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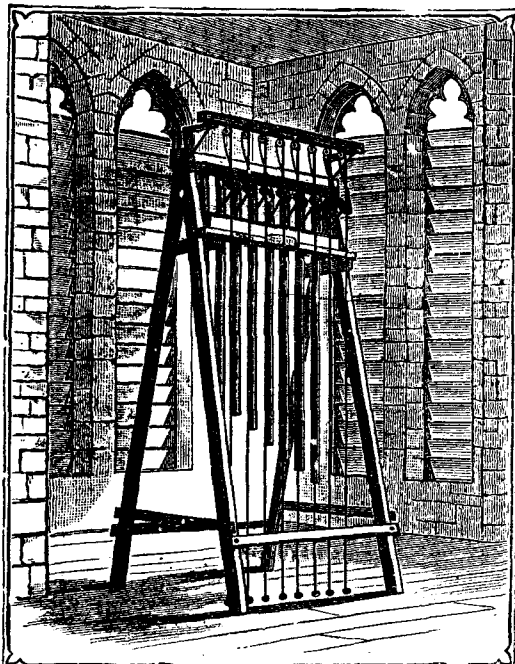
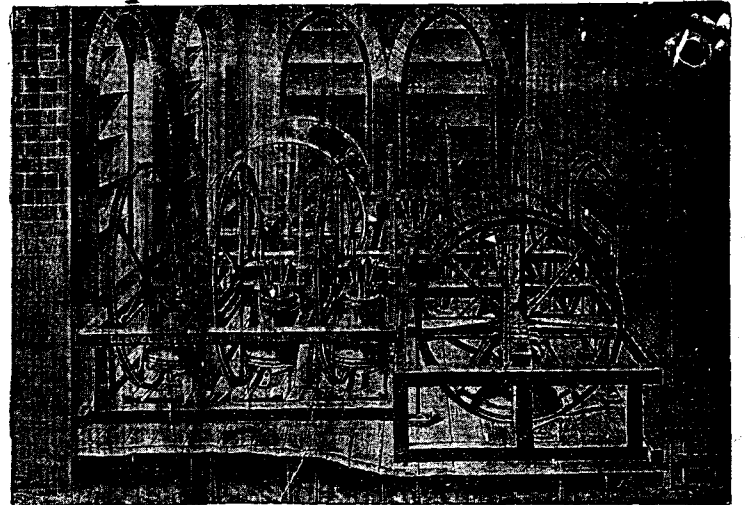
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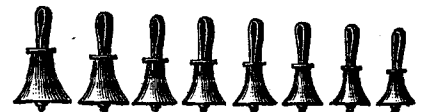
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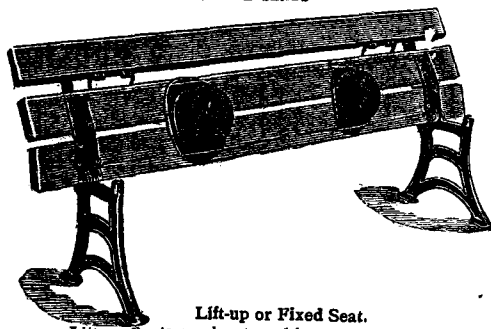
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THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held at Leeds, on Saturday, March 31st, when ringers were present from Armley, Birstal, Bradford, Bramley, Headingley, Holbeck, Rothwell, Pudsey, Tong and the local company, also several members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. The business meeting was held at The Nag's Head hotel, the President in the chair. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the Secretary was called upon to read the balance-sheet, which shewed the Society to be in a sound financial condition, the total worth of its funds being £6 11s. 2½d. The following officers were re-elected: President, Mr. J. W. T. Holgate; Vice-President, Mr. J. Whittaker; Treasurer, Mr. J. Thackray; Secretary, Mr. H. Gaythorpe. It was then arranged to hold the next meeting at Calverley on Saturday, April 21st, instead of the 28th.

The President stated that he was pleased to see so many ringers and friends present, especially the members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and hoped that if they were in the district when the Society was holding another meeting, they would again favor them with their company.

Mr. Clarkson, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the members for their kind welcome, and said if any ringing friends were in the Cleveland district on Whit-Monday he would be pleased to see them return the visit, as it was their meeting day.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens and local company brought a pleasant meeting to a close. During the day several touches of Stedman and Grand-sire Caters were rung on the tower and handbells.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.

A Meeting of the above was held at Seaford, on Saturday, March 24th. The towers represented were St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', Brighton, St. John the Baptist Southover, St. John the Baptist Lindfield, Christ Church Blacklands, and St. Leonard's Seaford. Ringing commenced at 4 o'clock, and concluded about 8. By the kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. H. Goodwyn Bonnewell, the members partook of tea, which was comfortably provided in the large room of the new Institute recently erected at the expense of one of the parishioners. The usual short business meeting followed, at which Arthur T. King, Esq., of Barnet, was elected a life ringing member. At the conclusion of the business a vote of thanks to the Vicar was heartily responded to, who, in replying, expressed great pleasure in welcoming the members to Seaford, and hoped that a much larger number would soon pay them another visit.

At the suggestion of the Vicar the chairs were then

drawn round the two large fires, and pipes, cigars and handbells were brought into use, everybody appearing to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The bells sadly require the attention of the bellhanger.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the above was held at the church of St. Catherine, Feltham, on Saturday, March 31st, representatives being present from Isleworth, Staines, Ealing, Hillingdon, Farnham Royal, Gospel Oak and Heston. Ringing commenced about 4.30 p.m. At 6 the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where they were entertained to tea, kindly provided by the local company, to which about thirty sat down. After tea a business meeting was held, Mr. F. Goddard presiding, when the local company were elected members of the Association, also Mr. R. Pickering, of Bedfont, who has been training a young band there to ring, and is now desirous of learning method ringing. The tower was again visited and touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind entertainment.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

On Sunday, March 25th, being the 80th birthday of the respected Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Paul, the local ringers met at 7 o'clock in the morning and rang 504 Bob Triples, conducted by W. Perkins. And 252 in the same method, conducted by J. T. Tompkins. Mr. E. J. Dennes, Hon. Secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association, sent a letter to congratulate the rev. gentleman, on behalf of the Association. In the evening touches of Bob Triples Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung, Mr. J. Houghton, of Irthlingborough, and G. Lines and W. B. Meadows, of Burton Latimer, taking part. The rev. gentleman was quite taken by surprise, as everything was kept secret from him. He thanked the company very kindly for ringing.

HORBURY, NEAR WAKEFIELD.

The dedication and opening of the new ring of eight bells at St. Peter's church will be on Saturday, April 21st. Service at 4 o'clock. All ringers are cordially invited. Tea will be provided at 1s. each for those sending in their names to me on or before the 19th inst.—W. H. Giggie, Queen Street, Horbury.

SHANKLIN, ISLE OF WIGHT.

A large striking clock with four dials is to be placed in the tower on the parade here. It will have all the latest improvements, and is being erected by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The ringing atmosphere is murky and depressing. Unmitigated fog pervades everything, and men's hearts are failing them for fear. We seem to be treading on a volcano, which threaten immediate dire consequences. Distrust and doubt prevail, and we await in trembling for what is to appear next. What the Exercise could at one time have staked its very existence upon is now said to be a fraud, for that is what these accusations mean if they mean anything.

