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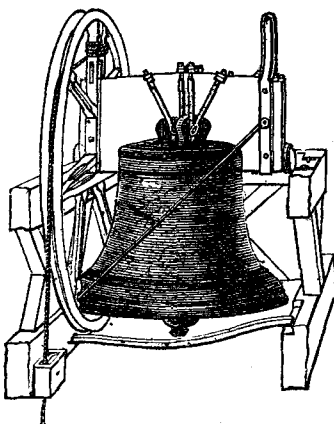
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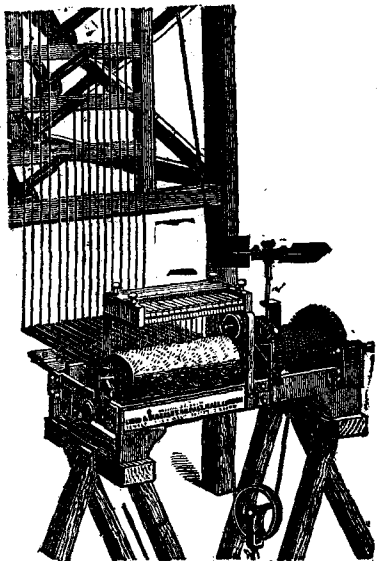
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OPENING OF BELLS AT RACKENFORD, DEVONSHIRE.

SOME seven or eight years ago this parish possessed a peal of five bells, with a tenor of about 8½ cwt.; these having fallen into bad order and the woodwork being manifestly unsafe, it was determined to recast the defective bells and rehang the whole. The job was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who recast three of the old bells, and added a tenor which was presented by Henry C. Devon, Esq., J.P., of Cruwyshayes. The foundry work was completed in the year 1878, which date the bells bear, but from various causes they remained for some time at the foundry. They are of the following weights and notes:—

Treble.—4 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs. in E. (Recast).
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Why in a peal of this description there should be a difference of something like 6 cwt. between the 5th and tenor is a mystery, especially when the difference is so small between the other bells. We know of a case in another parish where the bells are of the same notes, but the tenor certainly does not touch 12 cwt., and yet she is held to be a magnificent bell, both in tone and power.

To Messrs. Taylor was entrusted the fitting up of the bells, that firm supplying stocks, wheels, gudgeons and bearings, etc.; but to Mr. Harry Stokes, bellhanger, of Woodbury, Devon, was given the job of hanging them, and for that purpose a massive frame was constructed by him of well-seasoned oak presented by H. C. Devon, Esq.: the venerable rector, the Rev. E. Pole, with Mr. Yendell and others, being very energetic in raising the necessary funds. With the materials given him Mr. Stokes has done his work to the satisfaction of all concerned, the "go" of the bells leaving nothing to be desired. And here let us add a word of warning to parsons, churchwardens, and others who are about to have bells rehung, etc.; on no account allow the bellhanger to daub his stocks, wheels, and stays with paint of any colour, for verily paint "covereth a multitude of sins." Of course the majority of bellhangers can safely be trusted to use none but the very best materials, but still it is best that the woodwork should be seen in its native freshness by those who are appointed to pass judgment on the work. If painting is considered necessary it should not be allowed till after the work has been passed by those competent to judge, and who have been appointed for that purpose; but to our mind nothing equals a good coat of varnish or two, or even linseed oil, renewed say, once a year.

Saturday, December 29th, was the day set apart for the Dedication and opening, and for that purpose the St. Peter's Society, Tiverton, was invited. The following members, who also belong to the Devonshire Guild, drove over, and on their arrival were well looked after at the rectory: E. Munday, J. Grater, jun., R. Grater, jun., T. Woodwards, J. Babbage, and J. Davey, with G. F. Coleridge, Esq., of Cadbury, who took the place of Mr. Lewis Mackenzie, who was unavoidably prevented from being present.

Having plentifully refreshed the inner man, a move was made to the tower, and the work carefully examined, but the ropes having been only placed that morning on the wheels, were somewhat too elastic for ringing.

