, but as it did not conveniently lend itself to sixth-place bob making, I did not feel inclined to rest satisfied until I had produced on similar lines a method that would conveniently admit of bobs being made in that position. Below is the first section of the plain course:

1 2	3 4 5 6	7 8
2 1	4 3 5 6	8 7
1 2	3 4 6 5	7 8
2 1	3 4 5 6	8 7
1 2	4 3 6 5	7 8
2 1	3 4 6 5	8 7
1 2	4 3 5 6	7 8
2 1	4 3 6 5	8 7

2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7

Round in sixty-four changes.

I may say that for the greater part of the ten weeks which have elapsed, that copies of this method have been in the possession of Messrs. R. Ridyard (Worsley), W. Holmes (Newcastle), G. Whitfield (Oswestry), S. Wood and G. Longden (Ashton). Beyond being able to satisfy myself that the composition in this method would not be more than ordinarily difficult, I have had very little opportunity for prosecuting my studies any further in this direction. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to present to the Exercise either touches or peals at present, and on this account request their indulgence for presenting this method in its crude state. J. S. WILDE. Hyde.

#### BEDFORDSHIRE BELLS

SIR,—Will any member of the Bedfordshire Association give me information concerning the bells (rings of eight) at Luton, Leighton Buzzard, and Dunstable. Are they in good condition, or bad, and are the ringers and clergy at those places favorable to change-ringing, and the visits of the County Association? ENQUIRER.

### Obituary.

#### THOMAS ASPINWALL.

On Sunday, December 30th, the death took place of the above at his residence, "Eureka," Aughton, Ormskirk, at the age of eighty-four years, and he was interred on Friday, January 4th. On Tuesday, January 8th, members of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild rang as a tribute of respect at Ormskirk parish church, the usual whole pull and stand eighty-four times with the bells half-muffled. Afterwards 1013 Grandsire Triples, being the exact number of months the deceased had lived. J. Taylor, 1; J. Sholicar (conductor), 2; W. Benthams, 3; J. Watts, 4; J. Pilkington, 5; H. J. Ellis, 6; G. Prescott, 7; T. Martland, 8. Mr. Aspinwall commenced his ringing career nearly seventy years ago, and was for fourteen years the respected superintendent of the Ormskirk belfry. He was the oldest ringer in the district, Ormskirk having within the last two years three veteran ringers whose united ages were 241 years; one only now remaining. Mr. Aspinwall took part in ringing on the occasion of the Accession and Coronation of the Queen, and the lying in state of the Duke of Wellington and the Prince Consort. After his retirement on business grounds from the superintendency of the ringers, he always took great interest in the ringers of Ormskirk parish church, and was always ready to assist, not only with advice, but with his purse, to encourage change-ringing and belfry reform. The 1013 changes rang above is the composition of Mr. John Aspinwall, of Liverpool, eldest son of the deceased. Mr. Aspinwall during his lifetime held several public offices, being a member for some years of the Ormskirk Board of Guardians, and the Aughton Parochial Committee. He leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters to mourn his loss. The only remaining ringer of Mr. Aspinwall's youth is Mr. John Prescott, who still remains a ringer at Ormskirk parish church; but in life's peal of these veteran ringers there is only one more bob to call, and then the unwelcome "that is all" of the veteran ringers of Ormskirk.

#### CHARLES WILLIAM CARR.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, at his home, Northfield Lane, Horbury, at the early age of twenty-four. He complained of being ill on December 31st, and died of pneumonia on January 7th. He had chiefly devoted his attention to tune-playing until a few months ago, when he began to learn the Art of change-ringing, and had rung several touches. He took a deep interest in ringing, and those who were present at his bedside during his hours of delirium, say how constantly his mind ran on ringing. His presence will be missed in the belfry, and also in the choir, of which he was a member. The funeral, which took place on Thursday, January 10th, was largely attended. He was borne from the hearse to the church by four of his brother-ringers, who were met by the choir. The Rev. B. Moultrie officiated at the service, which was fully choral. He was carried from the church to the hearse by four members of the choir, while the Dead March was being played by the organist, Mr. B. Whitworth, A.R.C.O. On arrival at the cemetery he was carried to his last resting-place by four members of the Enlightened Order of Shepherds, of which he was a member. The service at the grave was also fully choral, and the hymn "Brief life is here our portion" was beautifully rendered by the choir. Before the funeral the usual whole pull and stand, and a 720 of Bob Minor, and during the evening 180 of Bob Minor and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of the respect and esteem in which he was held by his fellow-ringers. A. Yelland, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. A handsome wreath was placed on the grave by the ringers, and similar tokens of respect were shown by many kind friends. Whilst standing at the graveside and witnessing the last rites of the church, one may have been led to think this early call to rest unseasonable. But we mortals cannot see the wisdom of Him who commands the angel of death to summon our loved ones away. We have however the happy consolation to know that though the cold hand of death has separated us for a time from our dear friend, it is for his benefit and early reward. Mr. C. W. Carr was the grandson of the late Mr. T. Carr, who conducted the peal of 10,080 changes rung at Horbury, Yorks. W. H. G.