Read the following letter from Thomas of Caversham: It is just the old story. Our friend Newman is again telling as what somebody else has said. But he promises to give "his authority" if somebody else does something. Here is his letter:—

SIR,—I quite agree with "Plain Speaker" that where and who started the sixth man business, the other part of the story or rigmarole should come forward. As Mr. Washbrook refuses to take any notice of my assertions, I will pass on and give my reasons why I cannot comply with the request of Mr. Robinson, who just after a certain performance visited Caversham, and in the presence of our Vicar made two statements to us, one concerning this peal, the other the long peal of London which I will refer to presently. He told us that the seventh man was not fit for the peal, in any Washbrook ought not to have had him in it, but that was just like Washbrook, as you (we) knew quite true, Sir. Shortly after this gentleman publicly pronounced the peal as a magnificent one and his explanation of the two statements was that he either had to brand these men as liars, or believe them, and he preferred the latter, and now he wishes me to brand these men as liars and withdraw my innuendoes. Mr. Robinson told us that something went wrong in the London, and while it was on every man in the tower was shouting at the top of his voice at the sixth man, "don't set your bell, don't set your bell." I took very little notice of this till another person stated and repeated it that Payne set his bell and another pulled it off. Now Sir I think we ought to hear what the sixth man has to say on the matter, then if necessary I will give my authority for the statement made, with the name of the ringer said to have pulled it off.—T. NEWMAN.

My old friend, let me tell you that you shine with greater refulgence at the end of your tenor-rope than you do in print. Everything which you try to say may be true as gospel, but proof, my dear fellow, actual and convincing proof, is what will be required. Never mind "what the soldier or any other man said," it is not evidence. Bear this in mind.

Now just for the sake of argument let us suppose that these reports are true, and that a few of the London Surprise Company did set their bells for some minutes. What, it may be asked, did they do then? Just had a look round, and a talk upon the previous week's "current topics"? or did they resort to the nearest hostelry and regale themselves upon chops and porter. We may charitably suppose the latter. Then they returned to the tower, and re-commenced at the place where they left off. Which is it? Some of them set their bells, the others kept on ringing. Rather an extraordinary story. Let us have the authority Mr. Newman, for this. The Rev. F. E. Robinson states that no one but the ringers was in the tower while the peal was in progress. It is plain that this tale about the bells being set and pulled off again could only have emanated from one of the band. That is what, if I understand aright, Mr. Newman means to imply.

Can it reasonably be supposed that any one member of

this London Surprise band, after such a lapse of time, has come forward and made these statements about the peal? Why did he not do it before? The performance caused some little excitement at the time; at great cost the proprietors of this paper issued gratuitously to its readers a large photograph of the ringers; and a banquet took place in honour of the performance. Why did not this erring member of the band utter boldly his charges before all this fuss was made?

If Mr. Newman is correct in persisting that one of these eight ringers has made the statement attributed to him, what punishment ought to be visited on such a character? Ought he not to be prevented from touching a bellrope again? I think so. But I cannot yet entertain the idea that anyone could allow a performance such as this to become so celebrated, and then, after the lapse of years, "spike" it.

This affair sticks in the gizzard, to employ an homely phrase. But we will wait further developments of the dispute. Mr. W. Pye has sent a long letter this week on the subject, but which cannot appear for more reasons than one. He merely tells us what he has heard the other man said. He cannot know anything about the affair himself; and another thing, correspondence on the subject, so I am instructed, must not be widened.

What a relief it is to get away from this business, and deal with something else. Our old friend Samuel Slater is on the path again, I see. When it is considered what a trouble it is to rake together all these particulars about such old worthies, the seeming paucity of intelligence should not be complained of. Our old friend delights in these researches, and his readers delight in perusing them. I think he promises a memoir of Lindsey, which should be very interesting. But be careful of the doggerel, and sparing, friend Samuel, as some of it is apt to set one's teeth on edge.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

On Monday evening the annual bellringers' gathering was held at the Lion and Lamb, the host (Mr. G. Mann) providing a sumptuous repast. The Rector, the Rev. T. G. Cardiner, occupied the chair, and was supported by Messrs. W. T. Coleman, J.P., E. Kempson, A. H. Stevens (churchwardens), and G. Elliott. The toasts were given with much heartiness. During the evening a presentation was made to Sergeant A. Smith, one of the six local Volunteers who are going out to South Africa to join the battalion of regulars. He was the proud recipient of a silver watch which, had been subscribed for by his brother ringers. The Rector, in presenting it, said he hoped Sergeant Smith would take the exact time when he reached Pretoria. Sergeant Smith thanked the ringers for their kindness. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being given by Messrs. Garrett, Crosby, Garfath, Barnett, Foot, and LeClercq, and also by a friend from Guildford. Mr. Fry gave a recitation, and the proceedings concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

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Correspondence.

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

THE PERFORMANCE AT ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL.

SIR,—In the editorial of last week you made some remarks about anonymous letters concerning a peal. Now I am not an anonymous writer, but I should think that there is some use in anonymity, as no doubt "Plain Speaker" and other "BELL NEWS" critics will agree. Last week you published a "peal" of Treble Bob Maximus at the above church. Allow me to say I am astounded that Mr. W. Pye should put it out as a peal, after his recent correspondence on striking of peals. I emphatically enter my protest against such a miserable fiasco. I having nothing against the conductor, but if such performances as the above are to be considered bona-fide peals, then bad change-ringers had better learn to strike from good "stoney" men. I heard the last three hours of the "peal," and without exaggeration there was not one clear twelve-bell change struck until the last course; only in parts of the last course could twelve bells be heard, and as soon as the big bells began to part the clashing of 2-3-4 together began again. This had been the case all through; I am informed that at 5 o'clock (which was previous to my arrival), that the bells practically stood still, and it was thought that they had stopped. Again at 7.35 it was a general smash, and I should think the most disgraceful exhibition ever heard in London, and this was also stated by some of the most prominent twelve-bell ringers who were present. My only object in writing is that such ringing ought not to pollute "THE BELL NEWS" peal column, nor any respectable society or Association peal or report book.

T. H. TAFFENDER.

WHAT IS SINGLE COURT?

SIR,—I admit that Mr. Baker has tripped me up by his reference to my short article on "Arundel (now Norfolk) Surprise" at Christmas, 1897. I used the word "contiguous" then in the sense that I now want to reserve for "adjoining." I probably used then the first expressive word that occurred to me, without being so much impressed, as I am now, by the necessity of employing distinctive epithets for two different things. I decline, however, to be knocked down by Mr. Baker's dictionary, which talks as dictionaries often do, and uses each of two words to explain the meaning of the other. For describing places made in juxta-position by two bells, on the one hand; and successive places made by one bell, on the other; I still think there is a sufficient shade of difference between "adjoining" and "contiguous" to warrant the reservation of the first to the one case, and of the last to the other. But to avoid all possible misapprehension, it would perhaps be better to drop "contiguous" altogether, and substitute "consecutive"; though this does not exactly express the action of the place-making bell in "Double Court" without the qualifying phrase "in reverse order." It exactly expresses the action of the place-making bell in Kent Treble Bob, however, and is perhaps, on the whole, the best word to use; while stick to "adjoining" for the other description of places.