The Service, which was taken from the appendix to the *Change-Ringers' Guide*, commenced at 2.30 p.m., and was conducted by the Rural Dean, the Rev. J. Matthews, Vicar of Knowstone. A very large congregation assembled, and amongst others we noticed the Revs. J. T. L. Gueritz, Rector of Templeton, and R. W. Atkins, Rector of Creacombe. In addition to the special hymn, "Hymns A. & M." Nos. 166, 296, and 365, were sung "lustily and with a good courage," the latter, while the collection was being made. A word of praise may be given to the choir who ably led the singing, notably in the special Psalms. A few rounds were rung at the appointed time before the sermon, which was preached by the Venerable Rector, who took for his text, 1 Cor. xiv. 40.—"Let everything be done decently and in order." After mentioning that the bells of that church had been silent for seven years, and that bells had been in use in the Church of England for 1000 years, the preacher spoke of the two silver trumpets and other musical instruments used in the Jewish services. When chiming, the bells seem to say, "Come all to meet thy God." Let the funeral knell be a warning for your last departure; and when you hear it, ask yourselves the question—"Am I prepared to die?" When we hear the merry peal on festal and wedding days, they proclaim God's glory with praise and thanksgiving. The bells should not be rung on party occasions, for this would produce discord instead of concord. The ringers' office is essentially a holy office, and the bells sacred instruments used for God's greater glory. Formerly the clergy themselves were the ringers, e.g., the chantry priests at our own Cathedral, who were responsible for chiming the bells at the stated hours. Seven years was but a short time to wait for the

restoration, for did not the Jews wait in a strange land "by the waters of Babylon" for seventy years in sorrow? But now the work was completed, let there be no more sighing and sadness.

Service being concluded, numerous six-scores of Grandsire were rung with some Minor, conducted by Mr. Coleridge and Mr. Munday; ringing being kept up till past four, when a public tea was held in the schoolroom, and at which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells, much to the delight of a large audience. A numerous assemblage of round ringers attended from various parishes, and not a few from long distances, the parishes of Witheridge, Cruwys Morchard, Worlington, Puddington, Cadeleigh and Cadbury being represented. Among these, several copies of the Christmas and back numbers of "THE BELL NEWS" were distributed; many appeared only too pleased to receive them, but one individual to whom a copy was offered eyed it with evident suspicion, fearing that it might contain something referring to that horrible and deleterious invention, change-ringing, in his opinion no doubt a far worse and more dangerous invention than dynamite or other highly explosive substance; eventually, however, he accepted it, and let us hope it will be the means of stirring up in his manly breast a desire to learn the art, and persuade others to do so also. After tea more Doubles were rung, and the bells lowered and handed over to the Witheridge and Cruwys Morchard men, who had obtained the Rector's permission to ring. These indulged the neighbourhood with ups and downs and rounds and rounds for some time, until, when essaying an intricate peal of Singles, locally known as "The Queen's Peal," or "Tibby's Fancy," one of the performers, who was pulling his bell like a modern Samson, managed to break the stay and overthrow the bell, just in time so as not to interfere with a Penny Reading which was held in the National School adjoining, at 7 o'clock. The Tiverton men previous to their return, again partook of the rector's hospitality, and they take this opportunity of thanking him and Mrs. Pole for their kindness. Let us hope that under the donor of the tenor—who has given such substantial proof of his interest in the belfry, or some other influential person—a band may be speedily formed in Rackenford, for the practice of change-ringing, and be the means of introducing it into a district where real ringing and its *vade mecum* "THE BELL NEWS," have been hitherto unknown.

RINGERS' OUTING AT POOLE (DORSETSHIRE) AND NEIGHBOURING PLACES.

ON St. Stephen's Day, Messrs. A. Grist, Merritt, Staden, Green, Vivash, Scovell and Coleburn, of the St. Peter's company, Bournemouth, met Messrs. J. R. Jerram, T. Blackburn, and C. A. Clements, members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, from Salisbury, and proceeded to Cranborne, Dorset, where they rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, tenor behind. After being kindly entertained at dinner by the curate, in the absence of the vicar, they proceeded to Wimborne St. Giles, where they rang six 6-scores in the same method. On the following day, being the festival of St. John the Evangelist, they proceeded to Poole and rang a few courses of Grandsire Triples on the eight bells at St. James's church, tenor 19 cwt., all cast by W. Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk, in 1821. Here they were joined by Mr. Lines and Mr. Holfield, of the Oxford Guild. In the afternoon they went to Wareham and rang a short time on the eight bells there, cast by W. and T. Mears, tenor 17 cwt., but the belfry was so noisy that not much was done.