#### JOHN JAMES.

We regret to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at his residence, 59, Vauxhall Street, Birmingham, on the 11th inst., after a severe illness, aged fifty-five years. Deceased was up till this last few years the respected tower-keeper of St. Martin's, he having succeeded his father in the same office. He took part in the long peal of Stedman Cinques, and rung other peals of an high order. He was interred at Witton cemetery on the 16th inst., on which occasion a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside. A muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted at St. Martin's, but came to grief.

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**The Bell News & Ringers' Record.**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1895.

A lengthy notice from the secretary of the Old East Derbyshire Association, to be found in its proper place, begets considerations worthy of comment. That institution known as "prize-ringing," may be said to have had its day, or nearly so. But we see no reason why the Exercise should be without the means of bestowing some tangible guerdon to those who show, not only efficiency in the Art, but commendable punctuality and steadiness in the performance of those duties which in the present day devolve on parochial ringers. Whether the suggestion of the purchase of a cup—we suppose of silver—is the best that can be made for such object, remains to be seen. It appears to us that in the districts wherein the above-named society confines its operations, a small sum of money would be greatly preferred by those who are to be favored with a reward for the conscientious observance and faithful execution of their duties, or the talent and ability they had shown in the practice of change-ringing. The subject, however, will be well considered at the meeting of the members to be held on the 9th proximo. While we are only making a bare suggestion with reference to this subject, we unhesitatingly say that the presentation of a cup under such circumstances is not the proper thing. Of what use is such an article to the recipient? Let the guerdon be of some use, and then the prize will be coveted and striven for.



**The Metropolis.****THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, January 5, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE SMITH .. .. Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER.. .. 5.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 2.	ALBERT PITAM.. .. 6.
JAMES HANNINGTON .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by G. NEWSON.

The composition, now rang for the first time in this method, has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6th's place at nine and twelve course-ends respectively. This is T. Titchener's first peal in the method with a bob bell, and the performance was arranged for his birthday anniversary, the band wishing him many happy returns.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Four Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5328 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 41 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 7.
RICHARD FRENCH .. .. 2.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW.. .. 8.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 9.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. 4.	GEORGE T. MCCLAUGHLIN 10.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 11.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 6.	JOHN M. HAYES .. .. Tenor.

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**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT's TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. in E flat.

WILLIAM J. COAKHAM .. Treble.	WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM B. MANNING .. 2.	WILLIAM R. PINSENT .. 6.
WILLIAM D. SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM H. DALLIMORE 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BURKIN.

Rung in honour of the 54th birthday of W. Pinsent, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.***On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOK's VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK J. PITTS.. .. Treble.	*HARRY BARTON .. .. 5.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 2.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN* .. 3.	†WALTER C. HASTED.. .. 7.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 4.	†EDWARD W. FRASER.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER C. HASTED.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal of Stedman Triples. This was also the conductor's first attempt at calling a peal in this method.

**The Provinces.****OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, January 15, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER's TEN-PART, No. 3. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE STANBROOK .. .. 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 2.	ALFRED ANDREWS .. .. 6.
EUSTACE T. HARWOOD .. 3.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE .. .. 7.
THOMAS GOSLING .. .. 4.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 2nd, 5th, and tenor, and rest in the method on the bells.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, January 17, 1895, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HUBBARD's TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PAGE* .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK A. BAKER .. 5.
ALBERT J. BROWN .. .. 2.	*THOMAS W. BURDOCK .. 6.
THOMAS ATTWELL* .. .. 3.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. EADES.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in the method. This was arranged as a birthday peal for W. J. Freakes, but who, owing to illness, was unable to stand in, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Attwell and Burdock hail from Chiddingfold.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.****THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, January 12, 1895, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**

5152 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY MACEY .. .. Treble.	THOMAS GROVES.. .. 5.
ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 2.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP.. 7.
WALTER S. WISE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by W. W. GIFFORD.

This peal was rung at the third attempt, the two previous attempts being each over 4500 changes.

**DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(DERBY BRANCH.)

*On Thursday, January 17, 1895, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

T. MORRIS's SIX-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

T. ANTHONY .. .. Treble.	J. HOWE .. .. 5.
W. H. POYSER .. .. 2.	A. E. THOMPSON .. .. 6.
J. W. THOMPSON.. .. 3.	L. LOMAS .. .. 7.
J. NEWBOLD .. .. 4.	T. GRIFFITHS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. R. Hey, M.A.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.****THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, January 17, 1895, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,*

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. GIFFORD, DEVIZES ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

WALTER S. WISE .. .. 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD.. 5-6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3-4.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. 7-8.

Composed by WILLIAM J. SEVIER and

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

This peal has the 6th fourteen times wrong and twenty-four times right.

**MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, MOSSLEY.)

*On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL H. COOPER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BENTLEY .. .. 2.	JOHN HOLDEN .. .. 6.
JOHN GREAVES .. .. 3.	THOS. B. DICKEN .. .. 7.
HERBERT MAYALL .. .. 4.	HARRY MANNS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and

Conducted by JOHN HOLDEN.

