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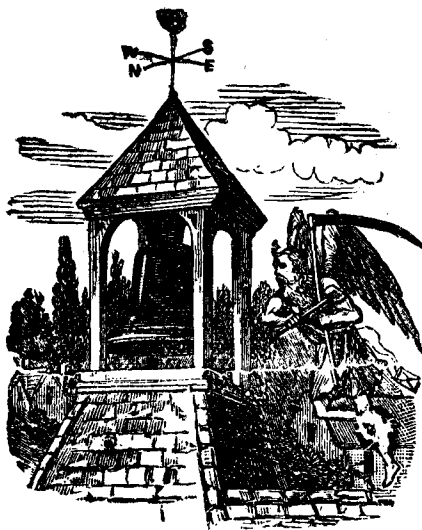
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Central Council was held at Brighton on Tuesday, April 7th. The gathering was not a large one. The President, who presided, was supported by the Hon. Secretary and Mr. Attree. The report on railway fares was submitted by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, from which it appeared the Committee had not at present been successful, but it was understood that the matter would be considered at the next meeting of the Clearing House. It was afterwards resolved that a deputation be appointed to attend the meeting at the Clearing House, and urge the granting of the same privileges to ringers as it is understood is granted to golfers and anglers.

It was decided to change the day of meeting to Whit-Tuesday.

The proposal to augment the Committee for the classification of peals, gave rise to a long discussion, and it was finally resolved to add the Hon. Secretary to the Committee, and the Committee were requested to secure the services of gentlemen who would devote their attention to one particular method.

The report on Technical Terms was adopted, and the Committee requested to proceed with the Glossary.

The report of the Committee on peal values was presented and considered.

After some discussion upon increasing the points for long lengths, the report was referred back, and Mr. Attree was requested to revise the same.

The proposed addition to the definition of a "peal" on six bells was lost.

The proposed recommendation for a short service at Quarterly, Association, and Guild meetings was altered to "at all important ringing meetings."

The proposed uniform regulation of election of members of Associations and Guilds was lost.

The titles of Thurstans' Compositions of Stedman Triples, and the claim of the variation of Cambridge Surprise Major known as the Burton Variation, but more correctly known as Thackrah's, to rank as the standard method, were both referred to by the President.

The meeting having concluded, the members present, at the invitation of Mr. Attree, dined at the Hotel Metropole. A full report of the proceedings will appear.

THE REV. T. L. PAPILLON.

At the meeting of the Central Council on Tuesday last, the Rev. H. E. Bulwer announced that he had received a letter from the above-named gentleman stating his views upon various matters that were to come before the Council. He was pleased to say that Mr. Papillon, who was still abroad, although not yet able to return home, was getting better. We hope the time is not far distant when the rev. gentleman will be able to personally receive the heartfelt congratulations of his friends in all parts of Essex upon his complete restoration to health.

John Ward, in the *Young Mathematician's Guide*, p. 84, says that he has been told that there were twelve bells in St. Mary-le-Bow before the Great Fire of London in 1666. His book was first published in 1706. My copy, which belonged to my grandmother and grandfather, is of the fourth edition, corrected at Chester in 1722. Can any of your readers confirm Ward's information?—J. J. RAVEN, D.D. F.S.A., *Fressingfield Vicarage, Harleston, April 8th, 1896.*

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—CREWE BRANCH.

A ringing meeting of this branch was held at Lawton on Saturday, March 21st, the rector, the Rev. S. Nunn, in the chair. The following towers were represented: Crewe, Lawton, Alsager, and Kidsgrave. Thirty-three members were present, and after the reading and passing the minutes of the previous meeting, eleven new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Acton on Saturday, May 9th. After the meeting the members present sat down to a substantial free tea, kindly provided for them by the Rev. S. Nunn, to which full justice was done. After tea a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. S. Nunn for his kindness to them that day for providing a free tea and for the use of the bells.

The rev. gentleman in replying said that he was always pleased to welcome the members of the Crewe branch to Lawton, and would always try and do his best to help them in any way he could.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower, and the following 720s were rung, and various other touches. A 720 Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. G. Siddons, 1; A. Archer, 2; J. Mason, 3; H. Dean, 4; R. Holding, 5; C. Ollier (conductor), 6. A 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. T. Cartwright, 1; W. Cartwright, 2; A. Archer, 3; J. Mason, 4; T. Edwards, 5; W. Hartshorn (conductor), 6. A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. T. Cartwright, 1; G. Baddeley, 2; W. Hartshorn, 3; G. Siddons (conductor), 4; R. Holding, 5; C. Ollier, 6. Train time had now arrived for the Crewe men, and they wended their way to the station, all thoroughly satisfied that they had enjoyed their afternoon's outing.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Caldicot on Monday, April 6th. The proceedings commenced at 2.45 with a short choral service and address on Colossians iii. v. 17, by the vicar, who also at the conclusion of the service pointed out the chief architectural features of this 13th and 14th century fabric; the pointed drop arches under the central tower, the ogee windows in the chancel, the double piscinas in the south-east corner of the nave, the steps which led from the porch to the room which formerly existed (most likely judging from the niche above the entrance it was the chapel of a guild of the Holy Virgin) over the porch, the cross marked on the right side of the entrance at the time of the consecration of the building, and the tomb of the founder in the south-east corner of the porch. The tower contains eight bells in the key of F; tenor 16½ cwt., a pre-reformation bell, inscribed "In honore Sancta Mariha." The others are from the Whitechapel Foundry, with the trebles from Bristol. The only peal on them hitherto was rung on December 7th, 1889, by the Caerleon band.

The business was conducted in the schoolroom, the Rev. F. W. Clarke presiding. The Rev. W. A. Downing, vicar of Caerwent, and formerly Hon. Secretary, was present, and promised to approach the cathedral authorities with a view to obtaining a relaxation of a newly imposed regulation concerning the use of the cathedral bells.

The Master (W. Honeyfield, Esq., J.P., Mayor of Monmouth), at the conclusion of a suitable speech, handed to the former Hon. Secretary a handsome meerschaum in case, as a token of respect and appreciation of his services as founder of the Association.

The recipient having suitably responded, the usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close, and the bells were set in motion. Thanks are due to Mr. Baynham, for many years foreman of the local band, for his kindness in the tower arrangements.

NOTICE.—The Prov. C.S. of the Saddleworth District of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows will be staying at Bristol during the A.M.C. week at The Garrick hotel, Park Row, and would be pleased to see any ringers who may be attending the A.M.C., and would esteem it a favour if any of the Bristol ringers would communicate with him with a view of making arrangements for ringing.

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THE LATE JOHN THORP.

We announced last week the decease of this eminent ringer and composer, which event occurred on Friday, March 27th, at the age of fifty-two, after a long and painful illness, which he bore with great patience (a virtue he possessed in a high degree). The interment took place at Christ Church, Ashton, on Wednesday, April 1st, and was followed by ringers from the following places: Ashton parish church, Staleywood, Macclesfield, Manchester, Mossley, Leesfield, Stockport, Saddleworth, Swinton, Hyde, Gorton, Pendleton, and Chester. The arrangements of the funeral were carried out by the Thorp Benefit Committee, and at its conclusion a course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the coffin by H. Heap, 1-2; J. Adams, 3-4; S. Wood, 5-6; G. Longden, 7-8; B. Broadbent, 9-10. The bells of the parish church were muffled, and a touch of Grandsire Cinques was rung. J. Shaw (Hyde), 1; S. Wood (conductor), 2; J. Booth, 3; E. Shaw (Leesfield), 4; F. Brown, 5; D. Heap, 6; H. Heap, 7; J. Gillott, 8; L. Broadbent, 9; B. Broadbent, 10; J. Adams, 11; S. Booth, 12.