Now, Sir, I maintain that the feature of true "Court" methods is "consecutive" places made in "reverse order," as a part of the regular work of a working bell. This is undoubtedly the feature in the original Double Method, where it occurs in two positions; and it ought to have been retained in the adaptations to the Single form, subsequently made, in one position at least. In many of the so-called Single Court Methods there is no intermediate place-making at all till the working bell gets to quite the end of its path (taking the beginning of it to be "turning the treble on the lead"), and then only a single place, and a return upon the former track. I cannot see that such methods deserve the title of "Court" at all. They are merely re-arrangements of the simple work of Plain Bob. The absence of "adjoining" places is relied on, apparently to constitute a "Court" method. I allow that, at least in the intermediate place-making positions, there ought not to be "adjoining" in "Court"; but is it to be held that every plain hunt arrangement that avoids "adjoining" places is, therefore entitled to be called a "Court" method? I

say, no; for the second's place of Plain Bob, with a whole pull at lead and behind, may be merely shifted to sixth's and third's, or elsewhere, and the single dodges re-disposed.

I have no wish to decry the value of Shipway's work; but I do think that in some of his adaptations (notably in "Court,") he was not only distinctly unhappy, but careless of the spirit of his original model. I will conclude with my idea of what Single Norwich Court should be. It is a rapid sketch, and may possibly be susceptible of improvement when I can give the time to it. I can only hope it is not a reproduction of someone else's work; there is no telling in these days. All I can say is, I don't remember to have seen it; and that it is a closer adaptation of the original than any other that I have seen. It is regular in form; has no "adjoining" places, and preserves the double-dodging behind; near places are made from the front, far places from the back, both by the bell that the treble turns from lead-end behind; the "consecutive" place-making bell does not return on its track; lead-ends and coursing order of the familiar pattern; sixth's place at a bob, a bob at 1 having the effect of a bob at 6 in Double Norwich. However, let your readers judge for themselves,

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H. EARLE BULWER.

REPLY TO MR. FRANKS, OF BATTLE.

SIR,—I should like to remind Mr. Franks that Christ Church, Eastbourne, is also situated in the eastern division of the county of Sussex, and that two members of the Christ Church Guild alone have added more points in the past year to the Sussex total than the whole of the three societies he mentions put together.

GEORGE H. HOWSE,
 Captain Christ Church, Eastbourne.

"OLD ENGLAND."

SIR,—I cannot see how Mr. Baker can claim his method "Old England" as new, since it is to be found in its double form in *Standard Methods*, page 27. The following figures ought to speak for themselves.

LONDON COURT BOB.

DOUBLE.	SINGLE.	REVERSE.
1 3 2 5 4 6 8 7	1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8	1 3 2 5 4 6 8 7
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
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2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7	2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7	2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7
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2 4 6 8 1 3 5 7	4 6 2 8 1 3 5 7	2 4 6 8 1 7 3 5
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Wolverhampton.

JAMES E. GROVES.

ST. STEPHEN'S SURPRISE.

SIR.—Mr. Dench's last letter on this subject is very smart, I am sure. He says he has no intention of relinquishing his claim to the authorship of the above method, and wants no more correspondence on the matter, but, Sir, let me inform Mr. Dench that is not my way of doing business. The true author of anything is the person who first produces it if he can prove it.

This I contend I have done, as I produce two witnesses in the persons in my first letter. Mr. Dench's reply to this letter acknowledged that he did not produce it until two years later than myself. In the face of this if Mr. Dench can stand before the Exercise and claim the authorship, I have done with the subject. But I am confident that any reasonable person would not support him. I claim to be the author of this method until someone can prove they have a prior claim.

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

A DISCLAIMER.

SIR,—I shall be glad if you will kindly notify in your next issue that the peal of Grandsire Triples, published as rung by the St. Martin's Guild on February 26th last, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, Birmingham, owing to non-compliance with the rules, cannot be credited to our Guild.

W. SHORT, *Ringling Master.*

Obituary.

W. C. DYMCK.

The *Waltham Abbey Telegraph* records at great length the death and interment of the above late respected conductor of the Waltham Abbey Town Band, which occurred after a lingering illness on the 20th ult. He may have fairly been described as one of the most popular men in Waltham Abbey, Cheshunt, and Enfield Lock, no greater proof of which can be required than the immense numbers who assembled at the funeral to pay their last tribute of respect. The deceased was what may be called a many-sided man—a musical expert, a bell-ringer, skilled in artistic calligraphy, bandmaster, dramatic artiste, and many other qualifications. He had rung several peals with the Waltham Abbey company, and was a member of the College Youths. The above-named paper says he was a member of the Provident Lodge of Oddfellows, M.U., Waltham Abbey, for nearly twenty-five years, and he was also a member of the Royal Antediluvian Society. Whether he was with the band, or in any other capacity, he always shone forth as a man of many talents, ready to place them at the service of his friends and neighbours, to benefit and amuse all those who came in contact with him. And now that he has been removed from among them, his loss will be keenly felt by all who knew him. Truly it has been said of him, he was "a distinguished musician, a talented conductor, and a most sincere friend." May he rest in peace. Amid many tokens of sympathy and respect, the funeral took place at the Waltham Abbey Cemetery. Just before three o'clock, the time appointed to leave the residence of the deceased in Station Road, members of various Friendly Societies had formed up on each side of the road, and was preceded by the representatives of not less than nine bands, 126 instrumentalists were present (including drummers). The bands represented were: Town Band, Waltham Cross and District Band, Volunteer Band, Gospel Temperance Band, Salvation Army Band, Enfield Foresters Band, Enfield Town Band, North Middlesex Band, and the Church Lads' Brigade. To the solemn strains of the "Dead March" in *Saul*, all that was mortal of our departed friend moved slowly down between bare-headed lines of sorrowing brethren. The polished coffin, which was conveyed in a plate glass car, was covered with beautiful floral wreaths from sorrowing relatives and friends. Immediately behind the car came a mourning coach conveying Mr. W. J. Dymock (son), Mr. A. E. Dymock (step-brother), Mr. A. J. Maxfield (cousin), Mr. E. J. Hanchet (uncle), Mr. G. Bland (brother-in-law), Mr. W. J. Squires (friend) representing Old Friends, central office now at Woolwich. Next came Mr. J. G. Benstead, Mr. H. J. Holmes, and Mr. W. Oliver, representatives of correspondence branch R.S.A.F., and Mr. W. A. Alps (friend). After the chief mourners came the members of the Provident Lodge, followed by a large number of Oddfellows from other Lodges, seven in number, and a large number of brethren from the Ancient Order of Foresters and other kindred societies, Hearts of Oak, United Patriots, Royal Antediluvians, Abbey Ringers, Cheshunt Ringers, St. Stephen's Dramatic Club, Church Lads' Brigade, and others. At the cemetery the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. F. B. Johnston, M.A., and the senior curate, the Rev. J.