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## SALISBURY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY MACEY .. .. .	Treble.	THOMAS GROVES .. .. .	5.
ALFRED P. GODDARD .. .. .	2.	WALTER S. WISE .. .. .	6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. .. .	3.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK and  
Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

## WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Four Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7008 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. .	Treble.	ALBERT E. DURRANT .. .. .	5.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM A. ARNOTT .. .. .	6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. .. .	3.	CHARLES WARD .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. .	4.	FREDERICK J. TILLET .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

The calling of the peal will be found in Shipway, page 134. This is the longest peal rung upon these bells. The majority of members, who reside in Ipswich, were conveyed home through the kindheartedness of one of their number, Mr. Charles Ward, of Melton.

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. .	Treble.	STEPHEN PERKINS .. .. .	5.
PERCIVAL BROOKER .. .. .	2.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. .. .	6.
GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. .	7.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. .. .	4.	HERBERT WOOD .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

H. Wood's first peal. The brothers Lambert hail from Horsmonden.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH .. .. .	Treble.	ERNEST F. GOPPY .. .. .	5.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. .	2.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. .. .	6.
JAMES BOUGHTON .. .. .	3.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. .	7.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. .. .	4.	JAMES SOUTER .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

This composition has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th's place. A. W. Brighton hails from Norwich.

## SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

E. B. METCALFE .. .. .	Treble.	W. L. MASON .. .. .	5.
J. BOOTHMAN .. .. .	2.	C. LANGSTROTH .. .. .	6.
W. CLARK .. .. .	3.	W. BILLOWS .. .. .	7.
FRED MTCALFE .. .. .	4.	H. HORNER .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

This peal, in one part, has the 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Clark, Mason and Langstroth hail from Gargrave; the rest belong to the local company.

## Performances on Five and Six Bells.

## MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 16, 1895, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## SEVEN 720s OF MINOR,

In the following methods:

Double Stedman, Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Oxford Bob.

STEPHEN W. MARTIN .. .. .	Treble.	JAMES DURRANT .. .. .	4.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. .. .	2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. .	5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. .	3.	S. WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

## HEMPSTED, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 16, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR,

Each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK BARTLETT .. .. .	Treble.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. .	4.
WILLIAM PONTON .. .. .	2.	ERNEST E. DAVIES .. .. .	5.
ROBERT A. BARRETT .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

## KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE  
ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, January 19, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR;

In the following methods:

Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Tulip, Primrose, College Treble, City Delight, and College Pleasure.

THOMAS BETTISON .. .. .	Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM .. .. .	4.
WILLIAM LAMBERT, JUN. .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM H. TURTON .. .. .	5.
JAMES EMSN .. .. .	3.	CHARLES SEVERN .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

W. Lambert jun. hails from Treeton. The above was rung on the birthday of G. Burnham, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day.

## BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 22, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## SEVEN 720s OF SURPRISE MINOR;

In the following Methods:

London, Wells, Durham, York, Lichfield, Superlative, and Cambridge. Tenor 11½ cwt.

DANIEL PRESTON .. .. .	Treble.	CHARLES PRESTON .. .. .	4.
JOHN E. WHEELDON .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM WHEELDON .. .. .	5.
ROBERT WM. TWIGG .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM TWIGG .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM TWIGG.

This is the first 5040 of Surprise by all, also the first by the Association, and the first in North Staffordshire.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A report of a peal of Treble Bob has reached us, rung by the Yorkshire and Old East Derbyshire Associations, but no church or town is mentioned. Will our correspondent kindly send an amended report?

PEAL CORRECTION.—The late peal of Superlative rung at St. Ann's, Highgate, is reported in "THE BELL NEWS," December 29th, as rung in 2 hrs. and 23 mins. The actual time occupied in this performance was 2 hrs. and 57 mins.

**BARGAIN.—GRAND OFFER.—PEAL OF OVER 50 MUSICAL HANDBELLS IN CHROMATIC SCALE,** with travelling Box complete, in good condition, cost over £30. What offers? Testimonials concerning the above Peal and reasons for selling, on application to X.Y.Z., care of printers of this paper.

