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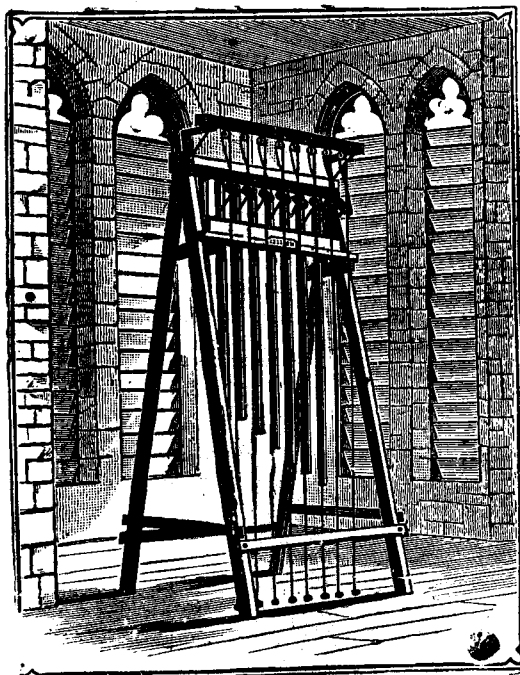
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## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

There was only a moderate attendance at the quarterly meeting of the above branch of the Lancashire Association on Saturday last, at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. Various methods were satisfactorily rung on the five bells of St. Anne's Parish Church. At the subsequent business meeting, the chair was occupied by the Rev. J. K. Jacques. The Branch Secretary (Mr. J. Fell), said he had received letters apologising for non-attendance from Mr. Mather, Secretary to the Association, Dr. Slater (Lytham), and the Rev. R. Halstead (Lytham). He wished all a Happy New Year. With regard to the progress of the branch, he could not say that they had done anything startling during the past year, but he hoped that the members took the hint on the lines he suggested at the last meeting. He thought they ought to have a ringing-master for the branch, and he was sure such a person would be the means of advancing scientific change-ringing. He was pleased to say that their friends of St. Cuthbert's Church (Lytham), practice that intricate method, Double Norwich Court Bob Minor, and he hoped they would give them their first 5040 before long. With reference to the death of Prince Henry of Battenburg, he said that they, as members of the Church of England, with Her Majesty at the head of that Church, would pray that she and her family may be consoled by that great King, whose blessing and help she and all hoped to inherit in time of trouble and tribulation. The Chairman apologised for the absence of the Rev. W. G. Terry, who was prevented by illness from being present. Personally, he did not know much about the art of change-ringing. He had seen it in an old book that Englishmen were the only nation who had ever succeeded in the real art of change-ringing. They could take that for what it was worth. There were various opportunities when they rang bells, sometimes for joy, sometimes for sorrow, such as a national calamity, as was the case only that week. The chief object of bell-ringing was to call people to worship. He did not think the position of bell-ringers was fully recognised by the ringers themselves as it ought to be. The belfry was a part of God's house, and it was sacred to Him. He also wanted them to realise that bell-ringing was an art which required great practice and perseverance. In conclusion, he said it was not right for them to go away after ringing, and it seemed a strange thing that they did not go to the same worship to which they called upon others to attend. The matter with reference to the appointment of a ringing master was deferred, as was also the question of the election of a Fylde committee. No new members were proposed. The place of the next meeting is Poulton, on the 18th of April. A vote of thanks to the Chairman and the Rev. W. G. Terry concluded the meeting.

## HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, January 20th, the ringers at the above church held their fourth anniversary dinner at The Frighted Horse inn. With their friends and guests numbering about twenty in all they discussed with eminent satisfaction the capital dinner provided by Host Taylor. At the clearing of the cloth the veteran Captain of the ringers—Mr. Verry—was unanimously chosen as chairman, and in a few well chosen remarks referred to the pleasure it gave him to meet every one present that evening. He had to express his own, as well as the regret of all the ringers, that a gentleman was compelled to be absent from that meeting, whose presence among them was always highly appreciated—he meant the Rev. C. E. E. Bulwer, who, since his advent to Handsworth as curate, had identified himself with the ringers and the ringing. He went on to enumerate some of the difficulties attending the band in their endeavours to make themselves proficient as ringers, and trusted that in the future they would have to be indebted, even still more than in the past, to the assistance of their more proficient friends, many of whom were present that evening. He concluded by giving the toast of "Queen, Church, and State," which was duly honoured in a becoming manner.

In proposing "Continued Success to the Handsworth ringers, coupled with the name of the Chairman (their Captain)," Mr. Fred. Smith expressed his pleasure at again meeting them on a social occasion of that kind, and stating that he was proud to

reckon the chairman one of his personal friends, went on to commend the energy and perseverance he always displayed.

Mr. W. H. Godden, as one of the Handsworth ringers, seconded the previous speaker's remarks on their chairman, and bore testimony to his many good qualities, which were a living example to younger members.

This toast was enthusiastically received, the chairman's health being given with musical honours. "Our Visiting Friends" was proposed by Mr. Westwood and duly honoured, and the health of the host and hostess having been given, the rest of the evening was devoted to social converse and harmony.

Some capital tunes were given on the handbells by Messrs. Banks, J. Bastable, T. Verry, and W. Bacon: a sample of ringing in hand by Messrs. H. Bastable, Kent, Avery, and Godden: and capital songs by Messrs. W. Verry, sen., W. Verry, jun., T. Verry, R. Fane, H. Manton, —, Jenkins, and the pianist—H. Butcher, a most enjoyable evening ending all too quickly.

## THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

The January quarterly meeting of the above society was held on January 25th, at the Town Hall, Manchester, but owing to the death of Prince Henry of Battenburg, the bells could not be rung. The business meeting was held in the ringing-room of the Town Hall tower, Mr. G. E. Turner being elected chairman. At the beginning of the meeting the secretary regretted that he had not been able to obtain the cathedral bells for the members, but the bells of St. John's Deansgate would be open after the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were then read, and those which were in order passed, the secretary explaining some of the minutes being alterations of rules which required notice as per rule. The next business was the election of new members.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the Corporation of Manchester for their kindness in granting the room for the meeting, and hoping to soon accept their offer of the bells on some future occasion.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting, which was a fairly successful one, over twenty members being present.

Touches of Stedman and Grandsire were afterwards rung at St. John's church, Deansgate, for the use of which bells many thanks are due to Mr. Walter Brown.

## ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.

The annual meeting for the election of officers, etc., for the above Society took place at the Parish Rooms on Wednesday, January 15th, under the chairmanship of Mr. Eagles (Parish Warden). Both the Master and Deputy-master were re-elected; the former (Mr. G. Howchin) being proposed by Mr. F. Knights, and seconded by Mr. E. Ward, and the latter (Mr. F. H. Knights), proposed by Mr. C. E. Borren, and seconded by Mr. G. Sadler. The vacancy in the Society, caused by the removal of Mr. A. W. Brighton to Cambridge, was also filled by the unanimous election of Mr. A. G. Warnes. A vote of thanks to the Chairman, who suitably responded, brought the meeting to a close.