H. Stamp, A.K.C., officiated. At the close of the ordinary burial service, Mr. Stamp said: As a member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, I have been requested to read the following address. He then read the usual Oddfellows address most impressively, after which the Town Band played at the graveside the hymn "Lead, Kindly Light." The numerous wreaths, crosses, etc., included one from the Waltham Abbey ringers.

JAMES BARRETT.

We regret to record the death of the above-named ringer, which occurred on Wednesday, February 28th, at his residence, Oliphant Street, Queen's Park. The funeral took place on Wednesday, March 7th, at Kensal Green Cemetery. The deceased had been a ringer for a number of years, and was well-known in London. He was a member of the Cumberland Youths, St. James' Society, Waterloo Society, and the Norwich Diocesan Association, and had rung the following peals, viz.: Grandsire Triples, 21; Caters, 7; Sedman Triples, 4; Caters, 3; Cinques, 2; Bob Major, 1; Treble Bob Major, 24; Royal, 4; Maximus, 3; Double Norwich Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise, 1; total—74. Being a man of great strength he was mostly found at the big end, and if a stiff job was to be done he was generally called upon, and during his ringing career had taken part in some notable performances, viz.: Harrison's 8896 Treble Bob Major, the extent with the tenors together, called at Highgate on April 22nd, 1876, in 5 hrs. 22 mins. He also rang at St. George's, Camberwell, on April 9th, 1877, in the first peal of Double Norwich Major rang in London since 1848, this being also the first peal of Court Bob Major since June 1788. On June 26th, 1888, at St. Anne's, Highgate, he also rang in the first true peal of Cambridge Surprise rang in London. He also took part in a most unique performance which had been attempted many times for years, but always with bad luck until July 25th, 1889, being St. James' Day. Eight members of the St. James' Society rang at St. James' church, a peal of Grandsire Triples, each of the band being named James, this being known as the "Jimmy's" peal. He rang his last peal on February 15th, 1890, being 5050 Stedman Caters, at St. Giles, Camberwell. He did not aspire to conductorship, saying he preferred to leave it to others. The only peal called by him was a 5056 Treble Bob Major at St. Anne's, Highgate, on his birthday, November 6th, 1883. His genial face and kindly words will be sorely missed, especially among his friends of North London, with whom he was always ready to attempt a peal or assist them with friendly counsel and advice. On Saturday, March 17th, an attempt to ring a muffled peal of Treble Bob Major was made at the Chapel-of-Ease, Holloway, but after ringing 2½ hours it unfortunately came to grief. B. Foskett, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; H. Dains, 3; R. Bevan, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; T. Titchener, 6; H. Stubbs, 7; A. Jacob, 8.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, March 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 840 Stedman Triples. W. A. J. Ives, 1; C. Tyler (conductor), 2; S. Burt, 3; A. E. Lisk, 4; H. Markwell, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, March 17th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. W. Halls, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2-3; I. Dear, 4; J. Dale (conductor), 5-6. Also 672 Bob Major. W. Dear, 1; I. Dear, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; J. Dale, 5-6; W. Nash, 7-8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 25th, at St. Michael's church, Paddington, 448 Bob Major. H. Ellis, 1; J. Nixon, 2; W. Burrows, 3; G. Hollis, 4; E. Young, 5; N. Alderman, 6; R. Bevan, 7; G. Smith (conductor), 8. On Sunday evening, March 4th, for Divine Service at St. Matthew's church, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. E. Hall, 1; M. A. Wood, 2; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 3; J. Scholes, 4; W. Keeble (Leytonstone), 5; H. Torble, 6; S. Parmenter, 7; G. Barrell, 8. Composed by J. Bradley, of West Ham, and contains fourteen 7-4s, fourteen 4-6s, and fourteen 6-7s.

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Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Norton, to-day, Saturday, April 7.
W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

Sheffield and District Society.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Ecclesfield to-day, Saturday, April 7th. Bells ready 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.
R. HARRISON, *Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leatherhead parish room, on Easter Monday next. By kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon F. E. Utterton, the bells (10), at the parish church will be available from two o'clock. Tea will commence at six o'clock sharp in the parish room, and the Vicar will preside at the subsequent meeting. Local representatives must inform Mr. William Marks, of 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, not later than the previous Tuesday, the number of their members likely to be at the tea. Non-members, who will be cordially welcomed, can be supplied with tea at 1s. 6d. per head by giving notice to Mr. Marks previously. The local sports will be held during the day, and there will be a torchlight procession in the evening.
CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Midland Counties Association.—Election of representatives to Central Council.—The election of the four representatives will take place at the annual meeting on Easter Monday next at Nottingham. Nominations for each delegate, duly signed by two members, must reach me not later than April 2nd next. Voting papers will then be prepared, and the delegates balloted for at the meeting. It must be distinctly understood that only the names of the nominees forwarded to me in accordance with the above notice will appear on the voting papers.
W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*
Cotgrave, near Nottingham.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held at Dudley on Easter Monday, April 16th. There will be a special service in St. Thomas' church at 4 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, who will also preside over the business meeting in King Street schoolroom. A meat tea will be provided in this schoolroom at 5 o'clock. Secretaries and unattached members must send in number of members intending to be present at tea to me not later than Wednesday, April 11th, so that proper provision may be made. The bells of St. Thomas', Dudley (10 bells), will be open to members for ringing touches all day from 11 o'clock. The bells of St. Andrew's, Netherton (8 bells), All Saints, Sedgley (8 bells), St. Michael's, Brierley Hill (8 bells), St. Martin's Tipton (8 bells), Christ Church, Oldbury (8 bells), and Holy Trinity, Old Hill (8 bells), will be available from 11 o'clock till 3 o'clock for peal-ringing. Any band wishing to start for a peal, will please communicate with the secretary, stating which of the above churches will be most convenient. Members of companies desirous of standing in a peal, must send their names and the method they wish to ring at once to the secretary, so that

arrangements may be made to form bands and provide conductors. Precedence will be given to the methods which are most desired. Members will be advised at which church to attend. All peals must be finished by 3 o'clock, the time asked for the use of the bells. It is particularly requested that all will make an effort to be present at the service at 4 o'clock. All contributions should be paid at this meeting. The Annual Report, etc., will be ready for distribution at this meeting.
JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
36, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

The Midland Counties Association.—The Annual Meeting, to which all members and friends are cordially invited, will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 16th. The bells at St. Mary's (10), St. Peter's (8), and All Saints (8), churches will be open for ringing from 10 a.m. Committee Meeting in All Saints' Schools, Raleigh Street, at 3.15 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d. each), followed by general meeting in the Arboretum Refreshment Rooms at 4.0 p.m. All who intend being present at tea are requested to inform Mr. J. Hickman, 147 Bobber's Mill Road, Nottingham, not later than Thursday, April 12th.
W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*
Cotgrave, near Nottingham.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Annual Meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday. Meeting at 12. Tea at 4 o'clock in 'All Hallows Lane School. Service in St. Paul's church at five o'clock.
W. W. C. BAKER, } *Hon. Secs.*
I. HILLS, }