On Holy Innocents' Day, they returned to Bournemouth, and after ringing one or two courses of Grandsire Triples on the bells of St. Peter's, tenor 20 cwt., they separated, well pleased with their three days' outing.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

ON Christmas-day, two members of the Bedford Company visited Raunds, and through the kindness of the ringers were enabled to have a pull on the splendid ring of six, tenor 20 cwt.; when the following was accomplished at midnight: A 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins., with eight bobs, six singles. G. Kirk, 1; J. Stubbs, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; W. Hall, 4; W. Allen, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also for Divine Service, in the morning a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins., with nine bobs. G. Kirk, 1; W. Allen, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; F. Gilbert (first in the method, as conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs two singles, in 27 mins. C. W. Clarke, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; W. Allen, 3; W. Hall, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Mr. Clarke and Mr. Allen, members of the Bedfordshire Association, wish, through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank their Raunds friends for so kindly meeting to have a pull with them; also to return their sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert for so kindly entertaining them at their residence, and hope that they will have the pleasure of again visiting Raunds, when they hope to see a peal of eight bells in the tower, as the ringers are well deserving of two new trebles, and they also hope that a way of getting them may be found.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association was held at Leicester, on Saturday, December 29th, when ringers attended from Derby, Nottingham, Burton-on-Trent, Loughborough, Long Eaton, Syston, and Belgrave.

By the kindness of the respective vicars and churchwardens, the towers of St. Martin's, St. Mary's, St. Mark's, St. Saviour's and St. George's churches, were thrown open to members of the Association, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the day.

A committee-meeting for transacting the private business of the Association, was held in St. Margaret's schools at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon. Tea was served at 5 o'clock; and subsequently a general meeting of the members was held, at which the Rev. James H. Fish, vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, and President of the Association, presided. The following peals were reported to have been rung by the Association during the quarter: 5040 Grandsire Triples, at Long Eaton; 5040 Grandsire Triples at St. Peter's, Nottingham; 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent; 5040 Grandsire Triples at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent; 5040 Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Cole-Orton; and 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the vicars and churchwardens of the respective churches for their kindness in placing their belfries at the disposal of the Association, and the Rev. Canon Clayton, in replying, expressed his regret that the fine peal of ten at his own church of St. Margaret's had not been available owing to interruptions in the work of restoration, caused by the Christmas holidays. He trusted, however, that on the occasion of their next visit, the bells would be found to be in excellent ringing order. The Rev. Mr. Gedge also responded, and in the course of his reply related several incidents connected with his first curacy at Sowerby, Yorkshire, where he came in close contact with Mr. Sottanstill, the well-known Yorkshire composer and ringer. On the motion of Mr. Wibberly (Nottingham), seconded by Mr. Jaggar (Burton-on-Trent), it was carried unanimously that the next meeting of the Association be held in Derby, on Easter Monday, April 14th, 1884.

THE TUNBRIDGE WELLS COMPANY AT WADHURST, SUSSEX.

On Wednesday, December 26th, the members of the St. Peter's society of Tunbridge Wells paid a visit to Wadhurst, Sussex, where, although half-pull ringing is unknown, everything connected with the steeple was found in fair order. In relating the particulars of this visit our correspondent says: "Through the kindness of Myles Fenton, Esq. (manager of the S. E. Railway) in causing a late train to stop at the station—a much later train than the ordinary last one—we were enabled to spend a good long evening there. I don't think it is generally known among my brother-strings, that on writing to the general manager of a railway (or get the local station-master to do it) he will give instructions for a late through train (should there be one) to stop at any particular station, when the party who desires to be so accommodated amount to six in number and upwards.

"I have visited several belfries in this neighbourhood, but I find Wadhurst is very much superior to most of them where change-ringing is not practised, and the ringers appeared to be above the average, in point of intelligence, of ordinary call-change ringers. If they set to work in real earnest, they would soon master the method, which would amply repay them for the trouble taken in learning it. I took five or six back numbers of our paper, and distributed them amongst the local company, and I hope they will become continual subscribers to so interesting a journal, and do what they can to get others to subscribe to it. Our company take this opportunity of thanking the Wadhurst ringers for their hospitality, and endeavouring to make their visitors comfortable. All our company are very pleased with the Christmas number, and join with me in wishing you 'A Happy New Year,' and success to our paper."

THE FIRST 720 OF BOB MINOR IN SALISBURY.