## ST. MARY'S GUILD, TAUNTON.

The Annual Meeting of the above Guild was held in the belfry on Saturday, January 19th, the President, the Rev. Prebendary Askwith, in the chair. The following members were present:—Messrs. T. Doble, G. E. Harbour, T. W. Radford, S. Radford, A. Evans, O. Bond, J. Joyce, and J. Burge. The minutes of the last meeting were signed, and the balance-sheet of the past year was presented and passed. Owing to the resignation of Mr. T. Doble, who for several years had acted as steward, Mr. G. E. Harbour filled the vacancy, and Mr. T. Radford was re-elected conductor for the third year. It was resolved that the surplus money be paid into the Savings Bank. The following were elected as members:—J. Jones, J. Hunt, S. Wyatt, and A. Walker. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, brought the meeting to a close. Any communication respecting the above Guild to be addressed to Mr. S. E. Harbour, 7, Herbert Street, Rowbarton, Taunton.

## ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BOW, LONDON, E.

On Thursday, January 16th, the annual dinner of this society took place at The Blue Anchor inn, Bow, when members and friends to the number of twenty-two sat down to an excellent spread provided by host and hostess Drake in their usual good style, and to which full justice was done. The cloth having been removed, the Master, Mr. E. Hall, took the chair, the vice-chair being filled by the ex-Master, Mr. D. J. Sutton. The harmony of the evening commenced with a voluntary on the piano by Mr. E. G. Richards, of Forest Gate, who also accompanied throughout the evening. The first toast of the evening was that of "The Queen and Royal Family," the company singing the first verse of the National Anthem. The chairman next gave "The Bow Society." This was responded to by the Secretary, Mr. H. Springall, who in a few well-chosen words reviewed the work of the society during the past year. "The Visitors" were proposed by the vice-chairman, coupled with the name of Mr. Knight, who on rising to respond was received with loud cheers. He said it gave him great pleasure to respond to this toast. He thanked them most heartily for the way they had received it. It had been his pleasure for many years to attend their annual gatherings, but for the last five years he had been removed from their midst, so had been unable to attend, but he assured them now that he had returned to Bow, it gave him extreme pleasure to be amongst them again, and he wished the society every success.

"The Press" was next proposed by the chairman, and responded to.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the host and hostess for the very efficient manner in which they had catered for them that evening.

The host in thanking them, said the Bow society would always find good anchorage at The Blue Anchor.

Mr. S. Hayes proposed a vote of thanks to the pianist, who in a neat speech thanked the members.

"The Dinner Committee" was proposed by Mr. J. Bradley, and responded to by Mr. D. J. Sutton. Songs were contributed during the evening by the chairman and vice-chairman, Messrs. Lucas, Dallimore, Bradley, Hardy, Parmenter, Joyce, Scholes, Norris, Mason and Knight. Grandsire Triples and Caters was rung during the evening on a fine-toned peal of handbells by Shaw and Son, the following taking part: G. Fenn, 1-2; R. Fenn, 3-4; J. Bradley, 5-6; T. Faulkner, 7-8; A. Hardy, 9-10. And in the Grandsire Triples the following took part: J. Bradley, 1-2; S. E. Joyce, 3-4; T. Faulkner, 5-6; W. H. Dallimore, 7-8. The singing of "Auld lang syne," and the "National Anthem," brought a successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHWICH BRANCH.—The members of the above branch held their annual meeting at the Northwich Cocoa House on Saturday, the 18th ulto. After having partaken of a good tea, the chair was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Binney, who in an able and pleasant speech, pointed out the advantages of being members of the Guild, and thanked the ringers for the ringing which had taken place on the Church bells during the afternoon. He also moved that the branch send the Rev. Archdeacon Barber, the President of the Guild, a congratulatory letter on the addition of two bells (making a peal of eight) to the tower of his church, St. Mary's-on-the-hill, Chester, as the dedication service was taking place that afternoon. This was passed unanimously. The accounts for the last year were read and passed as correct. The Secretary reported on the efforts he had made to get various towers to join the Guild, which were not so favourable as could be expected. He, however, thought that the ringers of Peover and Weaverham would eventually join. The Vicar promised to do his best to aid the Guild to the best of his ability. Vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated a pleasant and enjoyable meeting. During the afternoon and evening several touches of Bob Minor, Bob Major, and Grandsire were rung.

## THE BATTLE SOCIETY, SUSSEX.

On Thursday, January 16th, the members of this society had their annual supper at The King's Head, host Hooker (hon. member), supplying a most excellent spread. Mr. Thomas Cane, a former churchwarden, presided. The Dean and churchwardens were prevented from being present through a Masonic engagement.

After dinner the chairman submitted "The Queen and Royal Family," which was loyally honoured.

The chairman, in proposing "The Health of the Bishop and Clergy and the Dean and Churchwardens," regretted the absence of the latter, whom all would have been glad to see present.

"The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces" was the next toast given by the chairman. Never during the lives of those present (or at least of most of them) had they passed through such anxious times as they had of late, but it was marvellous to see how fast the dark clouds were rolling away. Much of this was due to the wonderful show of preparedness made by those in authority, and the enthusiasm of the navy. The difficulty with Germany seemed to have passed over, and with regard to the American question, it was a favourable sign that England had been asked to protect the subjects of that country in South Africa. He was glad to see that Mr. Chamberlain had so courteously responded to the appeal.

Colour-Sergeant King responded, saying they had some good representatives of the auxiliary forces in Battle. They were in good condition; in fact rather better than they had hitherto been.

Mr. C. J. Hyland proposed "The Honorary Members and Subscribers." They would like to have more of the former, and for ten shillings would teach them to ring bobs and singles. He thanked the subscribers most heartily for their generous support. Perhaps the ringers would be even better supported were it known that in carrying out their duties they entered the belfry 200 times in the course of the year.

Mr. Livermore, in responding for the hon. members, expressed his thanks for the kindly manner in which he was received in the belfry.

Mr. Cane, for the subscribers, paid a high compliment to the ringers for the manner in which they carried out their duties.

The chairman, in an eloquent speech, proposed "The Battle Society." He had narrowly watched their work for many years past, which had afforded him great delight. They had a good set of bells, and the ringers were a great credit to the town, and they had the honour of opening the new peal at Christ Church, St. Leonards. No one would more heartily drink to their success than himself.

Mr. W. Franks (conductor), acknowledged the compliment, and in so doing said the touch ringing during the past year had been above the average, but he could not say much for the peal-ringing. They were not central enough to get outside help, but they must not be disheartened. They hoped shortly to make a successful attempt at a peal. He urged more attention to striking and punctuality.

Other toasts were "The Accompanist to the songs" (Miss Austin), "The Visitors," "The Press," and "The Host and Hostess."

The remainder of the evening was most enjoyably spent in vocal harmony, Miss Austin kindly presiding at the pianoforte.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this society was held on Saturday, January 11th, at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, and the following places were represented: Tipton, Lichfield, West Bromwich, Tamworth, Wolverhampton, and Burton. Touches in the Grandsire and Stedman methods were brought round, and a course of London Surprise Major was completed. An excellent tea was served in the Institute (kindly lent for the occasion), to which full justice was done, after which a vote of thanks was passed to the vicar for so kindly placing the Institute at the disposal of the members.

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The Editor, "BELL NEWS."