The Essex Association.—A District Meeting will be held at Braintree on Easter-Monday. Braintree (8), Bocking (6), Stisted (6), and Rayne (5), will be available for ringing the whole of the day. Tea at The Horn hotel at 4.30 p.m., business meeting to follow, when the question of dividing the county into districts will be brought forward for discussion. Members wishing to be present should notify the same to me not later than Monday, April 9th.
H. T. W. EVRE.
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Old East Derbyshire Association. The annual meeting will be held at Staveley on Easter Monday, April 16th. A dinner will be provided for members who send their names to the secretary not later than Monday, April 9th. Further particulars will appear in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, April 14th. It is to be hoped that members will make an effort to attend.
E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the towers of the Cathedral and of St. Peter's church will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Divine Service at the Cathedral at 5, and tea at the Town Hall at 5.45, followed by meeting for the election of officers and of representative on the Central Council, and other important business. Members are particularly requested to attend the meeting, and to communicate with me not later than Wednesday, April 11th, in order that provision may be made for their comfort.
E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*
St. Albans.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmunds on Easter Monday, April 16th. The bells at the Norman Tower and St. Mary's will be available (also Fornham, Horringer and Rougham, for six-bell methods.) Dinner at The Golden Fleece, Churchgate Street, at

two o'clock, to be followed by the usual business meeting. Other ringers will be welcomed.
W. W. CRUMP, *Hon. Sec.*
Haddenham Rectory, Ely.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 16th, at 2.30 p.m., at the Schoolroom, Caerleon. To consider proposition that the annual meeting for the future shall be held on Boxing Day, and other customary business. Bells will be available for ringing.
REV. MINOR CANON PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The East Derbyshire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday, April 16th. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, 6d. each to members. Meeting at 6 p.m. All members requested to attend, important motion being brought forward.
T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Sussex County Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held on Easter-Monday at Brighton. Towers of St. Peter and St. Nicholas open for ringing at 9.30. Service at St. Peter's at 12. Dinner to be held at 1 p.m. Secretaries are requested to obtain as soon as possible the number who intend being present, and to forward the same to
J. W. G. LODER-COTHER, *Hon. Sec.*
Yapton Vicarage, Arundel.

Heavy Woollen District Association.—The Monthly Meeting of the above-named Society will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, April 14th. Meeting at 5 o'clock at The Albion inn. Final arrangements for the 8-bell contest to be held at Liversedge on Easter Monday, will be made at this meeting.
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury. W. IDLE, *Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—A Bohemian Concert will be given at The Ship, Ivy Lane, E.C., at 7 p.m., on Saturday, April 21st. All members and friends of the Society will be heartily welcomed. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on April 17th, at 7.45 p.m., St. Magnus London Bridge on April 26th, and St. Michael's Cornhill, on May 1st, both at 8 p.m. Will Messrs. Charles Macey and Edward B. Kite, of Taunton, kindly send me their addresses, so that their certificate may be forwarded?
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch—The next meeting will be held at St. James' church, Birch, Rusholme, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.
W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Crayford, Kent.—Kent County Association.—Practice-night has been altered from Monday to Tuesday, at 8 p.m. All ringing friends welcomed.
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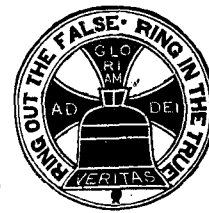
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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1900.

THE remarks we ventured to make last week, and the hint conveyed with respect to the future determining of all questions about the unworthiness or otherwise of performances of 5000 and upwards, have been received with no small amount of approval. In view of what is newly arrived under consideration, and the very recent instances of peals brought into unenviable notoriety, it may again be pointed out, and that very forcibly, that the time calls for the employment of some machinery by which the settlement of these peal questions may be effectively carried out in a business-like manner. The thinking part of the Exercise is weary of a procedure which creates so much ill-feeling, and its host of ridiculous adjuncts. A slipshod mass of correspondence, sometimes written by those who ought to be so sensible of their own deficiencies as to cause them to shrink from "rushing into print," is not

the proper instrumentality for attaining the object desired. As was said last week, the Central Council is the body to consider whether some improvement cannot be made. The idea that the record of a peal should be stayed, and its publication postponed until all doubts concerning it were set at rest by the decision of a popular tribunal, is favoured by several correspondents. It should not be forgotten, however, that such an arrangement may be liable to abuse, for doubts once thrown upon a peal, whether genuine doubt or not, unfortunately have a tendency to besmirch its fame, and depreciate its value.

Mr. TAFFENDER, of London, writes this week about a performance at the church of St. Michael-upon-Cornhill a fortnight ago. We need hardly say, perhaps, that others have written on the same subject, but these latter have disregarded the time-honoured and necessary courtesy of giving us some indication that they possess a local habitation and a name. Mr. TAFFENDER's assertions are likely to be met by indignant remonstrance, accompanied by delectable examples of the "you're another" sort of argument. And then the see-saw business will begin, and continue until the lucubrations from both sides are stopped, no practical decision whatever being obtained. Not a very business-like condition of things, certainly. But if it were known that some popular central body would have to adjudicate upon such questions, these unseemly wrangles would be at end. All must hope that the Central Council will see its way to propound a good scheme for the effective and prompt settlement of these differences. We shall unhesitatingly be among those who will cheerfully accept the Council's dictum in such a matter.

The list of ringing clergy, which has been mentioned once or twice, is very slowly progressing. Names come dribbling in at the rate of about two or three per week, but we exercise what patience we have. We ask those gentlemen who have not yet sent their names and addresses to be kind enough to do so at once, as we are anxious to complete the list before Whitsuntide. Secretaries can greatly assist the work in sending us a list of all the ringing clergy in their neighbourhood.

Good Friday occurring next week, we shall go to press one day earlier.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The Monthly Ringing Meeting will be held at Calverley (eight bells), on Saturday, April 21st. Meeting house, The Thornhill Arms. Bells at liberty from 2.0. Business meeting at 6.0. Handbells provided. All contributions are now due.

H. GAYTHORPE, Hon. Sec.
1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT WESTMINSTER. — This peal was rung in honour of the birth of a son to the Duke and Duchess of York. Mr. Searle, who hails from Exeter, and was in London on business, was elected a member of the St. Margaret's Society previous to starting, it being his first peal on ten bells, Mr. W. R. Crockford kindly standing out. It is the first peal by F. J. Shepherd, formerly of Exeter, but now residing in London.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 30, 1900, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble. ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2. JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3. JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
HARRY HOSKINS 4. ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

The above was rung after meeting for Stedman Caters, owing to one of the band being ill, Mr. Flanders kindly stood out.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, March 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5059 CHANGES.
Tenor 28 cwt.

FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. Treble. CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 6.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE 2. WILLIAM CHARGE 7.
HERBERT LANGDON 3. JOHN HOYLE 8.
ARTHUR HARDY 4. HARRY BARTON 9.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5. REUBEN CHARGE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and
Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

A reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
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LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 28, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES

Being one 720 of Grandsire, two each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT STONE* Treble. JARVIS L. HARRIS 4.
GEORGE B. SELBY 2. DAVID WRIGHT 5.
HENRY J. SELBY 3. THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal in four methods. This is the first 5040 on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN SAXBY Treble. PERCY E. BEX 5.
JOHN TURNER 2. FREDERICK M. JACOBS .. 6.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 3. WALTER J. SMITH 7.
GEORGE CONYARD 4. EDWIN BARNETT Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

The bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Archdeacon Smith a former rector of Crayford. The figures of this peal appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," of March 24th, being the first one given.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(THE WIRKSWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

BENJAMIN GREATOREX .. Treble.	WILLIAM FOX 5.
CHARLES ALSOPP 2.	ARNOLD GELL 6.
REV. ARTHUR T. BEESTON 3.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 7.
FREDERICK JOHNSON 4.	JOHN WARDMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

First peal on the bells by the Society, and by all the band excepting the conductor.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, March 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.
Tenor 19 cwt.