On Saturday evening, December 29th, the first 720 of Bob Minor ever rung in Salisbury by local men was accomplished at St. Martin's. The striking throughout was clear and true, and several witnesses were there to prove this. The ringers were:—H. Dowling, 1; *C. A. Clements, 2; A. S. Dowling, 3; *T. Blackburn, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; *J. R. Jerram (conductor), 6; called with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 29 mins. Those marked thus* are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. This 702 was nearly accomplished some weeks ago, but the bells got into a muddle in the last lead, and did not come out clear, and consequently it could not be considered to have been effected.

THE BRIGHTON SOCIETY.

The annual dinner of this society recently took place at the "Morning Star" Inn, Church Street, Brighton, when Host and Hostess Awcock placed before their guests one of those excellently-prepared repasts for which their establishment is famous. There was about forty present, including visitors, the chair being occupied by Mr. Tebbs, who was supported by the Rev. A. A. L. Gedge, Mr. G. F. Attree, Mr. H. Boniface (secretary), Mr. Hilder, "Windmill Inn," etc. The vice-chairs were occupied by Messrs Jay and Awcock, and amongst those present were Messrs. St. John, Ross, Slarks, Boast, Weston, Butler, Emery, Weston, Terry, Marshall, Holgin, Harvey Tyler, Davey, White, etc. On the removal of the cloth, the secretary read letters of apology from the vicar of St. Nicholas' (the Rev. J. J. Hannah) and the churchwardens, Messrs. Smithers and Shelley), and several members of this society, who were unavoidably absent through illness or other causes.—The Chairman then proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, Mr. Terry and Mr. Jay responding on behalf of "The Army, Navy and Reserve Forces." Mr. Attree next gave "The Lord Bishop of the Diocese and the Archdeacon of Lewes" (Dr. Hannah), and in doing so paid a warm tribute of respect to the clergy in general, and spoke of the many virtues of the Lord Bishop and the Ven. Archdeacon. Of the latter the speaker said it would be impossible to find a more able or better man to preside over church affairs in the town of Brighton.—The Rev. A. A. L. Gedge responded, and expressed a wish that the Ven. Archdeacon had been present with them that night to respond to the toast himself. He then alluded to bells and bell-ringing, and said that bell-ringing was first started by the Bishops many generations ago, and since then they had been instrumental in keeping up the old custom, and if it had not been for their efforts they would not have had such noble structures for the purpose of ringing as they now had.—Mr. H. Boniface next proposed "The Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Nicholas," and spoke very highly of the great kindness they had always received at the hands of the Vicar and the Churchwardens and sidesmen.—The Rev. A. A. L. Gedge and Mr. Slarks, whose names had been associated with the toast, suitably responded.—The next toast was "The Brighton Society of Change Ringers," which was proposed by the Chairman in most felicitous terms. He eulogised the efforts of the Brighton Society to bring out young talent in bell-ringing, and commended the practice as a very healthy exercise.—Mr. H. Boniface, the Secretary, in responding, thanked the visitors and members of the Society for their attendance, and referred to the changes which had taken place in the past connected with bell-ringing in Brighton. He then spoke of the matter being taken up by influential gentlemen connected with the town, stating that the improvement in ringing and ringers were beyond comparison to former times. He next alluded to the Bishop of the Diocese being in favour of the art, also of the clergy connected with their parish churches, and referred to the many beautiful peals of bells that were hung in various parts of the county. The speaker then referred to other counties having associations for improvement in bell-ringing, mentioning both Kent and Surrey, and suggested that the present was a fitting time to form a similar association of the kind in Sussex, which would go far to improve both ringing and ringers morally and socially. The speaker concluded by saying if in the course of twelve months the suggestion thrown out could be acted upon the patronage of the Lord Bishop might be obtained, with the Archdeacon of Lewes as president, and circulars might be issued to the clergy and the various bands of ringers throughout the county calling a meeting at Brighton, from which a Committee might be formed and the whole project taken into consideration. The remarks of the speaker were loudly applauded, and his sentiments were cordially endorsed by all present.—The remaining toasts were the "Brighton Society of Amateur Change-Ringers," proposed by the Vice-Chairman, and responded to by Mr. Attree in very suitable terms; "The St. Paul's Guild of Ringers;" "The Visitors and the Press;" "The Chairman and Vice-Chairman," and "The Host and Hostess," with many thanks to the latter for the admirable manner in which the dinner had been served. Some songs agreeably enlivened the proceedings, with performances on hand-bells. The evening was a most enjoyable one.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE next Quarterly Festival will be held at Cheltenham on Monday, January 14th. Divine Service at St. Mary's church at 11.30; Dinner at the "Eight Bells" at one o'clock, towards which each performing member will be allowed 1s. 6d. by the Association. The Hon. Sec. particularly requests a reply to this notice before Wednesday, January 9th, of any one's intention to be present. Performing members will kindly send word through their Committee-man. The above sum will be disallowed to those who fail to comply with this request.