DEAR SIR,—Since my last contribution to your invaluable paper, we, who are so far removed from the ringing island, have not been idle, nor yet lacking in enthusiasm in the pursuit of the Art of change-ringing. Our practice during the past twelve months has been intermittent, owing principally to church services occurring so frequently on our practice-nights. This together with the fact that nearly all the towers in Sydney practice on the same night, makes it impossible to get a ring sometimes once in a fortnight. Notwithstanding these detrimental influences, we manage to progress, as will be seen by the following extracts from our peal-book.

On January 1st, 1895, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. A. H. Pope, 1; T. Joyner (conductor), 2; H. Davies, 3; M. A. Noble, 4; J. Waterman, 5; B. Joyner, 6. On May 30th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. A. H. Pope, 1; T. Joyner (conductor), 2; J. Waterman, 3; C. Porter, 4; B. Joyner, 5; M. A. Noble, 6. On July 13th, at All Saints, Parramatta, (distant from Sydney fifteen miles), 720 College Single in 27 mins. \*J. Pope, 1; M. A. Noble, 2; J. Waterman, 3; T. Joyner, 4; C. R. Howard, 5; C. Porter (conductor), 6. \*First 720. On June 28th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 29 mins. T. Joyner, 1; M. A. Noble, 2; A. Pope, 3; B. Joyner, 4; C. R. Howard, 5; C. Porter (conductor), 6. On August 8th for practice, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 360 Oxford Treble Bob. On August 19th, at Christ Church (city), 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. H. Davis, 1; A. H. Pope, 2; M. A. Noble, 3; B. Joyner, 4; C. R. Howard, 5; C. Porter (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 on the bells. On May 5th, a 720 Darling Point Minor in 26 mins. H. Davies, 1; C. Porter, 2; M. A. Noble, 3; J. Waterman, 4; B. Joyner, 5; T. Joyner (conductor), 6. On October 10th, for practice, 120 Stedman Doubles. On October 31st, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24½ mins. J. Pope, 1; M. A. Noble, 2; C. Porter, 3; J. Waterman, 4; B. Joyner, 5; T. Joyner (conductor), 6. On November 14th, on handbells, 216 Grandsire Minor. T. Joyner, 1-2; M. A. Noble, 3-4; C. Porter (conductor), 5-6.

During the past few months an Association of ringers has been inaugurated, and which promises to be a success, and although at present our membership is small, we hope that the day is not far distant when it will include the majority, if not all the ringers in the colony. A. B. JOYNER, Hon. Sec.

St. Mark's Society, Darling Point.

## THE SONNING DEANERY GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of this branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at St. Paul's Parish Room on Saturday, January 18th. The branch comprises 134 members, eighty-one of whom were present on this occasion. Tea was served at 6 p.m. After tea the business of the meeting was transacted, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis in the chair. The statement of accounts presented by the Secretary shewed a satisfactory balance of £9 10s. 4d. in favour of the Guild. The officers for the ensuing year were then elected, and a few remarks from the chairman on the work and condition of the diocesan guild, followed by the usual vote of thanks, brought the meeting to a close. Ringing afterwards took place at the towers of All Saints' and St. Paul's churches, Wokingham.

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Notices of motion and other business to be brought before the Council, must be signed by two members of Council, and should be forwarded so as to reach the Hon. Secretary at least one clear month before the date of meeting. Late notices cannot be accepted. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the subscriptions for 1896 became due on January 1st, and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary of the Council, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, without delay. Information as to any change in representation, or in the addresses of representatives, is also particularly requested.

The next triennial election of Representatives should take place between the meeting now advertised and the 1st January, 1897.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, January 2, 1896.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of this Association was held at Loughton on Saturday, January 25th. Tea was provided at The King's Head. The chair was taken at 5 p.m. by the Rev. H. Eyre, Assistant-Secretary. Thirty-five members were present from the following towers: Great Bentley, Thorington, Coggeshall, Waltham Abbey, Walthamstow, Stansted, West Ham, Barking, Tottenham, and Woodford. The usual business was transacted. The next meeting of the Association will probably be on Easter Monday at Halstead.

## Obituary.

WILLIAM HYDER.

The above ringer was born on March 12th, 1818, I believe at Mer-sham, Kent, but had resided at Aldington nearly all his life, where he learnt the Art of change-ringing under his brother Edward, and was an excellent striker in Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court Bob Minor, and a good eight-bell ringer. I have heard him relate on several occasions of ringing 88 treble leads of Bob Bob Major on Hythe bells about fifty years ago, when Henry Down (of Hythe, also ringing a bell in this touch) was 88 years of age. This was Hyder's longest touch that I have any account of. He had also rung Bob Royal at Leeds in Kent about the same time. Deceased had also took part in a 720 each of Kent, Oxford, and Double Court at Aldington, on March 25th, 1847, which is recorded on a tablet in the belfry, and strange to relate, the ringers have died as they stood in this performance: No. 1.—W. Dryland, died about 1858; 2.—R. Butcher, 1876; 3.—J. Stokes, 1885; 4.—W. Hyder, 1895; 5.—E. Hyder; T. Post, who are 83 and 77 years of age respectively. The belfry at Aldington church is about 32 feet above the ground floor, and there was a gallery about 20 feet below the present belfry until the church was restored in 1875, and it was the custom to ring at every wedding. So the ringers used to have the door open in the middle of the belfry, and then they could see right down into the chancel and commence ringing as soon as the ceremony was over. But on Sunday, October 27th, 1850, when the wedding of John Franks and Mary Hodgkin was being solemnized, deceased was assisting to raise the tenor bell, and no doubt forgot the door was open, he stepped back and fell down into the gallery and broke the back rail of one of the seats, and did not seem to be much hurt at first, but chronic rheumatism soon set in, and he never recovered from the shock, but was very helpless the rest of his life. Strange to say he died on October 27th, aged 77 years, about the same time in the day as the accident happened, forty-five years ago, and was buried on Saturday, November 2nd. A muffled peal was rung in the evening at Aldington, consisting of the whole pull and stand, and the deceased's age. He was uncle to the present conductor, W. Hyder.

P. H.

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## A DATE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR.

By THE REV. J. H. PILKINGTON,  
Framlingham.  
1896.

2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7	
2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7	
4 2 6 1 8 3 7 5	
4 6 2 1 3 8 5 7	
6 4 1 2 8 3 7 5	
6 1 4 8 2 7 3 5	
1 6 8 4 7 2 5 3	
1 6 4 8 2 7 3 5	
4 2 6 3 8 5 7	
4 2 3 5 6 7 8	W B H
2 4 6 3 5	S 2 -
6 2 4 3 5	- - -
4 3 6 2 5	- - -
6 4 3 2 5	- - -
3 2 6 4 5	- - -
6 3 2 4 5	- - -
2 6 3 4 5	- - -
3 4 2 6 5	- - -

Repeat last eight courses.

## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By JAMES GEORGE, Rugby.  
1896.

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

Six odd changes.

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

Four times repeated, single instead of bob last call in fifth part.

## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By W. DICKINSON, Heckington.  
1896.