## Date Touches.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorkshire).—On new year's eve, a date touch (1895 changes), consisting of 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 720 College Single, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 72 Plain Bob, and 23 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; W. Ingham, 5; J. Robertshaw, 6.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LITTLEDEAN (Gloucestershire).—On New Year's Day, at the parish church, a date touch, 1895 changes, in three Minor methods, viz.: Plain Bob, Grandsire, and College Single. H. Grindon, 1; J. Gleed, 2; R. Guy, 3; F. Blurton, 4; W. Gleed, 5; T. Hart (conductor), 6.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Monday, December 31st, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. Andrews, 1; A. Andrews, 2; R. Scott (conductor), 3; W. Andrews, 4; I. Richards, 5; W. Chapman, 6; R. Andrews, 7; G. Andrews, 8. And for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; J. Thomas, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Christmas morning, at the Cathedral, for early morning celebration, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. J. Pitcher, 1; J. W. Smythe, 2; C. Lloyd (composer), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. And for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; J. Thomas, 8.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Friday, November 16th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Broom, 1; G. Hayes, 2; L. Digweed, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Milhams, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 23rd, 720 Bob Minor. A. Roots, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 25th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Cotton, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 30th, 720 Superlative Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, December 18th, for practice, a 630 of Grandsire Triples. J. Town, 1; G. Durling, 2; J. Hack (longest length in the method), 3; R. Humphery, 4; E. Dunn, 5; T. Groombridge, 6; T. Harford (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday, December 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Simpson, 1; E. Dunn, 2; W. Smith, 3; P. Harman, 4; G. Durling (composer and conductor), 5; H. P. Harman, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; W. James, 8. On Christmas morning, for early celebration, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. Harman, 4; G. Durling (composer), 5; H. P. Harman, 6; T. Harford (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday, December 30th, for morning service, a 720 of Bob Minor with the tenor covering. J. Town (composer), 1; E. Dunn, 3; R. Humphery, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; G. Simpson (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 6; T. Groombridge, 7; W. James, 8.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WEST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).—On Thursday, December 6th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; E. C. Boniface, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, December 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; E. C. Boniface (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 20th, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Summersell, 1; W. Pierce, 2; W. Denman, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; E. C. Boniface (conductor), 6. On Saturday, December 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 27th, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 24 mins. W. Pierce, 1; W.

Denman, 2; S. Woolgar, jun., 3; E. C. Boniface, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; H. Tourle (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 Plain Bob Minor. R. Summersell, 1; W. Pierce, 2; S. Woolgar, jun., 3; H. Tourle, 4; E. C. Boniface, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 360 Court Bob Minor. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; E. C. Boniface, 3; R. Summersell, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SHIPLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, December 9th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; E. C. Boniface, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH.—On Wednesday, December 26th, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the above Association, the following touches were rung; 560 Grandsire Triples. W. D. Tinker, 1; F. S. W. Butler (conductor), 2; G. Swannack, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; G. M. Farr, 5; H. Haigh, 6; T. Spurr, 7; G. Wilson, 8. Also 224 in the same method. A. H. Wheeler, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; Rev. R. Bond, 3; G. M. Farr, 4; J. T. Ladd, 5; W. D. Tinker, 6; F. S. W. Butler, 7; G. Wilson, 8. And a touch of Bob Minor. A. H. Wheeler, 1; E. Daddy, 2; H. Haigh (conductor), 3; W. D. Tinker, 4; G. Wilson, 5; F. S. W. Butler, 6; W. W. Burt (covering), 7. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. \*A. H. Wheeler, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; Rev. R. Bond, 3; G. Swannack, 4; J. T. Ladd, 5; G. Wilson, 6; F. S. Butler, 7; R. S. Lakin, 8. \*First quarter-peal. And 168 in the same method. H. Haigh (conductor), 1; G. Swannack, 2; A. H. Wheeler, 3; G. Wilson, 4; J. T. Ladd, 5; W. D. Tinker, 6; G. M. Farr, 7; R. S. Lakin, 8.

LINCOLN.—On Thursday evening, December 27th, at the cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins., rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of Mr. John Brook Canham, joiner, of Branstow, aged 40. During the gale on Saturday, December 22nd, Mr. Canham was looking after his men at Heighington, when a stone cross was blown from the east end of the church, said to weigh 2 cwt., part of which fell on Mr. Canham's skull, injuring it terribly, and he expired on the Monday following. Deceased was an old cathedral ringer, and leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss. W. Stiles, 1; H. Maidens, 2; H. Hoyes, 3; G. Doughty, 4; H. Woodthorpe, 5; J. Vickers (conductor), 6; F. Rose, 7; F. Stewart, 8.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTWICH.—On new year's morning, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. S. Barlow (conductor), 1; J. Brooke, 2; J. Gratrix (Swinton), 3; W. Stevens, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Christmas morning, December 25th, a quarter-peal, consisting of 720 College Single and 540 Plain Bob, in 42 mins. H. Hill, 1; J. W. Smith, 2; R. Round, 3; W. Talbot, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 30th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 27½ mins., with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Blanche Skidmore, the donor of the bells, this being the 22nd anniversary of her death. J. W. Smith, 1; J. Townsend, 2; W. Talbot, 3; J. Smith, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round (conductor), 6.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—Handbell Ringing.—On Thursday, December 27th, 360 Bob Minor. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. And another 360 Bob Minor. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; P. P. W. Meadows, 5-6. A course of Canterbury Pleasure. C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. First by all in the method. A 720 of Doubles, being two 6-scores of Grandsire and four 6-scores of Plain Doubles, each called differently. C. C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; P. P. W. Meadows, 5-6. First 720 on handbells by all. A 316 of Bob Minor. A. C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. On Monday, December 31st, 720 of Bob Minor in 17 mins. (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. A. C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. First 720 of Bob Minor on handbells by all, and rung at the 3rd attempt. On Tuesday, January 1st, a 6-score of Canterbury Pleasure Doubles. A. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; P. P. W. Meadows, 5-6. First by all in the method. A 168 Bob Triples. C. A. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Mea-