Mr. Samuel Wood thus testifies to the value and worth of his late brother-ringer:—The deceased was a safe conductor, one quick to detect anything going wrong, and as quick to set it right. As a tenor ringer he had few equals, either on a light or heavy bell. As proof of his ability I may just state a few of his performances. He rang the tenor to several 7000s, two 8000s, two 10,000s, and the 16,608 record long peal at Mottram. As a composer in the Treble Bob methods, he, in the writer's opinion, stood second to none. He was the first to lengthen the extent with the tenors together in Treble Bob Major, which another party tried to claim as his own peal. Nothing daunted, he set his brains to work again, and got his celebrated peal of 8864 changes, which in my opinion, though it has been superseded by one lead by the late Mr. Harrison, is the best peal, as he uses all the thirty courses, and the other peal contains only twenty-nine courses. He composed peals in nearly every published method, many of which rank as high in their different methods as his 8864 does in Treble Bob. The following is a list of his performances in the tower and on handbells.

		Rung	Conducted
Grandsire Triples	.. .. .	15	4
" Major..	.. .. .	4	
" Caters	.. .. .	12	1
" Royal	.. .. .	1	
" Cinques	.. .. .	4	
Bob Major	.. .. .	6	2
Treble Bob Major	.. .. .	92	51
" " Royal	.. .. .	18	11
" " Maximus	.. .. .	3	1
Stedman Triples	.. .. .	2	
" Caters	.. .. .	1	
		158	50

HANDBELL PEALS.

Treble Bob Major	.. .. .	2	1
" " Royal	.. .. .	1	
		161	51

He was a straightforward and honest man, both in his actions and dealings; one whom any one could ask for information, and be certain of getting the best he knew. May he rest in peace is the fervent wish of
SAMUEL WOOD.

CHURCHWARDEN RINGERS.

At the parish church, Saddleworth, on Easter Monday, when John Holden had been re-elected vicar's warden, and the two following ringers had been elected—Joseph Radcliffe (vicar's sidesman), and Jonathan Pilling (people's sidesman), a 720 of Violet was rung. J. J. Brierley, 1; J. Pilling, 2; J. Holden (conductor), 3; J. Radcliffe, 4; J. A. Lawton, 5; J. Wood, 6.

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EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday, ringers being present from Ashover, Ault Hucknall, Heath, Morton, Tibshelf, North Wingfield, South Normanton, Clay Cross, Wingerworth, and Ripley. The bells were raised soon after 9 a.m. and kept going by mixed bands the whole of the day in various methods.

Service was held in the church at 4.30 p.m. at which only twenty-five members attended, a thing to be regretted, as an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. J. B. Nodder, who based his discourse on the words "She hath done what she could," bringing out some practical remarks how ringers can make their office useful by unity, regular attendance at ringing, church services, and Holy Communion, and also punctuality.

An excellent tea was provided in the Church school at 5.15 p.m. to which ample justice was done. This tea was not so well attended as it deserved, many members preferring to ramble round the town instead.

The business meeting after tea was well attended. The Rev. J. B. Nodder was voted to the chair, after which the secretary read the minutes and balance-sheet, which were duly confirmed and considered very satisfactory, the balance in hand being £3 10s. 1d. as against 3s. 10d. last year. Two new ringing members were elected.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President—Rev. J. B. Nodder; Vice-Presidents—Rev. G. Hougher and Mr. E. Bradley; Treasurer—Rev. H. S. Oldham; Secretary—T. Allibone.

Votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding and also for his sermon, and to the vicar for the use of the bells and school-room during the day, brought the meeting to a close, after which the bells were kept merrily going till nearly nine o'clock.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of this Association was held at Halstead on Easter Monday, and which was the most successful meeting for a long time past. Seventy members sat down to tea at St. Andrew's school under the presidency of the Assistant-Secretary, the Rev. H. Eyre, supported by the vicar of the parish. The towers of Halstead, Greenstead Green, Earls Colne (six bells), and Colne Engaine (five bells), were open to the Association, and a brake was provided for the use of the members. The following towers were represented: Halstead, Greenstead Green, Earls Colne, Kelvedon, Colchester, Great and Little Bentley, Braintree, Bocking, Stisted, Coggeshall, Stansted, Maldon, Witham, Chelmsford, Springfield, Boreham, and Feering. The vicar of Earls Colne and the Hon. C. Strutt were elected life members, Mr. A. Ruggles-Brise as an Hon. Member, and several ringing members. The usual vote of thanks was passed to the various vicars and churchwardens who had allowed their bells to be rung.

The Queen has contributed one hundred and fifty pounds to the repair and restoration of the Cloisters, Chapter-house, and Crypt, and to other works in Canterbury Cathedral, in commemoration of the thirteen hundredth anniversary of the baptism of King Ethelbert, at Canterbury. Although the appeal has not yet been issued publicly, it has already met with the approval and generous support of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Marquess of Salisbury, Mr. Gladstone, the Duke of Westminster, the Duke of Fife, Earl Stanhope, Lord Northbourne, Lord Iveagh, Sir E. D'Aguilar, Sir E. S. Dawes, Sir F. Mappin, M.P., and others. The Dean and Canons have also contributed largely from their private incomes.

Allusions to the uncertainty of life are often considered trite. That which is most trite is usually most true. All great, certain, solemn facts are common both in speech and in the minds of men, but they are not trivial. The uncertainty of life is a fact of such vital importance that no man, be he lettered or unlearned, can banish it wholly from his thoughts. It is a truth that will be whispered to him in every danger, in every sorrow, in every illness along his road of life.

Miscellaneous Touches.**THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, March 14th, at the parish church, 720 Violet Treble Bob and 240 Duke of York. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; W. Biggin, 6. On Sunday, March 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Morton, 3; S. Robinson, 4; G. Norman, 5; G. Marsden (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 14th, the Treeton company rang 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Woodfinden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; J. H. Brothwell, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. Also 240 College Pleasure. A. Woodfinden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; T. Walker, 3; W. Lambert (conductor), 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Biggin, 6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On January 5th, 420 Stedman Triples. H. Tysoe, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Hull, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; C. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Ball, 8. On January 9th, 320 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Toll, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; F. Smith, 7; C. Clarke (conductor), 8. On January 19th, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. S. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. Clarke, 7; H. Sharp (conductor), 8. Also 320 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. On January 23rd, on handbells, 496 Bob Major. C. Clarke (conductor), 1; F. Smith, 2; S. Lowe (first touch in the method), 3; F. Hull, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; W. Hall, 7-8. On February 2nd, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. S. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Sharp, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; F. Smith, 7; C. Clarke (conductor), 8. On February 5th, 336 Grandsire Triples and 224 Bob Major, the following taking part. S. Lowe, S. Cullip, C. Chasty, F. Hull, F. Smith, H. Tysoe, F. Keech, I. Hills, C. Clarke (conductor), and F. Parsons. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg. On February 9th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Smith, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. Cullip, 3; F. Hull, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Clarke, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; F. Ball, 8. And 224 Double Norwich. On February 10th, 1152 Bob Major, in 43 mins. C. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. Cullip, 3; F. Hull, 4; F. Smith, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; W. Shimmans, 7; I. Hills, 8. Rung on the occasion of the 96th birthday of George Hurst, Esq., F.R.C.S., being one change to every month of his long and useful life. He is a hon. member of the Bedfordshire Association. On February 16th, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. S. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. Clarke (conductor), 8.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUID.