1 2 4 3 6 5 7	6 7 2 4 5 3	2
1 4 2 6 3 7 5	3 4 6 5 7 2	1
1 4 2 3 6 7 5	4 6 3 5 7 2	4
1 4 2 3 6 5 7	2 5 4 7 6 3	1
1 2 4 3 5 6 7	6 3 2 4 7 5	2
1 2 4 3 5 7 6	3 2 6 4 7 5	4
Extra changes	7 5 3 6 4 2	2
to be made at	4 2 7 3 6 5	2
starting, then	2 7 4 3 6 5	4
as usual.	3 7 2 5 4 6	5

Four times repeated.

## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By CHARLES SMART, Steyning.  
1896.

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

Odd changes, starting at handstroke.

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

Twice repeated, s for b end of third part. This touch contains the twelve 4-6s, 6-7s, and 7-4s.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By THE REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON,  
Framlingham.  
5184.

2 3 4 5 6	W B H
2 3 5 6 4	I -
5 6 2 3 4	- -
2 5 6 3 4	- -
2 6 5 3 4	S -
5 2 6 3 4	- -
6 5 2 3 4	- -
6 2 5 3 4	S -
5 3 6 2 4	- -
6 5 3 2 4	- -
6 3 5 2 4	S -
5 6 3 2 4	- -
3 5 6 2 4	- -
3 6 5 2 4	S -
5 2 3 6 4	- -
5 3 2 6 4	S -
2 5 3 6 4	- -
3 2 5 6 4	- -
3 5 2 6 4	S -
2 6 3 5 4	- -
2 3 6 5 4	S -
6 2 3 5 4	- -
3 6 2 5 4	- -
3 2 6 5 4	S -

Repeated. Contains only the 4th and 6th in 6ths place at the course-ends, the 4th being there throughout the first part, and the 6th at home throughout the second part: also in the second part (after the first course), the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th bells come in proper succession in 5ths place. First rung at Framlingham, Dec. 26th, 1895, conducted by its composer.

## A FIVE-PART PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By A. E. BAMES, Melbourne, Australia.

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

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

Four times repeated. The parts are equal, with the exception that in any one part, at the call indicated by a star, a bob-single is made instead of a bob, which introduces the block annexed, run that block out as shown, the last call to be a bob-single, which brings the bells to the point from which the first bob-single started, and continue the calling as shown. This block can be put in any part at the same place, the bob-single simply starting at another lead of the block. I believe this to be the first five-part peal with two bob-singles in it, and to be the first peal composed out of England. A. E. B.

[This peal is proved. Its plan is not unknown to composers, but the absence of the five shunting courses from the main body of the peal appears to be a new feature in this kind of composition. This peal will admit of many interesting transpositions; it is particularly suited for making the 3rd the observation, and by reversing, a good arrangement may be had with the 7th the observation, in which the five courses may be made to fall at the commencement of the peal. We hope our Melbourne friends will soon be able to ring this composition.—Ed.]

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By H. HOWLETT, Framlingham, Suffolk.

5248.

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

Three times repeated.



A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE  
MAJOR.By FREDERICK DENCH, *Crawley, Sussex.*5024.  
2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH  
COURT BOB MAJOR.By G. LINDOFF, *Lincoln.*8064.  
2 3 4 5 6 I 4 6

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

Five times repeated. Contains the extent of 4-5-6 in 6ths. The bob at 4 can be omitted in 2nd, 4th, and 6th parts if required, which causes the three bells working their extent to do so at twenty-four consecutive courses. It can be extended to 13,440 in ten parts, by calling the bob at 4 in 2nd course of 1st, 7th, and 9th parts, and a bob at 4 in the last course of 1st, 3rd, and 5th parts.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By CORNELIUS CHARGE, *London.*5088.  
2 3 4 5 6 W 5 4 B M H

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

Five times repeated, with single at the end of 3rd and 6th parts. This composition contains the full combinations of 4-5-6.

TWO PEALS OF WOODBINE  
TREBLE BOB MAJOR.By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Lincoln.*5088.  
2 3 4 5 6 2 4 6

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

Each peal twice repeated, and contains the 6th her extent wrong and right. The bob used in these peals is made in 6ths place.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE  
SURPRISE MAJOR.By G. LINDOFF, *Lincoln.*5088.  
B M W H

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH  
COURT BOB MAJOR.By FREDERICK DENCH, *Crawley, Sussex.*5136.  
I 4 5 6

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

Twice repeated. This peal has the 6th eighteen times wrong and twenty-four times right, with the 2nd never in 6ths place.

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### The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, January 23, 1896, in Three Hours,

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

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt.

EMANUEL HALL .. .. . Treble.	SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. . 5.
THOMAS FAULKNER* .. .. . 2.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. . 6.
YORK GREEN .. .. . 3.	WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. . 7.
ALBERT HARDY* .. .. . 4.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by J. H. BARRETT of Stepney, and  
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL

\*First peal in the method. This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right.



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IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER J. SORRELL .. Treble.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 5.
FRANCIS G. GODFREY* .. 2.	JAMES WILLSHIRE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 3.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 4.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH and  
Conducted by WALTER J. SORRELL.

\*First peal in the method.

## The Provinces.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 22, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR E. HAWES .. .. Treble.	THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK C. EXON .. .. 2.	ALFRED FOX .. .. 6.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES H. EXON .. .. 4.	JAMES MOGRIDGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON, M.A.

Rung at the invitation of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of the parish, and Master of the Oxford Guild. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the rev. gentleman for conducting the peal and for so kindly entertaining them on this occasion.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

On Thursday, January 23, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART NO. 2. Tenor 13½ cwt.

J. FREEMAN* .. .. Treble.	HERBERT RANN .. .. 5.
JOHN FOX .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. ADES .. .. 6.
FREDERICK HILL .. .. 3.	PHILIP ALLFREY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 4.	*H. STALHAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

\*First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.  
(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 24, 1896, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DERITEND,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE TRIPLES,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS COLLINSON .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 5.
CHARLES SPARKES .. .. 2.	FRANK H. JAMES .. .. 6.
JAMES JONES .. .. 3.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 7.
JOHN JENNINGS .. .. 4.	*JAMES DAVIES .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is in six parts, and is the first peal in the method ever rung in the district, and the first by all the band. \*First peal.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM WOOLGAR .. .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 5.
CHARLES SMART .. .. 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
JOHN SMART .. .. 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The above was rung with the bells half-muffled, owing to the death of H.R.H. Prince Henry of Battenburg.

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1896, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs. in Eb.

FRANK HULL .. .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
FRANK SMITH .. .. 2.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 6.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 3.	*JOHN B. MARTIN .. 7.
ISAAC HILLS .. .. 4.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD and Conducted by H. SHARP.

\*First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor by H. Sharp. This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th sixteen times in 6ths place at the course-ends, the 2nd and 3rd never there. The brothers Martin belong to Higham Ferrers; the remainder to St. Paul's, Bedford.

## BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN CARTER .. .. Treble.	JOHN JENNINGS .. .. 5.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 2.	JAMES JONES .. .. 6.
THOMAS COLLINSON .. .. 3.	GEORGE WALKER .. .. 7.
CHARLES SPARKES .. .. 4.	JOHN T. PERRY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal contains the full combinations of 456 in 5-6, without the 2nd or 3rd being in 6ths place at the course-ends. This is the first peal of Bob Major rang upon the bells.

## ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 26, 1896, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE† .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. 5.
JOHN H. ROUGHT* .. .. 2.	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 6.
HARRY WARNETT .. .. 3.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 7.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by ARTHUR J. NEALE.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This composition has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place, and the 2nd never there at a course-end.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 27, 1896, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 6.
ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. 3.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by F. J. HARRISON.

## CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 27, 1896, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WARDEN WALDER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM GIBSON .. .. 5.
GEORGE WALDER, JUN. .. 2.	*ISAAC ATTWATER .. .. 6.
FREDERICK P. BENNETT* .. 3.	FREDERICK HOUNSELL .. 7.
JAMES PRIVETT .. .. 4.	JOHN OSBORNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WALDER, JUN.

\*First peal. Messrs. G. and W. Walder, J. Privett and G. Osborne hail from Bolney; the rest belong to the local band.

### HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 27, 1896, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

WALTER W. MILLER .. Treble.	JAMES DURRANT .. 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 6.
WALTER WHITING .. 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WM. SOTTANSTALL and  
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

This is a three-part peal, being the 5th one on page 419 of the composer's book.

### CHARLTON KINGS, NEAR CHELTENHAM. GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1896, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor about 21 cwt.

A. W. HUMPHRIS .. Treble.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 5.
W. T. PATES .. 2.	W. DYER .. 6.
J. AUSTIN .. 3.	G. H. PHILLOTT .. 7.
F. E. WARD .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

(No Conductor mentioned.)

### HELMSHORE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

Recently (no date given) in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

J. H. ENTWISTLE .. Treble.	J. H. BANKS .. 5.
R. WALLWORK .. 2.	J. BANKS .. 6.
T. P. BRANDWOOD .. 3.	T. WALLWORK .. 7.
G. H. LAW .. 4.	J. ENTWISTLE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by R. WALLWORK.

### Performances on Five and Six Bells.

#### HEIGHINGTON, DURHAM.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (THE DARLINGTON HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1896, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows;

Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single,  
Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure.

E. COX* .. Treble.	†T. LUNGLEY .. 4.
G. J. LUNGLEY† .. 2.	†G. PARK .. 5.
R. B. WILSON* .. 3.	†G. W. PARK .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. W. PARK.

\*First 5000. †First in seven methods. This is the first 5000 upon the bells. The ringers wish to thank the church officers for the use of the bells.

### SHIREOAKS.—THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

#### SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:

College Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York,  
Violet, Kent, and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD RUSSON .. Treble.	BENJAMIN HALL .. 4.
DANIEL RUSSON .. 2.	WILLIAM HARGREAVES .. 5.
JAMES FITZJOHN .. 3.	FREDERICK HARGREAVES .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HARGREAVES.

First 5040 by all, also the first 5040 ever rung at Shireoaks by a local company.

### NUTFIELD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION. (THE NUTFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury  
Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FRANK HAWKINS .. Treble.	WALTER HAWKINS .. 4.
JOHN TIDEY .. 2.	HENRY PETERS .. 5.
WILLIAM BURKIN .. 3.	GEORGE BOURNE .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. BURKIN.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of 6336 Treble Eight, at Speldhurst, Kent, and reported in our last, was rung on the 11th instant, not the 18th.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday, January 10th, at the residence of Mr. A. Hughes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. W. Cooter, 1-2; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 3-4; M. A. Wood (composer), 5-6; A. Hughes, 7-8. On Sunday morning, January 26th, for Divine Service at St. Matthew's church, Bethnal Green, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. Hughes, 1; J. Bonney, 2; W. Cecil, 3; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 4; I. G. Shade, 5; M. A. Wood (composer), 6; W. Prime, 7; J. Monday, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. in F. On Sunday, January 26th, at the church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for Divine Service in the evening, 1260 of Stedman Caters, in 56 mins. G. Langford, 1; F. G. Godfrey, 2; J. N. Oxborrow, 3; H. S. Ellis, 4; W. J. Sorrell, 5; J. Willshire, 6; S. Andrews, 7; C. T. P. Brice, 8; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 9; H. R. Newton, 10. This quarter-peal has the 6ths in 2nds place, and the 5th at home, and is the composition of J. P. Bradley, and was rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of H.R.H. Prince Henry of Battenberg.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Sunday, December 1st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Tuesday, December 3rd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. Also 720 Oxford Single. J. E. Ashcroft, 1; F. T. Spence, 2; H. Moston, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Sunday, December 8th, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and fourteen singles). J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; G. Lewis, 5; F. T. Spence (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 10th, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; G. Lewis, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Thursday, December 12th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; F. T. Spence, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis, 5; C. R. Greenall (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 22nd, 720 College Single. J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. Also 720 New London Pleasure. R. Greenall (conductor), 5; F. T. Spence, 6; the rest as before. On Wednesday, December 25th, at 6 a.m. 720 Bob Minor. H. Moston, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; C. R. Greenall, 6. Also 720 Oxford Single (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles). J. Mainwaring, 1; C. R. Greenall, 2; R. G. Lewis, 3; F. T. Spence (conductor), 6. On Saturday, December 28th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. H. Moston, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. Also on handbells 120 Bob Doubles. Miss A. Moston, 1; Miss C. Taylor, 2; Miss M. Taylor, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis, 5-6. On Sunday, December 29th, 720 College Single (twenty-two singles). J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; C. R. Greenall, 6. On Monday, December 30th, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; R. G. Lewis, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; C. R. Greenall, 6. First in the method by all. This band rung during the year 1895 204 720s in fourteen different methods, of which R. G. Lewis has conducted 6, J. Booth, 24, C. R. Greenall, 24, and F. T. Spence, 142.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, January 22nd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob in 29 mins. J. Hasprey, 1; J. Woods, 2; W.

Smith (conductor), 3; J. Hughes, 4; J. Dillon, 5; J. Rowlands, 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**BARKING (Essex).**—On Sunday evening, January 5th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. A. Carter, jun. (first quarter-peal), 1; C. Fenn, 2; J. H. Cook, 3; R. Fenn, 4; A. Whight, 5; T. Faulkner (conductor), 6; A. Hardy, 7; A. D. Mason (first quarter-peal), 8.

**HARLOW (Essex).**—On Tuesday, January 14th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. W. Tucker, 1; H. Perrin, jun., 2; R. Tabor, 3; G. Dent (conductor), 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; H. J. Tucker, 7; H. Perrin, sen., 8. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E. Messrs. Tucker (2) hail from Bishops Stortford.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HULL.**—On Saturday, January 11th, at Holy Trinity church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing an hour it came to grief owing to a change-course. Afterwards a quarter-peal was rung. G. T. Marshall, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; F. Saunderson, 3; J. F. Mallaby, 4; W. H. Saunderson, 5; C. Jackson (composer and conductor), 6; W. Welch, jun., 7; J. W. Dale, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. The ringers of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 7th hail from Thorne.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BEDFORD.**—On December 3rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Double Court. F. Ball, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Hall, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Smith, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Hull, 6. On December 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Ball, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; C. Chasty, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. Also 720 Woodbine. S. J. Cullip, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Tysoe, 6. On December 17th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Ball, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Toll, 3; C. Chasty, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 Violet. H. Toll, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Hull, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. F. Ball, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Toll, 3; H. Toll, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. On December 24th, 720 Woodbine. S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Sharp (conductor), 3; F. Smith, 4; W. Hall, 5; C. Chasty, 6. On December 31st, 720 Double Court. F. Ball, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; C. Chasty, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. Also 720 Woodbine. F. Hull, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Sharp, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Tysoe, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Smith, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; H. Sharp (conductor), 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Hull, 6.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**REDENHALL (Norfolk).**—On Friday, January 3rd, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, but after ringing 3800 changes in 2 hrs. and 27 mins. it came to grief. E. Smith, 1; J. Betts, 2; R. Whiting, 3; F. R. Borrett, 4; E. F. Poppy, 5; J. Tann, 6; F. Smith, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. On Saturday, January 4th, another attempt was made, which came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins., after which a course of Superlative Surprise Major was rung. E. Smith, 1; J. Betts, 2; G. Prime, 3; F. R. Borrett, 4; E. F. Poppy, 5; F. Smith, 6; J. Souter, 7; W. Pye 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

**RUSHMORE (near Ipswich).**—On Sunday, December 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Cook, 1; A. E. Durrant, 2; F. J. Tillett, 3; H. E. Gillingham, 4; J. Motts, 5; W. Pye (conductor), 6.