dows, 5-6; P. P. W. Meadows, 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Triples. S. M. W. Meadows, 1-2; Miss Constance Meadows, 3-4; F. E. W. Meadows, 5-6; P. P. W. Meadows, 7-8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HEPTONSTALL (Yorkshire).**—On Monday, December 24th, at St. Thomas's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) T. Robertshaw, 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; W. Ingham, 5; J. Robertshaw, 6. Conducted by F. T. Powell. Also 360 Bob Minor, and courses of Kent, Woodbine, Violet, Heptonstall Surprise, etc. On Christmas day, for service, 360 Woodbine Treble Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; W. Ingham, 5; J. Robertshaw, 6. On Sunday, December 30th, for morning service, 360 Yorkshire Court. A. Burn, 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; W. Ingham, 5; J. Robertshaw, 6. And for afternoon service, 360 Heptonstall Surprise, standing as above. On new year's eve, touches of Bob Minor, Oxford, Kent, etc. Tenor 12 cwt.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BAGBOROUGH (Somerset).**—On Wednesday, December 26th, by seven members of the St. James' Society, Taunton, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26½ mins. T. Wyatt, 1; J. Maddock (conductor), 2; F. Millard, 3; H. Poole, 4; G. Yendall, 5; W. Thorne, 6. This is the first 720 on the bells.

**STOGUMBER (Somerset).**—On Wednesday, December 26th, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. H. Pearce, 1; F. Millard, 2; H. Poole, 3; G. Yendall, 4; J. Maddock (conductor), 5; W. Thorne, 6. This is the first 720 of Bob Minor on the bells. And a few 6-scores of Grandsire Triples, with S. Wyatt, 2.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**TREETON (Yorks).**—Recently at the parish church, for practice, 720 Woodbine. A. Woofinden, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. A 360 of New London Pleasure. W. Lambert, jun., 2; J. H. Brothwell (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Sunday, December 17th, for Divine Service, 720 College Exercise. A. Woofinden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; J. H. Brothwell, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service, 720 City Delight standing as above. On Sunday, December 30th, for morning service, 240 Duke of York. A. Woofinden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; J. A. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun. (conductor), 6. A 240 of New London Pleasure. J. H. Brothwell, 5; the rest as above. For evening service, 360 of Violet. W. J. Nicholson, 6; the rest as before. For service on New Year's Eve, 720 of Oxford. A. Woofinden, 1; T. Whitworth (conductor), 2; S. Walker, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert, jun., 6. And after service 720 of Kent standing as above. The 720 of Oxford makes W. Lambert, jun.'s 117th 720 in 1894, which were rung in the following methods. Cambridge Surprise, 8, Primrose, 6, Oxford, 9, College Exercise, 15, Kent, 2, Plain Bob, 3, Violet, 10, College Pleasure, 8, City Delight, 8, Tulip, 1, London Scholars, 11, Duke of York, 7, Killamarsh Treble Bob, 5, College Treble Bob, 2, Arnold's Victory, 2, Woodbine, 6, Oxford Delight, 1, Canterbury Pleasure, 1, New London, 3, Brothwell's Surprise, 1, Superlative, 1.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**BRIDGNORTH (Herefordshire).**—St. Leonard's church. —Progress with tower-bell practice has been delayed since October owing to the tenor, 18 cwt. 1 qr., being seriously cracked and unringable. On Thursday, December 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part), without the tenor. T. Overton, 1; \*J. E. Overton, 2; \*H. Overton, 3; \*W. Richards, 4; \*S. Richards, 5; J. Howard, 6; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 7. \*First 500 on tower-bells. On Wednesday, December 26th, on the middle six bells, muffled in memoriam of the late Bishop of Hereford, 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. H. Overton, 1; J. E. Overton, 2; W. Richards, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; W. Maund, 5; J. Overton (conductor), 6. The same band also visited St. Mary's tower in the evening, and rang a muffled 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. Some 6-scores, with W. Mead (Clun), 4; were rung at both towers, and conducted by W. H. Fussell. On Wednesday, December 26th, at St. Leonard's, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles by the junior ringers, who first began change-ringing in Midsummer last, and have been instructed by J. Overton. J. E. Overton (age 15, conductor), 1; H. W. Overton (age 17), 2; H. Hammond (age 17), 3; W. Richards (age 16), 4; S. Richards (age 17), 5; J. Maiden (age 20), 6. The same lads also raised and fell the bells in peal very creditably. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, December 16th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles). H. Overton, 1; J. E. Overton, 2; W. Richards, 3; H. Hammond, 4; W. H. Fussell (con-

ductor), 5-6. And on Thursday, December 27th, at Mr. Overton's house, West Castle Street, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Overton, 1; J. E. Overton, 2; H. Hammond, 3; W. Mead, 4; W. Maund, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 18th, 720 Grandsire Minor by five of the junior ringers, conducted by J. Overton, 6.

#### STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**WOLSTANTON (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, December 30th, before service, a touch of Grandsire Triples, 1554 changes, in 57 mins. H. Bowers, 1; J. Goodhead, 2; S. Holden, 3; F. Grocott (conductor), 4; T. Miller, 5; A. Grocott, 6; C. Ollier, 7; W. Slater, 8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**STISTED (Essex).**—On Thursday, December 27th, at All Saints' church, 720 Bob Minor. C. Duncombe, 1; H. Saunders, 2; Rev. D. Hamer, 3; E. Radley, 4; E. Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. Also 180 Bob Minor. C. Duncombe, 1; A. Chaplin, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; E. Radley (conductor), 4; Rev. D. Hamer, 5; H. Saunders, 6. On Sunday, December, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor. H. Saunders, 1; E. Chaplin, 2; Rev. D. Hamer, 3; C. Duncombe, 4; A. Chaplin, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, January 3rd, 720 Bob Minor was rung, it being the last rung with the Rev. D. Hamer, who left the parish the following day. C. Duncombe, 1; Rev. D. Hamer, 2; E. Radley, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; E. Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin, 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**ROMSEY (Hants.).**—On Monday, December 31st, just before midnight, to keep up an old custom, 252 and 168 Bob Triples, with the bells half-muffled to ring the old year out. And with the bells open to ring the new year in at 12.10, January 1st, a start was made for a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, which was successfully brought round at 1 o'clock. C. Cole, 1; T. Cole, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; F. Russen, 6; J. Elcombe (conductor), 7; G. Taint, 8.

**ASHTREAD (Surrey).**—On Monday, December 31st, the first half of Reeves' ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 27 mins. †D. Anscombe, 1; \*H. Newnham, jun. (conductor), 2; \*W. E. Otway, 3; \*W. R. Crockford, 4; \*W. Cook, 5; J. Wyatt, 6; H. Wilkinson, 7; \*H. Corbett, 8. And 1260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. †H. Corbett, 1; H. Newnham, 2; W. E. Otway, 3; W. R. Crockford, 4; W. Cook, 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; J. Wyatt (conductor), 7; D. Anscombe, 8. \*Longest length. †Longest length away from tenor.

**BETCHWORTH (Surrey).**—On new year's day, 720 London Surprise. R. Botting, 1; W. H. Judd, 2; G. Huggett, 3; G. Ansell, 4; W. H. Street, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. This is the first in the method by all the band.

**CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, November 25th, at the church of St. Bartholomew, 360 Bob Minor (nine bobs). J. Green, 1; T. Millington, 2; W. Goodge, 3; F. Maycock, 4; F. Marshall, 5; J. Maycock, 6. First 360 by W. Goodge. On Sunday, December 2nd, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles). J. Green, 1; T. Millington, 2; F. Marshall, 3; F. Maycock, 4; J. Maycock, 5; J. J. Cook, 6.

**COLCHESTER (Essex).**—On Monday, November 19th, for practice on handbells at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 24 mins. F. Bumpstead, 1; W. E. Green, 2; J. Kittle, 3-4; G. M. Rashbrook, 5-6. On Monday, December 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 29 mins. W. W. Scott, 1; W. Button, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; W. E. Green, 5; W. Burch, 6. Conducted by J. Kittle, who is totally blind.

**EAST DEREHAM (Norfolk).**—On Sunday, December 9th, at the church of St. Nicholas, 1260 Bob Triples in 52 mins. \*F. Adcock, 1; †A. Crisp, 2; J. W. Marjoram, 3; F. G. Burleigh (conductor), 4; F. M. Aldis, 5; J. Wells, 6; W. Leggatt, 7; S. F. Burleigh, 8. \*First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal with a bob bell. On Thursday, December 20th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. F. Adcock, 1; A. Crisp, 2; J. W. Marjoram, 3; F. G. Burleigh (conductor), 4; J. Wells, 5; W. Leggatt, 6; S. F. Burleigh, 8. On Sunday morning, December 23rd, 504 Bob Triples, standing the same as on December 9th. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

**OSWESTRY (Salop).**—On Christmas day, at the parish church, at 6.40 a.m., 350 Grandsire Triples. H. Jarman, 1; G. Whitfield, 2; D. Davies (conductor), 3; R. Marlin, 4; E. Jones, 5; R. Edwards, 6; M. J. Morris, 7; R. Evans, 8. And for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, standing as above. Composed and conducted by M. J. Morris. On Sunday afternoon, December 23rd, W. Worton covered three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

## Notices.

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**Midland Counties' Association.**—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Leicester, to-day, Saturday, January 19th. The following towers will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., viz.: St. Margaret's (10 bells), St. Martin's (10 bells), St. Mary's (8 bells), St. Mark's (8 bells), St. Saviour's (8 bells), St. Peter's, Belgrave (8 bells), and St. George's (6 bells). Committee meeting at 4.30, tea at 5, followed by general meeting, both held at St. Margaret's Coffee House, Church Gate. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station. In order to make the 1894 report as perfect as possible, all members whose present addresses are incorrect in the last report are requested to notify same to their local secretaries or to the honorary secretary not later than Saturday, February 2nd.