PITT EYKYN, Hon Sec.

THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES SOCIETY.

On the 21st ult., the members of this Society held their Annual Supper at the "Custom House" Hotel. The chair was occupied by Mr. Clarkson, the Master of the company, the vice-chair by Mr. Whitfield, the oldest member. The company, which numbered about twenty, included, besides local friends, Mr. R. S. Story, of Newcastle, and Mr. Challenor. The loyal toasts were proposed by the chairman, and received with the utmost enthusiasm, and in thorough keeping with the reception accorded by Stockton on this day to the Prince and Princess of Wales. The vice-chairman proposed "The Vicar and Churchwardens of the Parish Church," which was responded to by Mr. Dain, one of the sidesmen. This was followed by "The Mayor and Corporation of Stockton," to which Mr. Councillor Bradley responded. Mr. Dain proposed, "The Ringers of the Parish Church," to which Mr. W. Stephenson and Mr. Whitfield responded. Other toasts followed, including that of "The Ringing Visitors," responded to by Mr. Story and Mr. Challenor. The proceedings were interspersed with songs excellently rendered, and also a course of Bob Royal, followed by a course of Grandsire Caters, by five of the Stockton company. The meeting broke up at twelve, every one having spent an enjoyable evening. During the day, five 720's of Minor, in as many different methods, were rung in honour of the Royal visit. The tower was surmounted by a new flag-staff, bearing the white ensign, and round the tower hung an enormous and handsome wreath of evergreens. On the following day, an attempt was made for a 5280 of Kent Treble Bob Major, at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, by the following band: G. A. Overton, 1; H. E. T. Glover, Esq., B.A., 2; G. J. Clarkson, Esq., 3; T. Burdon, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6; R. S. Story, Esq., 7; T. Clark (conductor), 8. After ringing for nearly three hours, and within a few hundred changes of the end, the peal suddenly came to grief in a most inexplicable fashion, although the striking up to then, had been simply perfection. During the past year, 101 720's of Minor have been rung at Stockton, being 19 720's of Plain Bob; 16 of Kent Treble Bob; 15 of Oxford Bob; 10 of Oxford Treble Bob; 9 of College Singles; 8 of Double Court; 8 of Single Court; 8 of Woodbine; 4 of Stedman's Slow Course; 3 of St. Simon's; and one of Grandsire. This list includes a 5040 in the seven methods of Double Court, Stedman's Slow Course, St. Simon's, Court Bob, College Singles, Oxford Bob, and Bob Minor, rung in 3 hours and 10 minutes, on September 15th. The company have also made considerable progress in Evening Exercise Treble Bob, although unable to score a peal before the end of the year, and have occasionally rung the 120 of Stedman Doubles. Of the above list of peals, 44 were conducted by G. J. Clarkson, Esq., 35 by Mr. T. Stephenson, and 18 by Mr. T. Burdon.

CHRIST CHURCH AND ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, BATH.

THE custom at St. Andrew's church of ringing out the old year with muffled bells was observed by the members of this society at midnight on Monday last, when some excellent touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by the following members:—H. J. Wyburn, 1; D. and F. Goodman, 2; W. Priddy, 3; E. Misson, 4; G. Kingman, 5; G. Fletcher, 6; H. W. Brown, 7; N. Wake, tenor. Tenor 23 cwt. in E. Conducted by G. Kingman. After the hour of twelve had struck the buffs were removed from the clappers, and the bells again rang out merry peals to welcome the in-coming of the new year. During the ringing the society was honoured by the presence of several gentlemen (honorary members) interested in the ringers' welfare, amongst them being Col. Mainwaring, J. Knight, and J. Hendy, Esqrs., and the much beloved curate and vice-president of the society, the Rev. W. Berry, who gave a very interesting account of the bell, its uses and inscriptions, concluding with prayer.