**TIBENHAM (Norfolk).**—On Sunday, January 19th, 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins. E. Ettridge, 1; R. Hutton, 2; G. Manser, 3; A. Howes (conductor), 4; G. Smith, 5; J. Hilton, 6. Tenor 23 cwt. Ettridge and Howes hail from Attleborough.

**NORWICH.**—On Thursday, January 9th, a band met in the tower of St. Peter Mancroft to attempt a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, in honour of the twentieth birthday of Mr. J. A. Trollop, but just as they were about to pull off they were stopped through illness. They then adjourned to the church of St. Michael of Coslany, and started for a peal of Bob Triples, but after nearly 1800 changes the second rope broke, effectually putting an end to further peal-ringing that evening. J. A. Trollop (composer and conductor), 1; G. Howchin, 2; A. G. Warnes, 3; F. J. Howchin, 4; G. Smith, 5; C. E. Borrett, 6; F. Knight, 7; W. Bales, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. On Tuesday, January 14th, at St. Giles' church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major,

but the tenor rope unstranded and the conductor called the bells round at the 1056th change. J. A. Trollop (composer and conductor), 1; G. Howchin, 2; A. G. Warnes, 3; A. Crisp, 4; F. Burleigh, 5; F. J. Howchin, 6; F. H. Knight, 7; C. E. Borrett, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt. This attempt was arranged for the ringers of the 4th and 5th, who belong to East Dereham. Afterwards some Grandsire Triples was rung.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BURTON (Northants).**—On Saturday, January 11th, the Finedon ringers visited Burton and rung 720 Bob Doubles. F. Abbot, 1; L. Cooper, 2; W. Perkins, 3; P. J. Mannering, 4; J. T. Tompkins (conductor), 5. And 240 in the same method. T. Abbot, 1; J. T. Tompkins, 2; W. Perkins, 3; P. J. Manning, 4; J. Meadows (conductor), 5. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. T. Abbot, 1; J. T. Tompkins (conductor), 2; J. Meadows, 3; P. J. Manning, 4; W. Perkins, 5. The ringers heartily thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**READING (Berks).**—On Tuesday, January 14th, at St. Giles' church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Boddington, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; A. E. Reeves, jun., 3; J. F. Tarrant, 4; A. E. Evans, 5; J. Hands, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; W. J. King, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

**BURNLEY (Lancashire).**—On Christmas morning, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. N. Townend, 1; D. Campbell, 2; T. Redman, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; H. Heyworth (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 29th, for evening service, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. D. Campbell, 1; R. Ashworth, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; F. Towns, 5; H. Heyworth, 6; D. Heys, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On New Year's Eve, for the watch-night service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. D. Heys, 1; N. Townend, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; F. Towns, 5; H. Heyworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On January 5th, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Heyworth, 1; D. Campbell, 2; J. B. Taylor (Waterfoot), 3; R. Ashworth, 4; J. R. Werring, 5; J. W. Stirk, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. For evening service 168 in the same method standing as above. On Tuesday, January 7th, for practice 720 Violet. T. Mouncey, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; T. Redman (first 720 in the method), 4; D. Heys, 5; H. Heyworth (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 12th, for morning service, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. N. Townend, 1; T. Redman, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; H. Heyworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; D. Heys (conductor), 8. For evening service, 704 in the same method. D. Campbell, 1; R. Ashworth, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; T. Redman, 4; F. Towns, 5; D. Heys, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; H. Heyworth (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, January 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Heyworth, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; T. Mouncey, 4; W. Wormwell (first 720), 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**PENARTH.**—On Sunday morning, December 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Jones, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob, standing as before. This is J. Vinnicombe's 250th 720. On Tuesday, December 20th, for practice, 720 Kent. G. Watkins, 1; W. B. Biss (conductor), 2; D. Thomas, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. And a 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles). J. Jones, 1; D. Thomas (conductor), 2; F. Bartlett, 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; H. G. White (Cardiff), 5; G. Watkins (Barry), 6. On Sunday morning, December 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; H. Roberts (Cheltenham), 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; J. E. Cooke, 4; T. Northey, 5; G. Watkins, 6. On Christmas Day for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. D. Thomas (conductor), 1; F. Bartlett, 2; J. Cox (Bridgend), 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; T. Northey, 5; G. Watkins, 6. On Friday, December 27th, 720 Plain Bob (fifteen bobs and six singles). C. Smith, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; D. Thomas, 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; T. Northey, 5; H. Roberts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, December 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Jones, 1; J. Cox, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Cox, 1; D. Thomas, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; J. C. Cooke, 4; T. Northey, 5; H. Roberts (conductor), 6.

**PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY.**—On Thursday, December 26th, on the occasion of the Quarterly Meeting, 720 Kent. G. Watkins, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Vinnicombe, 5; H.

Roberts (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob. R. Evans, 1; G. Watkins, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; H. Roberts, 5; C. Smith, 6.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On November 8th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Townson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Christmas morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. Suart, 2; R. W. Burrows (conductor), 3; C. J. A. Cushing, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (Bury), 6.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Wednesday, January 8th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. F. Bradley, 1-2; W. Wallace, 3-4; A. H. Ward, 5-6; S. W. Maskrey, 7-8. Composed by H. Franks and conducted by F. Bradley. On September 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Bradley, 1-2; W. Wallace, 3-4; A. H. Ward (conductor), 5-6; John Howe, 7-8. On November 17th, 672 Grandsire Triples, and 464 Bob Major, ringers as before. Conducted by A. H. Ward. On December 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. John Howe, 1-2; W. Wallace, 3-4; A. H. Ward, 5-6; F. Bradley (conductor), 7-8. This quarter-peal contains the twelve 4-6's and the twelve 7-4's, and is the composition H. W. Wilde, of Duffield. On January 3rd, 1386 Grandsire Triples. F. Bradley, 1-2; W. Wallace, 3-4; A. H. Ward (conductor), 5-6; S. Maskrey, 7-8. This touch contains the twelve 4-6's, the twelve 7-4's and the twelve 6-7's, and is taken from the *Clavis*.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSTON (Lancashire).—On Monday, January 27th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. J. Page, 1; J. Hall, 2; T. Bannister, 3; R. Hough, 4; W. Sumner (conductor), 5; W. Walton, 6; T. Dalton, 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of sympathy and condolence with the Royal Family on the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, December 31st, for midnight service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; G. Durling, 4; P. F. Harman, 5; F. Sanders, 6; T. Harford (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. Also after service to welcome in the New Year, 546 Oxford Bob Triples. G. Simpson, 1; F. Sanders, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; R. Humphrey, 6; T. Harford, 7; W. James, 8.

#### THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Monday, January 27th, at the church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, a muffled peal, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. C. F. Winney (conductor), 1; H. Langdon, 2; J. W. Mansfield, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; J. Coomb, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; F. Butler, 7; W. F. Meads, 8; E. P. O'Meara, 9; J. Barry, 10. The above was rung as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. W. Chew, for thirty-five years a greatly esteemed member of this Society, who died somewhat suddenly on the 8th inst. through a fall downstairs.

#### ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

STAMFORD.—On Tuesday, December 31st, at St. Martin's church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 24 mins. G. Slaughter, 1; R. S. Cox, 2; R. Wyche, 3; F. Dennison, 4; C. Harper, 5; Rev. H. Law James (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 6th, 720 Court Bob Minor in 23½ mins. R. S. Cox, 1; E. Popple, 2; W. Turner, 3; C. Harper, 4; F. Dennison, 5; Rev. H. Law James (conductor), 6.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, January 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. Joe Thackray (first 720 in the method as conductor), 1; B. Cowling, 2; J. Summersall (first 720 in any method, and hails from Pateley Bridge), 3; M. Broadbent, 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; J. Guy, 6. For evening service 180 Bob Minor. F. Keray, 1; B. Cowling, 2; J. Summersall, 3; M. Broadbent, 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; Joe Thackray (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. Joe Thackray, 1; the rest as in the 180. Tenor 16 cwt.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN (Kent).—On Thursday, January 9th, 2520 Grandsire Triples. A. Smith, 1; R. G. Castle, 2; R. Staines, 3; J. E. Chambers, 4; H. F. Foreman, 5; A. F. Castle, 6; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 7; W. Foreman, 8. On Sunday, January 12th, 504 and 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Foster, 1; R. G. Castle, 2; R. Staines, 3; J. Chambers, 4; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 5; A. T. Castle, 6;

H. F. Foreman, 7; W. Foreman, 8. The whole of the above was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mr. G. Boulden, who died on January 2nd, aged seventy. Mr. Boulden was one of the oldest and most respected tradesmen in Boughton.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Saturday, January 11th, for practice, two courses of London Surprise. G. Paice, 1; J. Rice, 2; J. R. Sharman, 3; F. Dench, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; F. W. Rice, 8. And 448 Superlative Surprise. G. Paice, 1; J. Rice, 2; J. R. Sharman, 3; H. Wood, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; F. Dench, 8. On Sunday, January 12th, for morning service, 448 in the same method by the same band. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Parker, 1; J. Newnham, 2; H. Wood, 3; G. Attfield, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; F. W. Rice, 6; J. R. Sharman (conductor), 7; J. Rice, 8.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 15th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. T. Wakeman, 1; N. Davies, 2; G. Salter, 3; E. C. Hunt, 4; J. Bennett, 5; J. Pagett, 6; T. J. Salter (conductor), 7; J. Crane, 8. Longest touch by T. Wakeman. On Sunday, December 22nd, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Salter, 1; J. Chance, 2; E. Gilbert, 3; N. Davies, 4; J. Bennett, 5; J. Pagett, 6; T. J. Salter (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. On Sunday, December 29th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Bennett, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; T. J. Salter (conductor), 3; J. Bennett, jun., 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; G. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; F. Smith, 8. On December 31st, at midnight, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Bennett, 1; N. Davies, 2; G. Salter, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; J. Crane, 5; J. Pagett, 6; W. H. Smith (conductor), 7; T. Wakeman, 8. And 240 Double Norwich. On Sunday, January 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Chance, 1; T. Wakeman, 2; T. J. Salter (conductor), 3; E. Gilbert, 4; N. Davies, 5; J. Bennett, 6; J. Pagett, 7; T. Roberts, 8. F. Smith hails from Bushey, Herts; J. Chance, E. Gilbert and T. Roberts from Chaddesley Corbett.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 19th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. W. H. Sumner, 1; F. Sumner, 2; F. Clayton, 3; J. S. Pritchett, 4; T. Pritchett, 5; W. S. Pritchett (conductor), 6; J. Betterton, 7; G. Cooper, 8. Composed by John Wright, formerly of King's Norton, but now resident in the United States. In ringing this musical composition, his old friends wish Mr. Wright a happy New Year, and cordially invite him back again.

LIVERPOOL.—On Tuesday, December 31st, at the parish church of St. Nicholas, with the bells muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Rich, wife of J. D. Rich, Esq., J.P., and mother of the Rev. L. J. Rich, of the above church, the usual whole pull and stand and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Fisher (conductor), 1; J. Moore, 2; W. Davies, 3; J. Evans, 4; T. Hammond, 5; G. Foote, 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Friday, December 27th, at St. Edmund's church, 336 Double Norwich. J. Houghton, sen., 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettit, 3; A. Perkins, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; J. Garratt, 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; J. Sharman (conductor), 8. And 336 Bob Major. J. Houghton, 1; J. Garratt, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; J. Mackay, 5; W. Roberts, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Sharman, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Perkins, 1; J. Garratt, 2; W. Pettit, 3; F. Gilbert (conductor), 4; J. Mackay, 5; W. Roberts, 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; J. Freeman, 8. And a course each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. And at St. Giles' church, 336 Double Norwich. H. Stubbs, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Perkins, 3; J. Garratt, 4; W. Pettit, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; F. Gilbert (conductor), 8. And a course of Grandsire Caters. H. Stubbs, 1; J. Houghton, jun., 2; J. Mackay, 3; C. Newman, 4; J. Garratt, 5; W. Pettit, 6; F. Gilbert, 7; W. Roberts, 8; W. Thomson, 9; W. Ward, 10.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Saturday, December 7th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 360 Double Court. F. Kirk, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; J. Garratt, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Houghton and Garratt hail from Irthlingborough.

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## Notices.

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**The Midland Counties' Association.**—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Birmingham, to-day, Saturday, February 1st. The following towers open for ringing from 3.0 p.m., viz: St. Martin's (12 bells), St. Philip's (10 bells), Aston (10 bells), St. John's, Deritend (8 bells), Bishop Ryder's (8 bells), St. Chad's r.c. Cathedral (8 bells). Committee meeting at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., followed by general meeting, both at Queens College. Members who have paid their subscriptions for 1895 and send their names to Mr. John Carter, 257, Park road, Aston, Birmingham, not later than Wednesday, January 29th, will be charged 6d. each for tea; local members, and others not complying with above stipulations 1s. each as usual. At this meeting a proposed addition to rule 4 will be discussed, viz.: "Any member owing two years' subscriptions shall have their names erased from the books." Mr. Griffin has kindly arranged special trains to leave Derby at 1.10 p.m. and Leicester 1.15 p.m. Parties of eight or more from other centres can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station. Members on arrival are requested to proceed either to St. Martin's or St. Philip's. J. O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec.  
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Frome to-day, Saturday, February 1st. Towers open—Frome (8 bells), Mells (8 bells), and Buckland Dinham (6 bells). Short service in church at 3.0 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting.