J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.**—The next committee and quarterly meeting of this Association will be held in St. Thomas's School Room, King Street, Dudley, at 5.30 p.m. prompt, to-day, Saturday, January 26th, 1895. The tower and bells will be open for ringing. The Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar, has kindly consented to preside at the meeting, and gives all members a hearty welcome.  
JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
36, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

**South and West Middlesex Association.**—By kind permission, the next monthly meeting will be held at All Saints' church, Isleworth, to-day, Saturday, January 26th, 1895. Ringing to commence at 5 o'clock.

E. J. WALSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Wooburn, Bucks., to-day, Saturday, January 26th, and will be open to the whole Guild. Ringing from 2 to 4.30 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m. Evensong and Sermon 4.30 p.m., tea 5.30 p.m.

R. P. NEWHOUSE, *Branch Sec.*

**Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The meeting fixed for to-day, Saturday, January 26th, at East Grinstead, is unavoidably postponed. Further notice as to date will appear in due course.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*  
101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Wye, this Saturday afternoon, January 26th. No allowances.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *District Sec.*  
Hythe.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Rothwell, to-day, Saturday, January 26th (8 bells). A peal will be attempted, commence at 2 p.m. Meeting house, The White Swan.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, Dam Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 29th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Books will be open at 8.30 p.m.  
W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Headquarters, Leeds, on Saturday, February 2nd. Committee meeting in the Parochial room at 3 o'clock, business meeting in the same place at 4.45. The Local Committee will sit at The Crown and Fleece inn, near the Corn Exchange, during the afternoon. By kind permission of the respective vicars, the rings at the parish church (twelve), St. Michael's, Headingley (eight), St. Chad's, Far Headingley (eight), and Christ Church, Armley (six), will be at disposal of members. The local hon. sec. is Mr. Francis Woodhead, Brown lane, Top Moor Side, Holbeck.  
B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Colchester on Saturday, February 16th. The tower of St. Peter (eight bells), will be open for ringing, also the tower of St. Mary, Ardleigh (eight bells). Tea will be provided at the parish room at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present must notify their intention, and the station from which they proceed, not later than the previous Monday, to me,  
HENRY T. W. EYRE,  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham, Essex.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—District meeting at Hatfield, on Saturday, February 2. The church tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at Coffee Tavern, business meeting to follow. Members and visitors intending to be present are requested to communicate with me by Wednesday, January 30.  
E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Albans, Herts.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Longton, on Saturday next, February 2nd. All who intend being present are requested to give notice to Mr. G. Woods, 44, Uttoxeter Road, Longton, not later than Wednesday, January 30th.  
REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. TWIGG,

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—At the quarterly meeting of the above Association held at Eckington, on September 26th, 1894, Mr. J. W. Nicholson, Treeton, proposed, Mr. W. Worthington, Staveley, seconded: "That to further encourage the Art of Change-Ringing in the Association, some kind of reward should be given each year as an inducement to make each band at the various towers more efficient in the Art of Change-Ringing, and to stir up into life some of the members who are now practically dead, not only to peal-ringing, but to the more important duty of Sunday ringing." The proposer suggested that a cup should be purchased, the necessary funds to be raised by subscription among the clergy and ringers. Now, as the former cannot be expected to help to any great extent financially, considering the many calls which from time to time are made upon their limited resources, therefore if the consent of the clergy can only be obtained to sanction such ringing as proposed at their respective towers, it will then be the duty of each ringing member (if his conscience assures him that the proposal will be a benefit and not an abuse to the Association) to assist financially the furtherance of the movement, for which end a special meeting will be held at Staveley, on

Saturday, February 9th, at 4 o'clock, when each member will oblige by attending, and it not able to attend kindly send, or cause to be sent, word to the Secretary if they are in favour of the proposal, and if so what sum they are prepared to subscribe to the same, hoping each member will give a decided "yes" or "no," so that the matter may be well gone into, trusting that it may be the means of making our Association stronger and the members more efficient in the future.  
EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, The Dale, Woodseats, Sheffield.

**Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting will be held at Town Malling, on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower (8 bells), open at 3 o. East Malling (6) will also be available. Committee meeting at 5 o. At 5.30 a tea will be provided at The George for those who have applied to me for tea-tickets not later than February 19th. Travelling expenses allowed up to 2s.  
A. L. BRINE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Bearsted Green.

**Hollingsworth Silver Challenge Cup.**—The annual change-ringing contest on hand-bells, for the above cup, and other prizes, will be held at the Oddfellows' Hall, Uppermill, Saddleworth, on Saturday, February 9th, 1895. Best two courses, one of Grandsire Triples and one of Grandsire Major. 1st prize, Cup, and £2; 2nd prize, £1; 3rd prize, 10s.; 4th prize, 5s. Entrance fee, 2s. 6d. each company. Cup to be held for twelve months. Best course of Grandsire Caters. 1st prize, 15s.; 2nd prize, 7s. 6d. Entrance fee, 6d. each company. Best 120 changes (two in hand), of Treble Bob Minor (Kent or Oxford Variation). 1st prize, 10s.; 2nd prize, 5s. Entrance fee, 6d. each company.  
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To whom all entries and fees must be sent on or before February 2nd, 1895.