ISAAC PURSER Treble.	GEORGE BURROWS 6.
JAMES E. GROVES 2.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
HERBERT KNIGHT 3.	E. SIDNEY HODGES 8.
ALFRED MORETON 4.	ROBERT PICKERING 9.
WILLIAM G. HALL 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

It was intended to have rung Stedman, but one of the company was too unwell to ring. Mr. Moreton, of the local band, kindly made up the company for the above.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER J. SMITH Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
EDWIN BARNETT 2.	ALBERT PITTAM 6.
JAMES PARKER 3.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
WILLIAM WARD 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

W. J. Smith was elected a member of the Society before starting for the peal.

WOBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1900, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

CYRIL HERBERT Treble.	*SIDNEY AVIS 5.
DOUGLAS HARRIS* 2.	ISAAC HILLS 6.
ERNEST HERBERT 3.	CHARLES CHASTY 7.
MORTIMER MATTHEWS* .. 4.	*MARK LANE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by CYRIL HERBERT.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. Messrs. Hills and Chasty from Bedford.

LONGLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, March 31, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM BROWN Treble.	CHARLES LYES 5.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 2.	GEORGE CONDICK 6.
THOMAS MANSFIELD 3.	HENRY LOVELL 7.
STEPHEN KNIGHT 4.	REUBEN GARDNER Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

WYMONDHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.

On Saturday, March 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Six 6-scores each of St. Simon and Old Doubles, and Ten 6-scores each of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. BROWN Treble.	HENRY BELLAMY 4.
JOSEPH MURRAY 2.	GEORGE H. HUDDLESTON . 5.
WILLIAM H. DYKE 3.	JAMES TYSOE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. HUDDLESTON.

This is the first peal on the bells, first peal by all the band, who are local men, and was rung at the first attempt.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTINS' GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, March 31, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HENRY WITHERS* Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 5.
FREDERICK CLAYTON 2.	HENRY MIDDLETON 6.
PHILIP W. DAVIES* 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, of Bromsgrove, and
Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

*First peal in the method. This peal was arranged in honour of the silver weddings of T. Russam and J. Buffery, respected members of the above Guild. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Bryant for the preparations. The figures of the peal will be found on another page.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDMUND J. HYLAND .. Treble.	ALBERT J. DAY 4.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

This is the first peal on the bells, which have lately been rehung, and the go of them is all that can be desired.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 1, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs. in F sharp.

ALBERT ELLIS Treble.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. RICE 2.	GEORGE F. HOAD 6.
ALFRED D. MILLS 3.	HENRY REEVES 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

The band wish to thank the Rev. H. T. Lewis for the use of the bells; also Mr. A. Senghurst for making the arrangements.

Date Touches.

WYMONDHAM (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, March 6th, a date touch of Doubles, consisting of 240 St. Simon's, 240 Old Doubles, 400 Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob, and 540 Grandsire, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. J. Brown, 1; J. Murrey, 2; W. H. Dyke, 3; H. Bellamy, 4; G. H. Huddleston (conductor), 5; G. Hetterley, 6. Longest length by all. Tenor 19½ cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 18th, at the residence of Mr. C. Willshire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Also a 405. On Saturday, March 24th, an attempt was made for Holt's Original, but after ringing 50 mins. it came to grief, the conductor thinking there was a change-course, but this proved to be incorrect. J. Hunt, 1-2; H. P. Harman (conductor), 3-4; C. Willshire, 5-6; S. Radford, 7-8. On Thursday, March 29th, the last 742 of Holt's Original, with J. J. Jones, 7-8. On Saturday, March 31st, another attempt was made for the peal with S. Radford, 7-8; but after ringing 2058 changes in 1 hr. 15 mins. it came to grief owing to a mis-call. On February 25th, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Raddon, 1; F. Blondell, 2; J. Jones, 3; E. Allen, 4; J. Hunt, 5; S. Radford, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. Also 416 Double Norwich Major. E. Raddon, 1; C. Willshire, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; E. Allen, 4; J. Hunt, 5; S. Radford, 6; W. W. Thorne, 7; F. Blondell (conductor), 8. On Sunday, March 4th, 304 Stedman Triples. E. Raddon, 1; J. J. Jones, 2; J. Hunt, 3; E. Allen, 4; S. Radford, 5; F. Blondell, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. On Sunday, March 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Hunt, 1; E. Raddon, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; G. Reading, 4; E. Allen, 5; S. Radford (conductor), F. Blondell, 7; E. Heather, 8. On Sunday, March 18th, 1008 Bob Major. E. Raddon, 1; G. Reading, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; E. Allen, 4; J. Hunt, 5; S. Radford, 6; W. W. Thorne, 7; F. Blondell (conductor), 8. Also 447 Grandsire Triples. S. Radford, 1; E. Raddon, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; J. Hunt, 4; G. Reading, 5; E. Allen, 6; F. Blondell (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. On Wednesday, March 21st, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Raddon, 1; H. P. Harman (conductor), 2; J. J. Jones, 3; S. Radford, 4; J. Hunt, 5; W. W. Thorne, 6; F. Blondell, 7; G. Reading, 8.

TWYFORD (Hants).—On Tuesday, March 6th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. *E. Young, 1; G. Smith (conductor), 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; W. J. Tucker, 4; *T. Spratt, 5; *J. Ashford, 6; W. H. George, 7; G. Brown, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. *F. Ursworth, 1; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 2; G. Smith, 3; †E. Young, 4; W. T. Tucker, 5; J. Ashford, 6; W. H. George 7; *C. Abraham, 8. *First with a bob bell. †First with a bob bell.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Sunday morning, March 4th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. A. Work, 1; T. J. Brown, 2; G. W. Peverell, 3; G. Green, 4; J. Pallister, 5; H. Peverell (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by G. Work; and first 720 with a bob bell by G. Peverell. On Tuesday, March 6th, for practice, 1056 Bob Major. G. A. Work, 1; G. W. Peverell, 2; T. J. Brown, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Charlton, 5; G. Green, 6; E. Titt, 7; H. Peverell (conductor), 8. On Sunday evening, March 11th, for Divine Service, 1680 Bob Major. G. A. Work, 1; G. W. Peverell, 2; T. J. Brown, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; G. Green, 6; F. Charlton, 7; H. Peverell (conductor), 8. This is the longest touch by Messrs. Work, G. Peverell, and Brown.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