CAMBRIDGE.—*Handbell Ringing.*—The following handbell ringing has been done during the term: 720 Bob Minor. *R. H. Whitford, 1-2; G. F. Woodhouse, 3-4; *J. Pickman, 5-6. *First double-handed. Another 720 Bob Minor. R. H. Whitford, 1-2; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 3-4; G. F. Woodhouse, 5-6. Also 224, 240, 464 Bob Major, 252 Bob Triples, and 96 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. H. Whitford, 1-2; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 3-4; G. F. Woodhouse, 5-6; J. Pickman, 7-8. Also 336 Bob Major, with C. W. O. Jenkyn, 3-4. Also 126, 210, 377 and 447 Grandsire Triples. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 1-2; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 3-4; G. F. Woodhouse, 5-6; J. Rickman, 7-8. Also courses and short touches of Kent, Canterbury and Forward Minor, Duffield Major and Grandsire Caters. All were conducted by G. F. Woodhouse.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHENDEN (Cheshire).—On Sunday, March 8th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (fifteen bobs and six singles). And for evening service 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). J. Brickill, 1; G. Gresty, 2; H. Steele, 3; F. Price, 4; J. Price (conductor), 5; T. Price, 6. Tenor about 18 cwt.

THE SALOP GUILD.

COALBROOKDALE.—At a recent meeting held at this place, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Carter's twelve-part. T. Burd, 1; —, Evason, 2; T. Pritchard, 3; R. Rowley, 4; W. Griffith, 5; G. Burrows, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wall, 8. This was the last quarter-peal the late W. Griffith took part in.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, March 8th, at St. Chad's church, 192 Grandsire Triples. J. Perkins, 1; A. Bennett, 2; G. Taylor, 3; G. Burrows (conductor), 4; W. Taylor, 5; A. Hollock, 6; A. Espley, 7; P. Lloyd, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

UFFORD (Suffolk).—On Friday, March 11th, for practice, 1008

Double Norwich in 38 mins. Also on Sunday evening, March 15th, 1008 in the same method. A. Ward, 1; F. Reeve, 2; E. Todd, 3; J. Howard, 4; A. Barrell, 5; W. Ward, 6; E. Sherwood (conductor), 7; C. Ward, 8. Longest length by all, and was rung at the third practice on the tower bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RADWINTER (Essex).—On Saturday, February 20th, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major came to grief after ringing about 1800 changes. A. James, 1; A. W. Brighton, 2; F. Buck, 3; H. Newton, 4; J. Penning, 5; R. Andrews, 6; G. Taylor, 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8. Tenor 18 cwt. Messrs. Newton, Buck and Andrews hail from London; Taylor and A. W. Brighton from Cambridge; James, Penning and Pitstow from Saffron Walden.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service at the church of St. Lawrence, 200 Duffield Major. J. Harrison, 1; A. Ricketts, 2; W. R. Hexter, 3; W. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. R. Ward, 6; J. Bailey, 7; J. Poxon (conductor), 8. And for evening service, 840 Stedman Triples. J. Harrison, 1; A. Ricketts, 2; J. Bailey, 3; W. Hexter, 4; J. R. Ward, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. E. Hexter (conductor), 7; A. Chattell, 8. On Sunday, March 1st, 910 Grandsire Triples. J. Harrison, 1; J. E. Hexter, 2; W. Hexter, 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; J. Poxon, 5; F. C. Wicks, 6; J. R. Ward (conductor), 7; A. Chattell, 8.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, March 12th, for practice at the church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Fuller, 1; G. Weldon, 2; H. Rushby (first quarter-peal), 3; W. Hollingworth (first quarter-peal), 4; J. Baker, 5; A. Bramall, 6; T. O. Nixon (conductor), 7; F. Honden (first quarter-peal), 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON.—On Thursday, March 12th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. R. Round, 1; S. Spittle, 2; W. Talbot, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; W. Micklewright (conductor), 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. First in the method by all, and on the bells. On Sunday morning, March 15th, 720 Court Bob. J. Prestidge, 1; J. W. Smith, 2; J. Smith (conductor), 3; W. Talbot, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round, 6.

Obituary.**GEORGE NEWSON.**

It is with deep regret that we announce the death, on Tuesday evening last, of Mr. George Newson, so long known as one of the leading members of the London section of the Royal Cumberland Youths. We are desired to say that the funeral will take place at 3.45 p.m. to-day, Saturday, at Hampstead cemetery. The nearest railway station is West End Lane, North London Railway.

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A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By THOS. R. HENSHER, *Wellingborough.*

1896.

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

Six odd changes.

Start as usual.

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

Four times repeated.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By HY. WM. KIRTON, *Gainsborough.*

1896.

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

Odd changes.

2 1 3 5 4 7 6
2 3 1 4 5 6 7 etc.

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

Four times repeated.

A TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By J. W. MOORHOUSE, *Wakefield, Yorks.*

2772.

3 4 2 5 6 7 continued—
6 7 3 2 5 4 7 4 6 2 3 5
4 2 6 5 7 3 5 2 7 3 4 6
6 7 4 2 3 5 2 7 5 3 4 6
5 2 6 3 7 4 7 5 2 3 4 6
2 6 5 3 7 4 4 6 7 2 3 5
6 5 2 3 7 4 5 2 4 3 6 7

Four times repeated, with s for B midway and end. Contains the twenty-four 7-4s, 4-6s, and 6-7s.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By ISAAC J. ATTWATER, *Cuckfield, Sussex.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 7

5 3 2 7 4 6 5
2 4 5 3 6 7 3
3 4 2 7 5 6 5
2 5 3 4 6 7 3
4 5 2 7 3 6 5
H S 2 3 5 4 7 6 3
7 6 2 5 4 3 2
5 6 7 3 2 4 5
3 6 5 4 7 2 5
7 2 3 5 4 6 2
2 3 7 5 4 6 4
5 3 2 6 7 4 5
7 4 5 2 6 3 2
3 2 7 6 4 5 1
6 2 3 5 7 4 5
5 2 6 4 3 7 5
4 2 5 7 6 3 5
5 6 4 2 3 7 3
2 6 5 7 4 3 5
4 3 2 5 7 6 2

continued—

6 5 4 7 3 2 1
5 4 6 7 3 2 4
6 3 5 4 2 7 3
7 4 6 2 3 5 1
6 3 7 4 5 2 3
4 3 6 2 7 5 5
7 5 4 6 2 3 2
3 6 7 2 5 4 1
2 6 3 4 7 5 5
4 6 2 5 3 7 5
5 6 4 7 2 3 5
4 2 5 6 3 7 3
6 2 4 7 5 3 5
7 2 6 3 4 5 5
3 2 7 5 6 4 5
4 5 3 6 2 7 1
3 2 4 5 7 6 3
7 6 3 4 5 2 2
2 4 7 5 6 3 1
2 5 4 3 7 6 P.L.