On New Year's Day the bells again rung out merrily before and after morning service, to welcome the return to Bath of the Rev. Canon Bernard, the much-esteemed Rector of Walcot, and President of the society.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The above Association held their meeting at Ellastone, on Saturday, December 22nd, which was fairly attended by ringers from Uttoxeter, and Ellastone to the number of twenty, who sat down to tea, which as usual was provided free by the vicar, the Rev. T. H. Birley, who gave them a hearty welcome. Among the visitors in the tower was A. P. Heywood, Esq., who made inquiry concerning the method about to be rung, but was informed that the ringers of this district had not yet mastered it, "though," adds our correspondent, "they hope at no distant period to be able to accomplish it." The Uttoxeter men rang a tune or two on their handbells, which afforded much gratification.

Several touches, correspondence, and a few other matters, for which we are unable to find room in this week's number, will appear in our next issue.

In Memoriam.

THOMAS BRITTEN.

WE have a most melancholy duty imposed on us in recording the death of this lamented gentleman, which took place at his residence, Austin Villa, Waltham Abbey, on the 22nd of December last. Mr. Britten had enjoyed but feeble health for several years, and as he had passed the allotted "three-score-and-ten," being, at the time of his decease, in his seventy-fourth year, considerable anxiety was naturally felt by his friends when the what proved to be fatal seizure overtook him, an intimation of which was published in these columns.

In the death of Mr. Britten, the Ancient Society of College Youths loses one of the most genial, conciliatory and unassuming of its members; the Waltham Abbey society deplore the loss of one who we do not hesitate to say stood as high in their estimation and respect as any past or present members of their company; and we ourselves are deprived of the companionship and intercourse of a brother-ringer with whom it was ever a pleasure to associate, when we visited the town and Abbey of Waltham.

The deceased gentleman was at one time a prominent London ringer. He rang his first peal—one of Grandsire Triples—in 1835, at the church of St. Dunstan-in-the-West; his last—Treble Bob Major, at Waltham in 1864. His first visit to the Waltham Abbey company was in 1848, and he visited them occasionally till the year 1862, when he became proprietor of the "Three Tuns" inn, retiring from business in March, 1880.

The funeral took place last Saturday. The Abbey bells were rung (muffled) as the mournful cortege passed through the streets of the town to the cemetery, and nearly all the tradesmen showing their respect by partially closing their establishments. Mr. G. Rochester, of Sawbridgeworth (who took part in the ringing), and Mr. J. Pettit and E. Wallage, of London (who were at the grave-side), testified by their appearance the departed worth of one dear to all who enjoyed his acquaintance. In the absence of the Vicar of Waltham, who we regret to hear is still indisposed, the curates of the Abbey read the burial service. The vicar sent some beautiful flowers, and expressed his regret at being unable to officiate; and many ringing friends sent letters explanatory of their absence. In the evening, the customary muffled peal, denoting the age of our departed brother, was rung; also a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, the bells being still muffled, the London visitors taking part therein.

It was mutually arranged that the usual meeting of the Waltham Abbey company on the following Tuesday should be of a mere business character. At that meeting, after referring to the very able assistance that Mr. Britten had given to the local society, Mr. Alps moved—"That the Secretary be instructed to forward a letter of condolence, expressing sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased." This was unanimously agreed to.

THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE next QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association will be held at Bourn, on Wednesday, January 16th, 1884. A meeting for transacting business will be held at 12 o'clock a.m. Dinner will be provided at the "Nag's Head" inn, at 2 p.m. All skilled members intending to be present must send in their names to me not later than January 10th next, or the allowance of two shillings will not be granted them.

R. CREASEY, Secretary.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE next QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association will take place at Bromsgrove, on Saturday, January 12th, 1884. Ringing will commence at St. John's church, at 2 p.m. Meeting for business at 4 p.m. in St. John's schoolroom. Members are requested to note that all subscriptions are due (according to rule 7) at this meeting and are reminded to forward same by their representative.

JNO. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

READING.—ST. LAURENCE'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, December 31, 1883, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

HERBERT M. BAWDEN* .. Treble.	†ERNEST BISHOP.. .. 5.
JOSEPH E. WILLSHIRE* .. 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
WILLIAM JOHNSON* 3.	WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS .. 7.
GEORGE TALBOT* 4.	*WILLIAM HOLLOWAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. NEWELL.

(First peal as conductor.)

*First peal. †First peal on a bob bell.

[The late arrival of this peal causes its non-appearance in its proper place.]