REDDISH (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, March 13th, at the church of St. Elizabeth, on the back six, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. Minshull, 1; A. Barnes (conductor), 2; J. Idle, 3; H. Smith, 4; T. Smithson, sen., 5; H. Smithson, 6. First 720 by Messrs. Minshull, Smith, and T. Smithson; and first 720 with a bob bell by Messrs. Idle and H. Smithson.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 14th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob. S. Collison, 1; T. Haworth, 2; R. Sharples, 3; J. Bentley, 4; C. Sharples (conductor), 5; J. J. Haworth 6. On Sunday, January 21st, 720 College Single. On Monday, 22nd, 720 Oxford Single. A. Walmesley, 1; T. Haworth, 2; R. Sharples, 3; J. Bentley, 4; C. Sharples (conductor), 5; J. J. Haworth, 6. On Sunday, February 4th, 720 College Single. For evening service 720 Oxford Single. C. Sharples (conductor), 1; T. Haworth, 2; S. Collison, 3; R. Sharples, 4; J. Bentley, 5; J. J. Haworth, 6. On Monday, February 5th, 720 Plain Bob. S. Collison, 1; T. Haworth, 2; R. Sharples, 3; J. Bentley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; J. J. Haworth, 6. On Sunday, February 11th, an attempt was made for a 5040 in three methods, which failed at the end of the fourth 720. On Tuesday, February 13th, 720 Oxford Single. On Sunday, February 18th, 720 Oxford Single. A. Walmesley, 1; T. Haworth, 2; S. Collison, 3; J. Bentley, 4; C. Sharples (conductor), 5; J. J. Haworth, 6. On Sunday, February 25th, 720 Plain Bob. For evening service, 720 Oxford Single.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH (Essex) - On Sunday, January 14th, for Divine Service

in the evening, 1008 Treble Bob Major, in 34 mins. W. Durrant, 1; A. Redwood, 2; C. Ellis, 3; G. Knock, 4; J. Brewster, 5; G. Thompson, 6; G. Moss, 7; A. Morris (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six, in 24 mins. A. Morris, 1; G. Knock, 2; G. Moss, 3; W. Honeywood, 4; G. Thompson, 5; A. Fuller (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 4th, for Divine Service in the evening, 910 Grandsire Triples. R. Elmer, 1; A. Morris, 2; C. Ellis, 3; G. Knock, 4; G. Moss, 5; G. Thompson 6; C. Ramplin (conductor), 7; F. Borrett, 8. On Tuesday, March 8th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 45 mins. W. Durrant, 1; A. Morris, 2; C. Ellis, 3; G. Knock, 4; G. Moss, 5; G. Thompson, 6; C. Ramplin, 7; F. Watling (conductor), 8. On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. Durrant, 1; A. Morris, 2; C. Ellis, 3; G. Knock, 4; G. Moss, 5; G. Thompson, 6; C. Ramplin (conductor), 7; W. Parmen, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Wednesday, March 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. F. Hayes, 1; J. W. Wilkins, 2; R. Buckland, 3; P. W. Wilkins, 4; B. Page, 5; F. Healey, 6; F. Buckland, 7; G. Twichen, 8. Composed and conducted by J. W. Wilkins. Rung to celebrate the capture of Bloemfontein by our brave countrymen in South Africa, and was the first quarter-peal by Messrs. Hayes, Page, and Twichen, who are local men. A peal was intended, but several failed to turn up.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Preston, 1; D. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 9th, for practice, 720 Woodbine. D. Preston, 1; G. Clarkson, 2; J. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 14th, for Divine Service, 720 London Surprise. J. Preston, 1; D. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; the rest as before. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. On Tuesday, January 23rd, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob. D. Preston, 1; G. Clarkson, 2; J. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 6th, for practice, 720 College Single. J. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; J. Preston (first in the method with a bob bell), 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Clarkson, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, February 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Ely Surprise. D. Preston, 1; C. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Violet Treble Bob. W. Twigg, 1; D. Preston, 2; C. Preston (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Tuesday, February 13th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Preston, 1; D. Preston, 2; J. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, February 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Clarkson, 2; D. Preston, 5; the rest as before. For evening service 720 Carlisle Surprise. J. Preston, 1; C. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; D. Preston (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Sunday evening, February 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Durham Surprise. J. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; C. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 1st, on receipt of the news of the relief of Ladysmith, 720 Chichester Surprise. D. Preston, 2; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, March 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Preston, 1; G. Clarkson, 2; J. Preston, 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Twigg (conductor), 5; J. Beardmore, 6. For evening service 720 Court Bob Minor. G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6; the rest as before. First in the method with a bob bell by J. Preston.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 24th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Wilson (conductor), 3; C. Bailey, 4; E. Bailey, 5; C. Samson, 6; J. Button, 7; G. Thompson, 8. Also 768 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Taylor, 1; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 2; G. Wilson, 3; C. Bailey, 4; E. Bailey, 5; G. Thompson, 6; C. Samson, 7; J. Button, 8. On Sunday morning, March 4th, for Divine Service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Wilson, 1; H. Button, 2; E. Bailey, 3; C. Bailey, 4; E. Rivers, 5; C. Samson, 6; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Rivers, 8. For evening service 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Rivers, 1; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 2; G. Wilson, 3; C. Bailey, 4; C. Samson, 5; E. Bailey, 6; J. Button, 7; A. Rivers, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On March 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). C. Clark, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; J. Elderfield, 3; G. Gutt-

ridge, 4; G. Basden, 5; A. Crook, 6. On March 13th, 672 Grand-sire Major. On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 44 mins. J. Bovington, 1; G. Guttridge, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; W. Clark, 4; J. Elderfield, 5; G. Basden (conductor), 6; C. Clarke, 7; W. Bovington, 8. On Sunday evening, March 25th, 630 Court Bob Triples.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCHES.

HAZEL GROVE (Cheshire).—On Wednesday evening, March 7th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 4; J. Fernley, 5; A. Fernley, 6. Conducted by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, who hails from New Mills. On Sunday evening, March 11th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Monday evening, March 12th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Saturday evening, March 17th, for practice, 720 College Single. J. Kellett, 1; J. Dean, 2; J. Fernley, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Friday, March 23rd, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Saturday evening, March 17th, for practice, 720 College Single. J. Kellett, 1; J. Dean, 2; J. Fernley, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Sunday, March 25th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Monday evening, March 26th, for practice, 720 College Single. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. In the evening 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before. On Sunday, April 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Dean, 2; A. Fernley, 3; J. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Saturday, March 31st, an attempt for a peal in four methods was made, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2500 changes, in 1 hr. 27 mins. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Sunday evening, April 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob, composed by W. Barber, of North Wingfield. This composition has twenty-six singles, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 31st, and is probably rung for the first time. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HILLINGDON (Middlesex).—On Thursday, March 15th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 45 mins. C. Bellamy, 1; H. Ayers, 2; W. Odell, 3; J. J. Pratt, 4; H. Chandler, 5; W. Honor, 6; H. S. Reeves, 7; F. Weeden, 8. Composed and conducted by J. J. Pratt. During March the following touches have been rung: 294 and 630 Oxford Bob Triples, and 910 Court Bob Triples, conducted by H. Chandler; six courses of Court Bob Triples, 504 and 210 Oxford Bob Triples, and 108 Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. J. Pratt; 224 and 476 Grandsire Triples, and 360 Grand-sire Minor, conducted by H. S. Reeves; 420 and two 294s Oxford Bob Triples. G. Bellamy and A. Becker took part in ringing the above touches.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Tuesday, March 13th, for practice at the church of St. Nicholas, 504 Stedman Triples. L. E. Sears, 1; W. Palmer, jun., 2; C. A. King, 3; F. M. Bacon, 4; W. Palmer, sen. (conductor), 5; J. Fox, 6; J. Jay, jun., 7; R. Fentiman, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Jay, sen., 1; W. Palmer, jun., 2; F. M. Bacon, 3; W. Palmer, 4; G. A. King, 5; L. E. Sears, 6; J. Jay, jun., 7; K. Hart (conductor), 8.