Twice repeated, with P.L. single at end. First rung at Cuckfield, Sussex, on March 21st, 1896, by the Sussex County Association, conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By H. HOWLETT, *Framlingham.*

10,640.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

5 3 6 2 4 - - -
3 2 6 5 4 - - -
2 5 6 3 4 - - -
3 5 6 2 4 s - - -
5 2 6 3 4 - - -
3 6 2 5 4 - - -
6 5 2 3 4 - - -
5 3 2 6 4 - - -
6 3 2 5 4 s - - -
3 5 2 6 4 - - -
6 2 5 3 4 - - -
2 3 5 6 4 - - -
3 6 5 2 4 - - -
2 6 5 3 4 s - - -
6 3 5 2 4 - - -
2 5 3 6 4 - - -
5 6 3 2 4 - - -
6 2 3 5 4 - - -
5 2 3 6 4 s - - -

Four times repeated. Contains the 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place at the course-ends. This peal can be reduced to 10,080, by calling bobs at 1 and 6 in the thirteenth course, and at 1 in the fourteenth course of the last part.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By R. HASTED, *Winchester.*

5079.

2 3 1 4 5 6

1 3 6 4 5 2 5
6 3 1 2 5 4 - 16
5 3 1 4 6 2 1 4 5 16
1 3 2 4 6 5 -
2 3 5 4 6 1 -
5 3 2 1 6 4 -

continued—

2 3 4 1 6 5 - 5 16
4 3 5 1 6 2 -
5 3 4 2 6 1 -
4 3 1 2 6 5 -
1 3 4 5 6 2 -
4 5 1 3 6 2 - 15 -
1 5 2 3 6 4 -
2 5 4 3 6 1 -
4 5 2 1 6 3 -
2 5 3 1 6 4 -
3 5 4 1 6 2 -
4 5 3 2 6 1 -
3 5 1 2 6 4 -
1 5 3 4 6 2 -
3 4 1 5 6 2 -
1 4 2 5 6 3 -
2 4 3 5 6 1 -
3 4 2 1 6 5 -
2 4 5 1 6 3 -
5 4 2 3 6 1 -
2 4 1 3 6 5 -
1 4 5 3 6 2 -
5 4 1 2 6 3 -
1 2 5 4 6 3 -
5 2 3 4 6 1 -
3 2 1 4 6 5 -
1 2 3 5 6 4 -
3 2 4 5 6 1 -
4 2 1 5 6 3 -
1 2 4 3 6 5 -
4 2 5 3 6 1 -
5 2 4 1 6 3 -
4 1 5 2 6 3 -
5 1 3 2 6 4 -
3 1 4 2 6 5 -
4 1 3 5 6 2 -
3 1 2 5 6 4 -
2 1 4 5 6 3 -
4 1 2 3 6 5 -
2 1 5 3 6 4 -
1 2 3 4 5 6 s 5 s 12 & B 19

This is the same peal as the one published in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 29th, but in that instance I made an error in the calling when sending it to the Editor for publication.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By FREDERICK DENCH, *Crawley, Sussex.*

5088.

2 3 4 5 6 B M W H

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

The calling of the third part is the same as the first.

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.

The Lancashire Association—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Walton, to-day, Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Tea (free) to all members who send in their names to me not later than April 8th.

HENRY COLBY, Branch Sec.

3, Rumford Place, Liverpool.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Bury, to-day, Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers invited, members or non-members.

EDWIN B. SHAW, Branch Sec.

14, Thomas Street, Leesfield, Lees, Oldham.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. A peal of Maximus will be attempted at St. Paul's Cathedral this Saturday, April 11th, at 5 o'clock, by twelve members of this Society.

The Middlesex Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at All Saints, Edmonton. By the kind permission of the Rev. R. S. Gregory, the bells will be available after evensong, which commences at 5.30. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

Sarum, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Greenwich on Saturday, April 18th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. a head, for all whose names are sent to me not later than April 13th.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, Hon. Sec.

Bishop's House, Kennington Park, S.E.

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Meat tea (1s. to ringing members) at The George hotel at 5.30. Trains from Warrior Square to Battle, 1.32, 4.4, and 6.32. It will assist the secretary if those members who can possibly do so will send word of their intention to be present by evening post on Thursday, April 16th.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.

101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The spring meeting will be held in Reading on Saturday, April 18th. St. Mary's, St. Giles' and Caversham towers open at 2.30. Evensong in St. Lawrence's at 5, followed by tea, 1s., at The British Workman.—Apply, R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The first annual gathering and dinner of the above branch will be held at Haslingden on Saturday, April 18th. Price for dinner, 2s. 6d. each, to be on the table at 5 p.m. All who wish to attend must send in their names to A. Fielding, Esq., Manchester road, Haslingden, not later than April 15th.

J. B. TAYLOR, Sec.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The twenty-fourth quarterly meeting will be held at Saxmundham on Saturday, April 18th. The tower of the

parish church and also the tower of Kelsale church will be open for ringing from 3 till 9 p.m. Business meeting at the Church House, Saxmundham, at 6 o'clock, the Rector will preside. All members and friends cordially welcome.

HENRY J. BUTTON, Hon. District Sec.

Leiston.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Storeton Road, Oxtown, on Saturday next, April 18th. Tea at 6 p.m. (free.) Tower open from 7 p.m. to 8. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, April 13, to

F. R. T. BOLTON, Hon. Sec.

Braeside, West Kirby.

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Elham on Monday, April 20th. The tower will be opened at 8 p.m. A committee meeting will be held in the schoolroom at 5 p.m., and all members then present will have their travelling expenses up to but not exceeding 2s.; and a tea will be provided for members whose names are sent to me on or before Thursday, April 16th.

ALFRED FOREMAN, District Hon. Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Quarterly meeting at Thornbury on Saturday, April 25th. Service at 3.30. Meat tea at The Swan at 6. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each, towards which 6d. will be allowed to each member who sends (on or before April 18th), shilling postal order to

C. H. JOHNS, Hon. Sec.

St. Stephen's Rectory, Bristol.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, April 25th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.
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Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting will be held at the parish church, Ashton, on Saturday, April 25th. The bells will be ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.

SAMUEL BOOTH, Hon. Sec.

108, Albemarle Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at St. Matthew's, Walsall. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at six o'clock.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cheddar instead of Banwell, on Saturday, May 9th.

H. W. TOMKINS,

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

The Cottage, Old Cleve, Washford.

THE PEAL AT GLOUCESTER.—This is Messrs. Jones and A. E. Pegler's first peal in the method with a bob bell, and Messrs. Davis and W. T. Pegler's first peal in the method. This is also the 50th peal rang by A. Roberts, which are made up as follows: Seven 720s of Minor, 1; Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 7; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Double Oxford Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 4; Grandsire Caters, 4; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Union Triples, 1; Treble Bob Major, 3; Treble Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 8; Stedman Triples, 8; Stedman Caters, 2; London Surprise Major, 1. Total 50.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NOTA BENE.—The first canonry he held was in Bristol Cathedral, St. Paul's afterwards. At the same time he was rector of the parish of Combe-Florey, Somerset. The present Canon Tinning, of Gloucester, was at one time his curate.

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FRANCAISE.—Napoleon III. was a nephew of Napoleon I. The former died at Chislehurst, Kent, the latter in the island of St. Helena.

IGNORANT.—The dictionary explanation of the word is "abounding in whins and whin-bushes"; and 2ndly: "to utter the sound of a horse; to neigh."