HY. W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec. and Treas.  
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**Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Heene (8 bells), to-day, Saturday, February 1st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m., tea at 5 p.m., short special service at 6 p.m. A six-bell tower within easy walk.

REV. J. W. G. LODER COTTER, Hon. Sec.  
Yapton Vicarage, Arundel.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of this association will be held at Newcastle to-day, Saturday, February 1st.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } Hon. Secs.  
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**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at St. Thomas', church, Pendleton, to-day, Saturday, February 1st. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m., business at 7.0 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—General meeting at Loddon on Tuesday, February 4th. Dinner at 1.30; 2s. 3d. hon., 1s. 3d. company members. Railway stations, Ellingham or Reedham. Conveyances to or from 6d. (to be paid to hon. sec.) Towers open—Loddon (8 bells), Norton (6), Raveningham (5). Hon. sec. requests notice by January 30th, with name of station and number requiring reduced fare.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.  
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on

Saturday, February 8th. Tea at 5 o'clock, business meeting at 6. The local hon. sec. is Mr. V. Hawkins, Chapel street, Rawmarsh.

B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.  
14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Rochdale, on Saturday, February 8th. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m., meeting at 6.0 p.m. Methods to be practised are Grandsire and Treble Bob.

EDWIN B. SHAW, Branch Sec.  
14, Thomas Street, Lees.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—Owing to the death of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg, the monthly meeting for February is postponed till Saturday, February 8th, at St. Luke's church, Liverpool. Members are requested to attend.

ALFRED G. NICHOLSON, Hon. Sec.  
30, Upper Stanhope Street, Liverpool.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Members are requested to attend St. Paul's meeting on Tuesday, February 11th, when important business affecting rule 1, will be discussed. The sum of 1s. 8d. in lieu of booking fees is now due.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.  
37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**Hertfordshire Association.**—District meeting at Hertford on Saturday, February 15th.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

**The Waterloo Society, London.**—The 28th anniversary dinner of this society will take place at The York hotel, Waterloo road, on Saturday, February 15th. Tickets, 3s. each, to be had of the following dinner committee. H. N. Davis, 419, Old Kent road, S.E., F. J. Pitts, 128, Leathwaite road, Clapham Junction, S.W., H. Barton, 36, Havel street, Camberwell, W. Hasted, 37, Rita road, Vauxhall park, E. Fraser, 37, Vincent street, Westminster, and of F. G. PERRIN, Hon. Sec.  
42, Aylesbury Street, Walworth, London, S.E.

**Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting will be held at Harrietsham, on February 15th. Tower (8 bells), open at 3. Short service and unveiling of peal-board by Rev. C. Marsham, at 5. Committee meeting at The Roebuck at 5.40. Tea at 6. Half fares paid up to 2s. Members wishing for tea tickets kindly apply not later than February 9th, to

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**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—A meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday, February 15th. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Meat tea at 5 o'clock at The Lambton Arms. Members 1s., non-members 2s. The bells of the parish church will be at the disposal of members during the day. Those intending to be present please reply before February 13th, to

THOMAS HUDSON, Hon. Sec.  
314, High Street West, Sunderland.

N.B.—Subscriptions for 1895-6 are now due.

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, February 15th. Cathedral tower open from 12.0 to 3.30 and from 5.0 to 7.0 p.m. Twyford (6), open during afternoon. Business meeting at Wolvesey Palace at 3.30. Election of representative on Central Council, Barnett memorial, etc. Arrangements will be made for tea after the meeting.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.  
Peaslake, Shere, Guildford.

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The Johnson Commemoration will be combined this year with the Guild's Anniversary Dinner, and arrangements are being made for holding the same on Saturday, February 29th. Every full subscribing member of one year's standing is entitled to a dinner ticket free, and other members or friends can obtain tickets at 3s. each by application to the undersigned. Further particulars will be announced next week.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**Notice.**—The club-house of the various ringing organisations in Norwich (company, society, and benefit club), has been removed to Mr. F. H. Knights, The Eagle, St. Gregory's, from whence any information can be obtained as to ringing arrangements in the city.

**HORNSEY (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, January 12th, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. E. King, 1; J. Ward, 2; G. Griffin, 3; J. Miller, 4; W. Dixon, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6.

**SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).**—On Wednesday, January 15th, for practice, four 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering. A. Jacob, 1; G. Newson (conductor), 2; J. Miller, 3; C. Bale, 4; H. Newby, 5; J. Howard, 6; A. Miller, 7; J. Hitch, 8.

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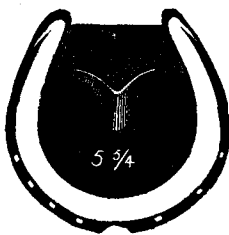
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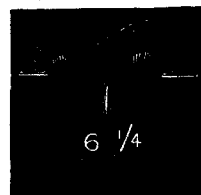
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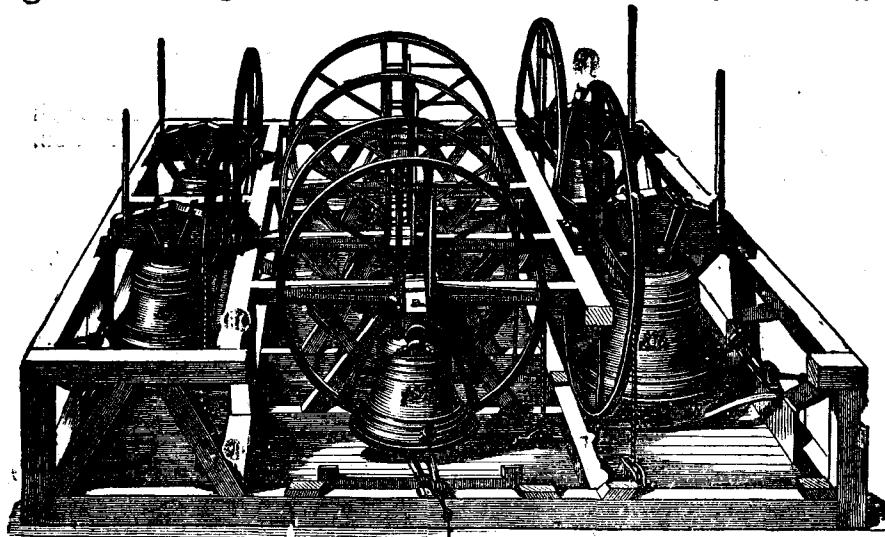
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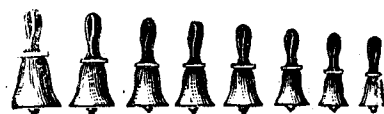
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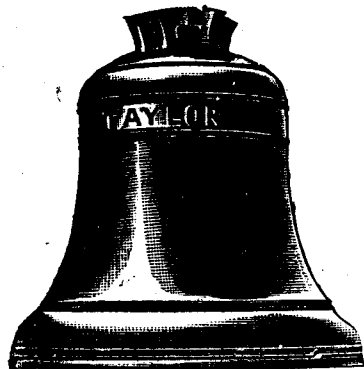
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