GOSPEL OAK (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, February 25th, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. N. Alderman, 1; E. Young, 2; W. Pickworth, 3; J. Nixon, 4; W. Nudds, 5; R. Bevan (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Ellis, 1; E. Young, 2; W. Pickworth, 3; N. Alderman, 4; W. Nudds, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, March 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Nudds, 1; N. Alderman, 2; G. Hollis, 3; R. Bevan, 4; E. Young, 5; J. Nixon (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, March 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Ellis, 1; G. Hollis, 2; J. Nixon, 3; R. Bevan, 4; W. Nudds, 5; G. Smith, 6.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 11th, 336 Bob Major. E. Raddon, 1; G. Reading, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; E. Allen, 4; S. Radford, 5; J. Hunt, 6; F. Blondell, 7; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 8. On Sunday, March 25th, 360 Grandsire Caters. E. Raddon, 1; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 2; S. Radford, 3; E. Allen, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; H. P. Harman, 6; F. Blondell, 7; J. Hunt, 8; W. W. Thorne, 9; G. Reading, 10. Also 270 Stedman Caters. H. P. Harman, 1; C. R.

Lilley, 2; S. Radford, 3; H. Barton (conductor), 4; J. J. Jones, 5; E. Allen, 6; W. H. Fussell, 7; J. Hunt, 8; W. W. Thorne, 9; F. Blondell, 10.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Wednesday, March 14th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. J. Woffenden, 1; E. Brooke, 2; J. Smith (first 720), 3; W. H. Giggie, 4; G. Hunt (conductor), 5; G. F. Pickles, 6. On Sunday, March 8th, 360 Bob Minor. E. Carr, 1; G. F. Pickles, 2; J. Smith, 3; W. H. Giggie, 4; G. Hunt (conductor), 6.

HUNSDON (Herts).—On Friday, March 16th, at St. Dunstan's church, 720 Bob Minor on the back six. J. Crabb, 1; W. Marrable, 2; I. Cavill, 3; E. J. Webb, 4; W. Littlechild, 5; A. Pearman (conductor), 6. Another 720 in the same method with the treble before and the tenor covering. J. Cannon, 1; J. Crabb, 2; W. Marrable, 3; A. Pearman, 4; I. Cavill (conductor), 5; W. Littlechild, 6; E. J. Webb, 7; C. Laddley, 8. And another 720 on the back six. A. Pearman, 1; W. Marrable, 2; I. Cavill (conductor), 3; J. Crabb, 4; W. Littlechild, 5; E. J. Webb, 6.

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By J. E. GROVES, *Wolverhampton.*

12345678

21436587

24163857

42618375

46281357

64823175

46283715

64827351

46283751

64827315

68472135

86741253

68714523

86175432

81674523

18765432

18674523

Bobs and singles same as Plain Bob.

Any peal of Bob Major with calls w m h will run true to this.

A bob before will shorten the course to two leads only.

I am not aware that the above method has ever been published before. I have had it by me for several years, and I think the musical qualities of it will commend itself to the Exercise generally.

I call it a "Court" method because I am not aware that any rule has ever been made excluding 2nds or 7ths place from the same. It is also a double method in every sense of the word.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

On Easter Monday, April 16th, all being well, eight members of the Yorkshire Association will attempt a peal of College Single Major, 13,440 changes, at the church of St. Leonard, Wortley, near Sheffield. Starting-time, 9.0 to 9.30 a.m.

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5248.

23456	I	4	5	6
26435	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-
42536	s	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-

Reduced to 5024 by omitting bobs bracketted in one part. This is thought to be the first peal published on the plan. Rung at Selly Oak, conducted by W. H. Barber.

By F. P. HOWCROFT.

5152.

23456	I	4	6
63254	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
25364	s	-	-
53264	-	-	-
32564	-	-	-
62435	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-
42365	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-
64325	-	-	-
43625	-	-	-
26345	-	-	-
63245	-	-	-
32645	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-
24536	s	-	-
45236	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
54236	s	-	-
32456	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-

By HERBERT TUCKER, *Bristol.*

5132.

23456	I	4	5	6
36452	I	4	5	-
45263	s	-	-	-
54362	-	-	-	-
24563	-	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-	-
43562	-	-	-	-
35462	-	-	-	-
53264	-	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-	-
32564	-	-	-	-
25364	-	-	-	-
52463	-	-	-	-
43265	-	s	-	-

Repeat 2nd block twice, and the last once, gives—

42365	I	4	5	6
3452	-	-	-	-
4532	-	-	-	-
5234	-	-	-	-
2435	-	-	-	-
4352	-	-	s	-
3542	-	-	-	-
5243	-	-	-	-
3425	-	-	-	-
4253	-	-	s	-
2543	-	-	-	-
5342	-	-	-	-
3245	-	-	-	-

Repeated. Substitute bob at 1 and s at 6. For the bob at 5 in the first course insert a bob at 6 in the last course of the 2st and 3rd blocks, omit it in the 2nd block.

5376.

23456	I	4	6
34256	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
53246	s	s	-
32546	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
62534	s	s	-
25364	s	-	-
23564	-	s	-

MR. LINDOFF'S PEALS.—Mr. Dench writes: The first 5056 of Superlative published in our last number by Mr. Lindoff is false. The second is a variation of one published by myself in April 1897.

LONDON SURPRISE.

By F. DENCH, *London.*

5280.

23456	M	B	W	H
64352	-	-	-	-
36452	-	-	-	-
43652	-	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-	-
56342	-	-	-	-

Four times repeated.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

(By THE SAME AUTHOR.)

5472.

23456	M	B	W	H
35264	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
53462	-	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-
65432	-	-	-	-
43652	-	-	-	-
64352	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-

Twice repeated; 5th and 6th extent in 5-6.

5184.

23456	M	W	H
45236	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
53246	B	-	-
42635	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-
56423	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-

Repeated. This is the first peal obtained without the 2nd in 6ths place in this number of changes.

QUARTER-PEAL OF GRAND-SIRE TRIPLES.

By A. N. WOOD, *Middleton, Yorks.*

23456

26543	In and out at three
64523	Before with a double
45623	Home
65324	Wrong

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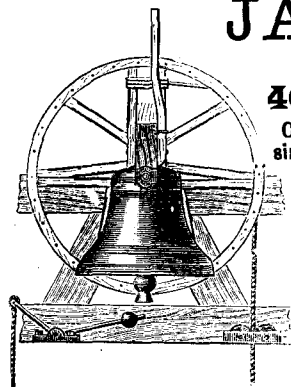
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