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YOUNG FABIAN.—When you come down from behind and get into 4-5, if you strike your first blow in 4ths on your course-bell you must go in quick, because she (your course-bell) has gone slow. If you do not meet your course-bell there, she has gone quick, therefore you must go in slow.

T. B.—Membership upon the Central Council is conferred by election. Get some one to propose you at the next Guild meeting at which such business is transacted.

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The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BOW, E.,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6016 CHANGES ;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES SCHOLLES	Treble.	EMANUEL HALL	5.
FREDERICK CLAYTON	2.	ERNEST CLAYTON	6.
SAMUEL JOYCE	3.	HENRY SPRINGALL	7.
ALBERT HARDY	4.	SAMUEL HAYES	Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Mr. F. Clayton hails from King's Norton, Worcestershire.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL.—PEAL COLLECTION.—APPEN-
DIX 1895** is now ready, containing 100 pages of peals in various methods ; uniform with Report on Calls, with which it will be forwarded post free on receipt of sevenpence-half-penny in stamps by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

The Provinces.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, March 31, 1896, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. B. COWLING, BOSPHOROUS STREET,

ON HANDBELLS. RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5992 CHANGES.

A. CRAVEN 1-2.	HARRY WILLIAMS 5-6.
JOE THACKRAY 3-4.	ALFRED NAYLOR 7-8.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, of Lincoln, and Conducted by H. WILLIAMS.

Referees, John Thackray and B. Cowling. This peal has the 6th twenty four times wrong and right, in the minimum number of changes. This is the first peal on handbells by A. Naylor, and was rung in honour of the visit of A. Craven. A. Craven hails from Lincoln, Thackray from Armley, Williams from Farnley, and Naylor from Headingley.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS* Treble.	RALPH H. BIGGS 5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2.	FRANK BOREHAM 6.
FRANK K. BIGGS 3.	FREDERICK G. BIGGS 7.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. 4.	†HAROLD N. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. This composition is in two parts, with the 2nd never in 5-6, and the 3rd only four course-ends in 6ths, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. W. Truss and H. N. Davis hail from London.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY 5.
THOMAS A. ELLIOTT 2.	ERNEST BISHOP 6.
ROBERT HOLE 3.	JAMES GRABHAM 7.
JOHN PUGSLEY 4.	JOHN PAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Arbery to Mr. Henry Thorne of Watchet. C. F. Winney hails from London, E. Bishop from Swindon.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HORLEY BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

F. VOICE Treble.	T. SPARKS 5.
W. EDWARDS 2.	S. KENWARD 6.
G. STAPLEHURST 3.	P. ETHERIDGE 7.
A. SONGHURST 4.	W. WALLIS Tenor.

Conducted by S. KENWARD.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

C. HOUNSLOW Treble.	W. BASTON 5.
F. C. EXON 2.	E. HIMS 6.
T. SHORT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
C. H. EXON 4.	C. H. FOWLER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELREDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOSEPH J. POWERS* Treble.	ARTHUR MILLER 5.
JOSEPH HOLLINGSWORTH 2.	JOHN SHEPHERD 6.
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 3.	HENRY G. ROWE 7.
JOHN MILLER 4.	HENRY THARBY Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

*First peal. The brothers Miller were elected members before starting and hail from Southgate, W. H. Lawrence from Little Munden, H. G. Rowe from Hertford, the rest belong to the local company. All are bachelors.

RHYL, NORTH WALES.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

JOHN M. ROWLANDS* Treble.	JOSEPH GAYTON 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES 2.	PHILIP W. DAVIES 6.
ROBERT J. HUGHES† 3.	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7.
SAMUEL TAYLOR 4.	GEORGE BELL Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD and Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the method by all and first in Wales. G. Bell is of the local band, the others hail from Bangor. Messrs. Wallis and Egerton (Rhyll) and Williams (Llandegai) heard the whole peal, and afterwards congratulated the band on scoring a well-struck peal.

HAVANT, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK G. WILSON Treble.	*GEORGE INSTRELL 5.
JOHN STAPLES 2.	GEORGE GRAHAM 6.
GEORGE CHAPPELL 3.	JOHN W. WHITING 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN 4.	HENRY WHITE Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Wilson and White hail from Basingstoke, Chappell from Wickham, Blackbourn from Salisbury, Graham and Whiting from Fareham, Staples and Instrell belong to the local band. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the rector, the Rev. S. G. Scott, for the use of the bells and for his kindness in entertaining them. These bells have just been overhauled by Mr. Blackbourn, a report of which will no doubt appear in due course.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES R. SAWYER Treble.	HERBERT JONES 5.
JAMES DIXON 2.	JOHN MULLIGAN 6.
RICHARD W. COLLIER 3.	SAM THOMAS 7.
ROBERT HARRISON 4.	RICHARD COLLIER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MULLIGAN.

This is the first attempt and the first peal by Richard W. Collier, and was rung on the occasion of his 19th birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

PRIVETT, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLAND* Treble.	*JOHN HARRIS 5.
HUGH SUTTON 2.	WILLIAM READ 6.
GEORGE AYLING 3.	RICHARD HASTED 7.
LOUIS READ* 4.	JOHN BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by HUGH SUTTON.

*First peal. The ringers of the 5th and 7th hail from Winchester; the rest belong to the local band.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BANKS Treble.	HENRY JONES 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
THOMAS MILLER 3.	CHARLES PAINTER 7.
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES 4.	GEORGE TAYLOR Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band. Messrs. Turner and Goldsmith hail from Lewes. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Rev. C. D. P. Davies for his kind hospitality after the peal.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED WARD Treble.	ARTHUR S. BARRELL 5.
EDWARD SHERWOOD 2.	HENRY W. BALDRY 6.
JOHN T. HOWARD 3.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 7.
HARRY LEGGETT 4.	DAVID COLLINS Tenor.

Composed by D. WOODS and Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

Messrs. Baldry and Wightman hail from Brandeston; Collins from Worlingworth; Sherwood and Howard from Wickham Market; Leggett from Felixstowe; the rest belong to Ufford.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE THURLOW Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
GEORGE PERRY 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 6.
JAMES DURRANT 3.	HARRY LAST 7.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method by all and on the bells. This is the conductor's rooth peal. This is a three-part peal, with the 5th twelve times right and the 6th twelve times wrong and right. For figures see "Settanstell," page 234.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. JAMES HINTON Treble.	FRANK HOWELL 6.
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS 7.
CHARLES H. HORTON 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 8.
ALBERT E. BAWN 4.	FRANCIS PRICE 9.
HENRY HOWELL 5.	WILLIAM COLSTON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by W. JAMES HINTON.

Mr. W. W. Gifford, for whom the band was made up, hails from Salisbury; F. Howell from Thornbury; the remainder belong to the St. Stephen's Guild. First peal of Caters by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR C. WEST Treble.	ALFRED TAWNEY 5.
WALTER MANNERING 2.	THOMAS MANNERING 6.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK* 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK 7.
CHARLES WATERMAN 4.	*ALFRED TUCKER Tenor.

Conducted by T. MANNERING.

*First peal of Stedman. A. Tucker is a member of the local band, E. Dunk hails from Westerham, C. Waterman from Gillingham, the rest from Maidstone.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WESLEY WATSON* Treble.	*ERNEST PYE 5.
WILLIAM H. DORAN 2.	*WILLIAM LEBBON 6.
THOMAS FAULKNER 3.	*JOHN DALE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE* 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Pye and Watson hail from Romford; Faulkner from Barking; Dale from Hornchurch; Lebbon from Loughton, Doran from West Ham. This peal has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.)