**The Borden Society.**—All communications respecting this society should now be made to  
C. DUTNALL,  
Hon. Sec. Borden C.R. Society.

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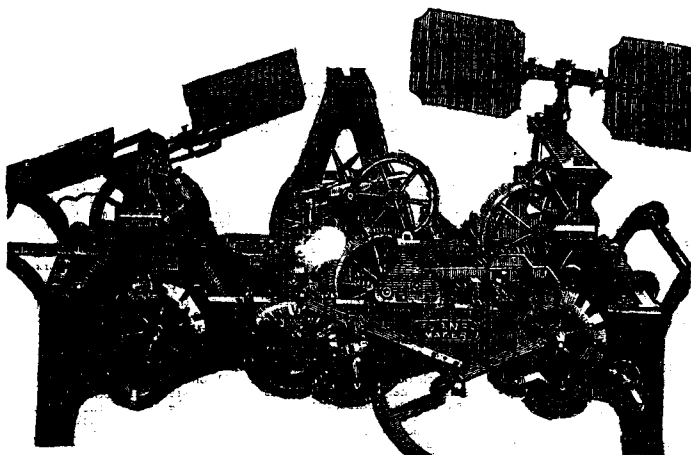
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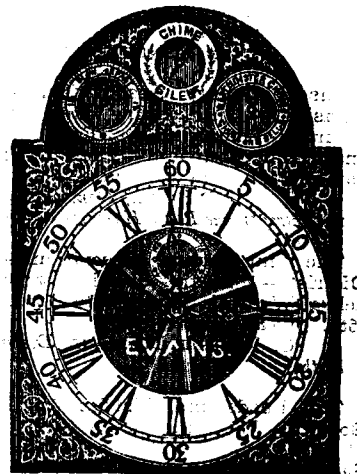
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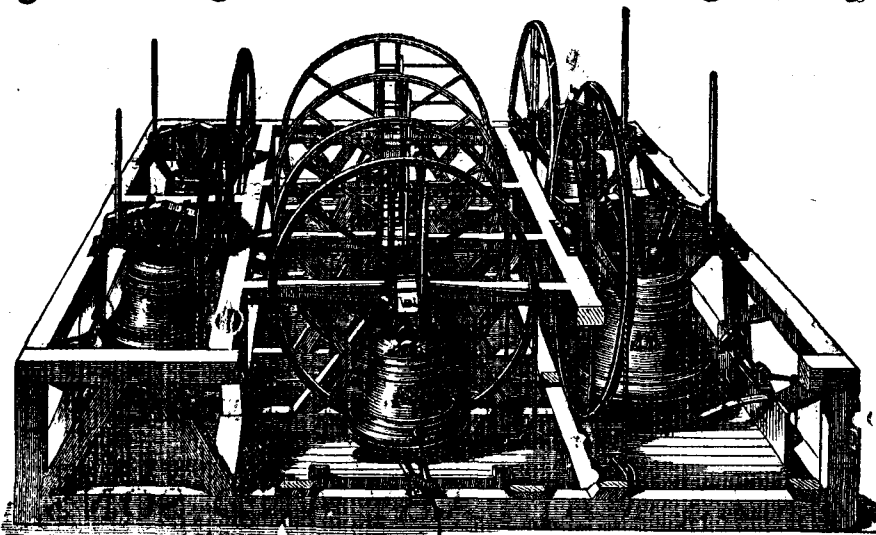
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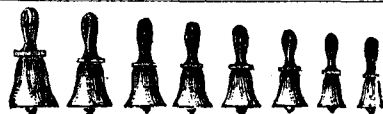
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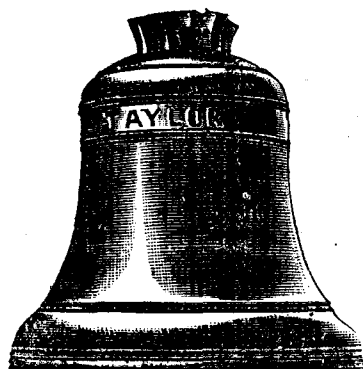
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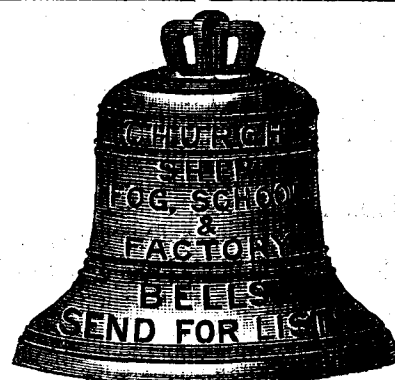
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