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The Editor would be glad to receive the names of gentlemen who would be willing to act for their respective districts, in the capacity of reporter or correspondent. We shall feel obliged by Association and other Secretaries sending intelligence of events occurring within their jurisdiction.

JOHN TRENDLE.—We never received it.

T. TAYLOR.—We had no room last week.

G. CONYARD.—When we have time.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1884.

THERE is no doubt that the attachment to the science of such a number of clergymen and influential gentlemen as at the present time identify themselves with it, has had a most salutary effects upon its fortunes, the value of which, in considering the extension of the movement into hitherto unknown quarters, cannot possibly be over-estimated. And it must be in a great measure owing to such that the propagation of change-ringing within recent years has been so great. We speak here, it must be understood, of *bonâ fide* ringers among the clergy, and so forth, those whose names are familiar to our readers either as taking part in performances, or assisting at the convivialities or business meetings of ringers. At the same time there are instances where many of the class of society we allude to cannot, from physical or other causes, become ringers, yet do their best to consistently advance the interests of ringing. The help of such as these is also a most important ingredient in the extension of ringing principles, and long may the Exercise enjoy the advantage of their support. But on the other hand it must be said, and the unfortunate fact is made plainer to us day after day, that there is a certain section, both of the clergy and laity, who, whilst professing to advance the art of ringing, often do much to hinder it; their zeal outrunning their discretion, as it were. These men get a smattering of the science, perhaps just enough to enable them to tumble through a six-score somehow or other, or even less than that; and then they are set up as authorities and sole arbiters upon all matters connected with bells, and, unfortunately, from their position it is frequently found that they are looked up to as such by those who know nothing about bells or ringing. Such as these very often lay down the law in the most authoritative and dogmatical manner, both in matters connected with the science itself, and more especially in the management of belfries and ringers. Their opinion is

generally considered worth more than that of practical change-ringers who are in humbler circumstances, and through their pretensions to knowledge of bells and ringing, the art often suffers considerably.

We think in these few sentences we have not overstated what is certainly becoming an evil. But a great deal of it may be obviated by the ringers themselves if they will, in a firm but respectful manner, point out the proper mode of doing things. And in this, as in everything else, example is better than precept.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.—NEWINGTON.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1883, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

HENRY LANGDON Treble.	WILLIAM JONES 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	ARTHUR J. HAYWARD .. 6.
JOSEPH WAGHORN 3.	EDWARD WELLS 7.
RICHARD FRENCH 4.	TOM COXHEAD Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD FRENCH.

E. Wells hails from Coddendam.

The Provinces.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

On Monday, December 24, 1883, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JAMES SHAW Treble.	JOHN FILDES 5.
RALPH PRICHARD 2.	ROBERT WOOLLEY 6.
THOMAS BRADLEY 3.	THOMAS WILDE 7.
WALTER SLATER 4.	JAMES S. WILDE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and conducted by JAMES S. WILDE.

The foregoing is the first peal on the bells since they have been rehung. The work of rehanging was entrusted to the firm of Mears and Stainbank, London, who have given every satisfaction to the ringers, the "go" being all that can be desired.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—WROTHAM, KENT.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1883, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S 6-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

DAVID HALL Treble.	ALFRED H. WOOLLEY .. 5.
GEORGE PAWLEY 2.	*HENRY PEARCE 6.
EDWARD BALDOCK* 3.	*FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 7.
REUBEN SIMMONDS 4.	JAMES W. LEONARD Tenor

Conducted by F. G. NEWMAN.

*College Youths.

This is the first peal on the bells for 123 years, the last being a 6016 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 1760, rang by the College Youths.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1883, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

N. J. PITSTOW Treble.	GEORGE TAYLOR 5.
J. F. PENNING 2.	HENRY PRIOR 6.
ERNEST PITSTOW* 3.	NEHEMIAH TARLING 7.
YORK GREEN 4.	FREDERICK PITSTOW Tenor

Composed and conducted by N. J. PITSTOW.

The peal, in seventeen courses, contains the 6th its extent home at nine course-ends, and 5th its extent home at six course-ends, and was never previously performed.

*First peal.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.—HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

On Saturday, December 29, 1883, in ~~Three~~ ^{Four} Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

W. FINCH*Treble.	*S. HOUNSLOW 5.
T. PAYNE* 2.	*C. HOUNSLOW 6.
G. LAPWORTH* 3.	*W. WASHBROOK 7.
J. FIELD* 4.	G. WARNERTenor.

Conducted by S. HOUNSLOW.