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs. in E.

RICHARD BRUNSDON Treble.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	WILLIAM C. JONES 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 7.
FRANCIS E. HART 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Six Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,400 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL Treble.	JOE GARNETT 5.
THOS. M. THOMPSON 2.	JOHN NELSON 6.
THOS. B. KENDALL 3.	FREDERICK W. DIXON 7.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 4.	BEN. F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

The above peal is the longest length by the Yorkshire Association, and was rung at the first attempt. Messrs. Cotterell and Lamb hail from Halifax, Thompson and Dixon from Guiseley, Broadley and Garnett from Bradford, Nelson from Otley, Kendall belongs to the Shipley company.

SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.—THE ST. DENYS SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, April 7, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

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

WILLIAM TOWNSEND Treble.	FRED BEDFORD 5.
NORMAN ED. SNOW 2.	*EDWIN ROWBOTTOM 6.
ARTHUR WHITWORTH* 3.	CHARLES HARWOOD 7.
FRED WILLIAMS* 4.	*CHAS. WM. JACKSON Tenor.

Conducted by NORMAN ED. SNOW.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells by a local company, and was rung at the first attempt. The bells were cast by Thomas Osborn, Downham, in 1796.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 7, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

W. HENSHER* Treble.	H. SHARP 5.
C. NEWMAN 2.	A. H. MARTIN 6.
W. PETTITT 3.	J. HOUGHTON, JUN. 7.
J. D. MATTHEWS 4.	J. B. MARTIN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by HERBERT SHARP.

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th each sixteen times in 6ths place at the course-ends; 3rd never in 6ths place; and the 2nd never in 5ths or 6ths place at a course-end. Newman, Pettitt and Houghton are from Irthlingborough; brothers Martin from Higham Ferrers; Sharp from Bedford; Matthews and Hensher belong to the local company. *First peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE RAUNDS ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY SHARMAN* Treble.	*FRED STUBBS 5.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 2.	*FRANK KIRK 6.
RICHARD PENDERED* 3.	*WALTER GILBERT 7.
FRED GILBERT 4.	HENRY STUBBS Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER and Conducted by FRED GILBERT.

*First peal of Major and rung at their first attempt. This peal was taken from the "Appendix," being the third peal on page 63. This is entirely a six-bell band. The ringers wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. F. M. Stopford, for the use of the bells, and Mr. G. Jeffs for having everything ready.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ARCHDEACONRY OF SUDBURY BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt

WILLIAM HOWELL, SEN. .. Treble.	HARRY SMITH 5.
HARRY HARPER 2.	ARTHUR H. OSBORNE .. 6.
ZACHARIAH SLATER 3.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7.
CHARLES SILLITOE 4.	SAMUEL SLATER Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

This peal has the 6th nine course-ends at home, and is the quickest peal of Major on the bells. Messrs. Symonds and Smith hail from Lavenham, the brothers Slater from Glemsford, Osborne from Bury St. Edmunds, the rest belong to the Sudbury company.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Three Hours One-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

GEORGE GATLAND* Treble.	JAMES PARKER 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2.	HENRY DAINS 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
JAMES N. FROSSELL 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Superlative. G. Gatland was elected a member of the above Society before starting for the peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.-NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 7, 1896, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN Treble.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 5.
HERBERT MATTHEWS 2.	FREDERICK SMITH 6.
ROBERT WHITING 3.	CHARLES TANN 7.
DAVID RUTH 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 8, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. Treble.	JOHN B. MARTIN 5.
WILLIAM PETTITT 2.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 6.
HENRY STUBBS 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. 7.
FRED GILBERT 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and
Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

This peal contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5ths and 6ths at the course-ends.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

One of Canterbury Pleasure, and two each of College Single, Grandsire, and Oxford Bob.

JOHN BOVINGTON Treble.	GEORGE BASDEN 4.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 2.	ALBERT CROOK 5.
JAMES ELDERFIELD 3.	CHARLES CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

First 5040 by the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th ringers, and first on the bells.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALIFAX.—On Sunday, March 15th, for evening service at All Souls' church, a date touch, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. B. F. Lamb, 1; A. Stead, 2; G. H. C. Copping, 3; J. S. Ambler, 4; J. Cotterell, 5; F. Salmons, 6; C. E. Stewart, 7; S. W. Stewart (conductor), 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MATHON (Worcestershire).—On Friday, January 24th, a date touch of Minor, in 1 hr. 9 mins., being 96 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob, and 720 each of College Single and Oxford Bob. G. Jordan, 1; H. Pritchett, 2; F. Smith, 3; A. Layton, 4; C. Watkins, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, March 10th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 1 min. H. Heyworth, 1; N. Townend, 2; F. Towns, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; J. R. Werring, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; D. Heys (conductor), 8. Arranged from a peal composed by A. Craven.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Saturday, March 14th, at St. Giles' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. Boddington, 3; A. E. Reeves, jun., 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; J. W. King, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rugby. Rung to commemorate the marriage of Mr. A. H. Evans, one of the ringers, and Miss Kate Bohey, both of Reading, the ringers wishing them both much happiness.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Monday, March 16th, in 1 hr. 13 mins., a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Day (conductor), 1; A. Oakes, 2; E. Broom, 3; G. Mulley, 4; J. Noller, 5; G. Ford, 6; J. Bumpstead, 7; C. Palmer, 8. Composed by W. Sykes, of Huddersfield.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Sunday, March 8th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Powers, 1; J. Shepherd, 2; J. Rumney, 3; A. Shepherd (conductor), 4; J. Kentish, 5; H. Shepherd, 6; J. Hollingsworth, 7; H. Tharby, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AMPORT (Hants).—On Sunday, April 5th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 120 Grandsire Minor. T. Wiltshire, 1; F. Childs, 2; E. Childs, 3; C. Coster, 4; G. Wiltshire, 5; Rev. R. A. Sidebottom, 6. First attempt by all.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Saturday, March 14th, on the arrival of the Bishop of Winchester for the first time, the first 518 of Holt's ten-part peal. C. Cole, 1; F. Russen, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; T. Cole, 5; J. Elcombe (conductor), 6; J. Walker, 7; G. Saint, 8. And for practice on Tuesday, March 17th, 252 Bob Triples. H. Dunn, 1; A. Newman, 2; G. Newman, 3; C. Cole, 4; F. Russen, 5; J. Elcombe (conductor), 6; T. Cole, 7; G. Saint, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, March

8th, after Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Smith, 1; R. Castle, 2; H. Foreman, 3; G. Foster, 4; H. Foster (first 504 as conductor), 5; A. Castle, 6; E. Foreman, 7; W. Foreman, 8.

CANTERBURY (Kent).—On Sunday evening, January 23rd, for Divine Service at the church of St. Alphege, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Fox, 1; F. Marriott, 2; G. Jenkins, 3; A. Brett, 4; A. Saxby, 5; P. Pierce (conductor), 6. First 720 by all, and first in the method on the bells. On Tuesday, March 3rd, for practice at St. Stephen's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. M. Pierce, 1; H. Fairbrass, 2; A. Andrews, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 4; G. Sayer, 5; A. Brett, 6; P. Pierce (conductor), 7; F. Brett, 8. First quarter-peal by Messrs. Andrews and Brett (2).

BORDEN (Kent).—On Sunday morning, March 8th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. *S. Beach, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; C. Willshire, 3; E. Allen, 4; C. Millway (conductor), 5; H. Wood, 6; W. Tassell, 7; R. Weller, 8. On Friday, March 13th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Wood, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; R. Staines, 3; E. Allen, 4; C. Millway, 5; C. Willshire (conductor), 6; W. Tassell, 7; R. Weller, 8. On Sunday morning, March 15th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins., composed by H. N. Davis. W. Walker, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; C. Willshire, 3; G. Willshire, 4; H. Wood (conductor), 5; C. Millway, 6; W. Tassell, 7; R. Staines, 8. Beach hails from Rodmersham; Walker from Rainham; G. Willshire from Quex Park, Birchington. *First quarter-peal.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, December 11th, at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstan's one-part, in 48 mins. W. Truss, 1; A. Hardy, 2; W. Hasted, 3; C. Hindes, 4; H. Barton (first quarter-peal of Triples as conductor), 5; W. West, 6; D. Griggs (first quarter-peal of Triples in the method), 7; C. Irish, 8.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday, January 26th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; J. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Carlisle Surprise. G. Hobbs, 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; D. Preston, 4; J. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. And for evening service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; A. Riley, 2; J. Naylor, 3; D. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. A. Riley and J. Naylor hail from Norton. On Tuesday, February 4th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. D. Preston, 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; A. Shufflebotham, 4; J. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. Shufflebotham hails from Hanley, and this is his first 720 of Treble Bob Minor. On Sunday, February 9th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Chelsea Surprise. H. Alcock, 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; D. Preston, 4; J. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, February 16th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; D. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; W. Grice, 4; J. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Clarkson, 1; C. Preston, 2; H. Alcock, 3; D. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. W. Grice hails from Newcastle. On Sunday, February 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Coventry Surprise. G. Hobbs, 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; D. Preston, 4; J. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, March 1st, 720 Ely Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; the rest as before. First 720 in the method by all. On Tuesday, March 3rd, for practice, 720 Rochester Surprise. G. Hobbs, 1; the rest as before. First 720 in the method by all.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RICHMOND (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 26th, at the parish church, with the bells deeply-muffled as a token of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg, three 6-score of Bob Doubles. R. Borrowes, R. Briscoe, J. T. Frenchman, W. Phillips, T. Kirby (conductor), J. T. Rushton. On Tuesday, February 18th, six 6-score of Bob Doubles. J. T. Frenchman, R. Briscoe, T. Kirby, R. Borrowes, W. Phillips (conductor), J. T. Rushton. Rung in honour of the wedding of Sydney Pearson, Esq., Howe Villa, Richmond, Yorks. On Friday, February 21st, 180 Plain Bob Major. J. Kirby, R. Briscoe, J. T. Frenchman, W. Phillips, T. Kirby, R. Borrowes (conductor). On Sunday, February 23rd, another 180 in the same method, standing as above. On Friday, February 28th, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. H. M. Seymour, R. Borrowes, J. T. Frenchman, W. Phillips, T. Kirby (conductor), T. Rushton. Tenor 13½ cwt. H. M. Seymour is a member of the Hereford

Guild, and hails from that district. On Tuesday, March 10th, at the house of Mr. R. Borrowes, several touches were rung on the handbells. A 360 of Plain Bob Minor. T. Kirby, 1; J. Kirby, 2; R. Briscoe, 3; J. T. Rushton, 4; W. Phillips, 5; R. Borrowes (conductor), 6. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. T. Kirby, 1; R. Briscoe, 2; J. T. Frenchman, 3; W. Phillips, 4; R. Borrowes (conductor), 5-6. Several plain courses of Grandsire Triples. T. Bullock (age 13), 1; J. Kirby, 2; R. Briscoe, 3; J. T. Rushton, 4; J. T. Frenchman, 5; W. Phillips, 6; R. Borrowes (conductor), 7-8.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.—On Sunday morning, February 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 32 mins., on bells 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, with 9-10 covering. W. Fyfe, 3; J. Murray, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; C. Ellis, 6; W. Heathcote, 7; W. Martin, 8; W. Gilbert, 9; F. Kitchie, 10. On Sunday, March 8th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 30 mins., on the front six. W. Fyfe, 1; J. Murray, 2; G. Ellis, 3; W. Martin, 4; W. Heathcote, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 14th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Murray, 1; D. McKillop, 2; C. Ellis, 3; W. Heathcote, 4; W. Martin, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. On Sunday evening, March 15th, for Divine Service, 378 Grandsire Triples on the back eight. W. Fyfe, 3; D. McKillop, 4; J. Murray, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6; C. Ellis, 7; W. Martin, 8; W. Heathcote, 9; W. Gilbert, 10. Longest touch of Triples on tower bells by all except the conductor. Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qrs. 24 lbs.

ASSINGTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, March 14th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Tolliday, 1; J. Campin, 2; W. Bacon, 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; H. Harper, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles and 120 Grandsire Doubles. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; J. Campin, 2; W. Bacon, 3; W. Howell, 4; H. Harper, 5; F. Tolliday, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CAVENDISH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, March 7th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Double Court Bob Minor. C. Honeybell (conductor), 1; S. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; O. Garwood, 4; W. Howell, sen., 5; C. Sillitoe, 6. Also a touch of Cambridge Surprise. W. Howell, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; F. Wells, 3; O. Garwood, 4; C. Sillitoe, 5; S. Slater, 6. Messrs. Sillitoe and Howell hail from Sudbury; the rest from Glensford.

CHERRYHINTON (Cams).—On Thursday, January 23rd, five members of the Chesterton Youths visited the above place and rang 720 of Doubles, in the following methods: two 6-scores of Stedman, two of Canterbury Pleasure, one of Grandsire, and one of Plain Bob. R. Rayner, 1; F. Brown, 2; A. W. Brighton, 3; W. Mansfield, 4; W. Eusden, 5. And two 720s of Canterbury Pleasure and one of Oxford Single, the band standing as before, conducted by W. Eusden. The Canterbury Pleasure is the first rung on the bells. Messrs. Rayner, Brown, Mansfield and Eusden hail from Chesterton; A. W. Brighton (late of Norwich) from Cambridge.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, February 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Tait, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; A. E. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. Porter, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. For evensong 545 Grandsire Triples. J. Baxter, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; A. E. Moncaster, 4; W. Porter (conductor), 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; G. J. Lungley, 7; G. Tait, 8. On Monday, February 3rd, 2820 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 14 mins. R. Moncaster, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6; W. Porter, 7; J. Bolton, 8. The above was an attempt for a peal, which was lost through the 6th rope breaking. On Sunday, February 9th, 672 Grandsire Triples. G. Tait, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6; R. Moncaster, 7; J. Bolton, 8. Also 720 Plain Bob Major. G. Tait, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; R. Moncaster, 6; F. A. Teasdale, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. On Sunday, February 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Tait, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter, 6; W. Porter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. For evensong, 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major. C. W. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. D. Lister, 6; W. Porter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. And for evening service 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Tait, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Porter (conductor), 4; H. S. Taylor, 7; F. A. Teasdale, 6; W. D. Lister, 7; J. Bolton (conductor), 8.

TWEEKSBURY ABBEY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday evening, March 3rd, for practice, 1008 Stedman Triples. W. Hampton, 1; A. Bloxham (longest length), 2; S. Cleal, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; T. Devereux, 6; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8.

ELY (Cams).—On Thursday, February 6th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 1 hr. A. Hazell, 1; W. Pilgrim, 2; E. Andrews, 3; H. Sharpe, 4; G. Woodhouse (Cains College), 5; A. Markwell (conductor), 6; C. Jenkyns (Trinity College), 7; A. Brighton, 8. Time not permitting to start again, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung. A. Hazell, 1; A. Markwell, 2; H. Sharpe, 3; E. Andrews, 4; G. Woodhouse, 5; A. Brighton (conductor), 6; C. Jenkyns, 7; W. Pilgrim, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Markwell, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Hazell, Sharpe, and Markwell hail from Wilburton, Cams.; Andrews, Woodhouse, Jenkyns, and Brighton (late of Norwich), from Cambridge.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, January 19th, for Divine Service at St. John the Evangelist, Pimlico, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. S. Reed, 1; E. Phillips, 2; E. Duff, 3; W. Moore, 4; J. Thimblethorpe, 5; J. Martyn, 6; G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 7; F. Gover, 8. On Sunday, March 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. S. Reed (conductor), 1; E. Phillips, 2; E. Duff, 3; W. Moore, 4; J. Thimblethorpe, jun., 5; J. Martyn, 6; G. T. McLaughlin, 7; J. Thimblethorpe, sen., 8.

WOBURN (Beds).—On February 15th, at St. Mary's church, 1008 of Bob Major. *S. A. Avis, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; C. Herbert, 3; M. Lane, 4; *H. D. Harris, 5; E. Herbert, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall (conductor), 8. *First 1008. On Monday, February 17th, 720 Bob Minor. S. Avis, 1; C. Herbert, 2; H. D. Harris, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; E. Herbert, 5; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (conductor), 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. A. Avis, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; H. D. Harris, 3; C. Herbert, 4; E. Herbert, 5; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. R. Marshall (first 720), 1; C. Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6.

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CAMEL-HAIR BELTING.—REDDAWAY v. BANHAM.

IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS, MARCH 26th, 1896.

By judgment delivered this day their Lordships unanimously reversed the decision of the Court of Appeal and confirmed the findings of the Jury on the trial of the Action. The questions left to the Jury and their answers thereto were as follows:—

Q. "Does 'Camel-Hair Belting' mean belting made by the Plaintiffs as distinguished from belting made by any other manufacturers?"—A. "YES."

Q. "Or does it mean belting of a particular kind without reference to any particular maker?"—A. "NO."

Q. "Do the Defendants so describe their belting as to be likely to mislead purchasers and to lead them to buy the Defendants' belting as and for the belting of the Plaintiffs?"—A. "YES."

Q. "Did the Defendants endeavour to pass off their goods as and for the goods of the Plaintiffs so as to be likely as to deceive purchasers?"—A. "YES."

Their Lordships ordered a Perpetual Injunction, and that the Defendants should pay the costs of the Action and Appeals.

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ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 61,450, assuring the sum of £6,285,260, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £342,478.

The premiums received during the year were £2,304,013, being an increase of £226,057 over the year 1894.

The Claims of the year amounted to £572,289. The number of Deaths was 4,479, and 218 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 414,137.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were 194,352,625, being an increase of £108,401.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,797,688. The number of Deaths was £6,507, and 1,418 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing, who desired to discontinue their payments, was 59,352, the num-

ber in force being 448,816. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 8,956.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 11,682,748; their average duration is nearly seven and three-quarter years.

The Directors have made more than one attempt to deal with the difficult question of old age pensions for the Industrial classes, and they are happy to inform the Shareholders that the special tables combining assurance with a provision for old age, which they issued in September last, have met with considerable success. At the end of the year the number of Policies in force under these tables as the result of three months' working, was 169,791, producing an Annual Premium Income of £62,974.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shewn in the Balance Sheet, are £23,915,890, being an increase of £2,702,085 over those of 1894.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1895.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Shareholders' Capital	...	800,000	0 0	British Government Securities (£2,300,000 Consols)...	...	2,208,388	13 3
Ordinary Branch Funds...	...	11,151,440	18 9	Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stocks	...	2,071,153	0 3
Industrial Branch Fund...	...	11,866,744	17 1	Loans, County Council, Municipal, and other Rates	...	5,925,397	2 2
Claims under Life Policies admitted	...	97,704	8 1	Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	...	2,544,631	2 2
				Mortgages	...	2,532,913	12 8
				Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London Bonds	...	369,720	13 6
				Bank of England Stock	...	174,020	10 0
				Freehold and Leasehold Property	...	1,244,036	11 11
				Indian and Colonial Government Securities	...	2,009,375	19 8
				Foreign Government Securities	...	74,634	14 6
				Reversions	...	235,415	11 1
				Railway and other Shares	...	2,908,188	0 6
				Loans on the Company's Policies...	...	394,544	1 1
				Rent Charges	...	123,284	8 2
				Outstanding Premiums	...	425,125	2 3
				Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' Balances	...	52,292	0 1
				Outstanding Interest and Rents	...	205,579	18 10
				Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	...	417,189	1 10
		£23,915,890	3 11			£23,915,890	3 11

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We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts and Payments, affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1895, 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, 1895.
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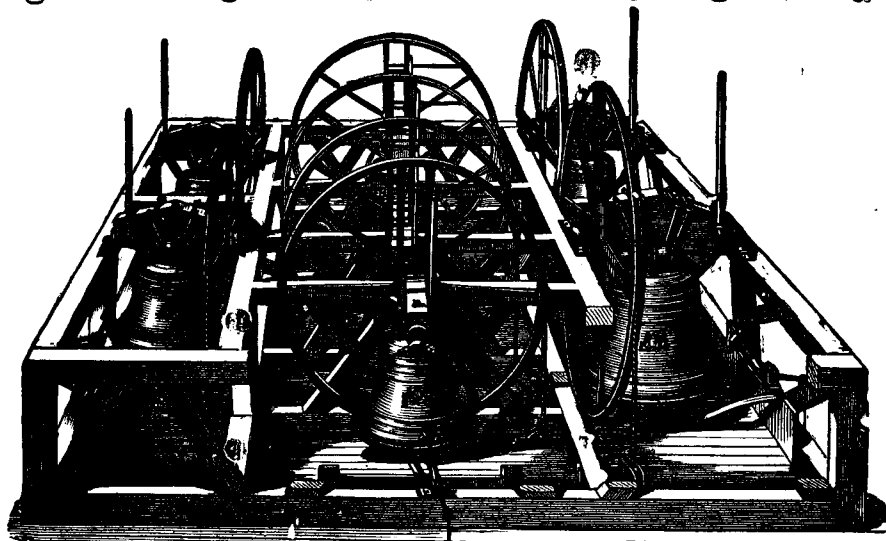
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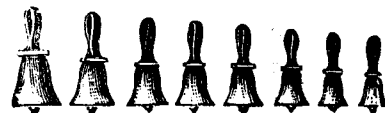
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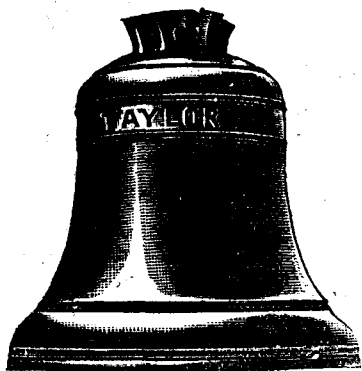
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