The ringers were afterwards hospitably entertained at the Vicarage by the Rev H. Blagden, who gave some interesting particulars respecting the bells, two of which are 500 years old. After doing justice to the good things provided, the handbells were brought into use, and were much appreciated by the younger members of the family at the Vicarage. The ringers then returned to Oxford by the 6 p.m. train, well pleased with their outing.

*Members of the Diocesan Guild.

BRADFORD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Officers Peal.

On Saturday, December 29, 1883, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HORTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR SPURR (Ossett) ..Treble.	J. CHEETHAM (Bradford) 5.
GEORGE BOLLAND (Tong) .. 2.	JOHN HOLLIS (Wakefield) 6.
J. H. HARDCASTLE (Bradford) 3.	T. HATTERSLEY (Sheffield) 7.
TOM HAIGH (Huddersfield) 4.	J. W. SNOWDON (Leeds) ..Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and conducted by J. W. SNOWDON.

Jasper W. Snowdon, Esq., President; George Bolland, Vice-President; Thomas Hattersley, Steward; and Messrs. Spurr, Hardcastle, Haigh, Cheetham and Hollis are Committee men.

The peal was rung in the afternoon previous to a committee-meeting which was held in the evening.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—ASHTON.

On Monday, December 31, 1883, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WOODTreble.	JOSEPH MELLOR 5.
JOHN HOPWOOD 2.	WILLIAM FRITH 6.
JAMES WOOD 3.	JOHN THORP 7.
BENJAMIN BROADBENT .. 4.	GEORGE LONGDENTenor.

Composed and conducted by JOHN THORP.

The above peal has the 6th the extent at home, and ten course-ends in that position out of the last twelve.

MANCHESTER.

On Monday, December 31, 1883, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5255 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

THOMAS G. DOWNS†a ..Treble.	*JAMES THORPE 6.
SAMUEL WEST†a 2.	aALBERT E. WREAKS .. 7.
GEORGE E. TURNER* .. 3.	GEORGE MEE 8.
JOSEPH GRIMSHAW a .. 4.	JOHN WITHERS 9.
SAMSON KNIGHT 5.	JAMES PARKINSONTenor.

Composed and conducted by ALBERT E. WREAKS.

(First peal in the method as conductor.)

*First peal. †First peal in the method.
aMembers of the Lancashire Association.

THE HYDE AND MOTTRAM SOCIETIES.—MOTTRAM.

On Monday, December 31, 1883, in Two Hours and Fifty-four-½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN SIDEBOTHAMTreble.	WILLIAM MIDDLETON .. 5.
RALPH PRICHARD 2.	JAMES NUTTAL 6.
ROBERT WRIGHT 3.	THOMAS WILDE 7.
JAMES SHAW 4.	JAMES S. WILDETenor.

Composed by the late JAMES PLATT, of Saddleworth, and

Conducted by JOHN SIDEBOTHAM.

(First peal as conductor.)

NORTH SHIELDS.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1884, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

C. L. ROUTLEDGE*Treble.	†R. WIGNELL 5.
JOHNSON E. HERN 2.	†R. SMITH 6.
J. ROSSITER† 3.	†W. REED, ESQ., 7.
R. S. STORY† 4.	JOEL HERNTenor.

Conducted by W. REED, ESQ.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob rung on the bells, and the first peal in the method north of Yorkshire.

*1st peal. †First peal of Treble Bob.

Messrs. Routledge and Story hail from St. John's, Newcastle; Johnson Hern from Hurworth-on-Tees; the rest belong to Christchurch. Johnson Hern is a member of the Yorkshire Association; the rest are of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GUISELEY (Yorkshire).—At midnight, on New-Year's Eve, the local company of St. Oswald's Church, ushered in the New Year with a date touch of Treble Bob Major, taken from Mr. Sottanstell's work, and which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday last, in 1 hour and 6 mins. O. Frankland, 1; J. Slater, 2; F. W. Mallinson, 3; S. Brown, 4; H. Demaine, 5; J. Yeadon, 6; J. Baldwin (conductor), 7; D. E. Rhodes, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt.

THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HERTFORD.—On December 31st (New-Year's Eve), at 8 p.m., the following members of this society rang at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1883 changes, in 1 hr. and 10 mins. J. Cull, 1; W. L. Randall, 2; J. Staples, 3; Rev. W. Wigram, 4; H. Baker (conductor), 5; J. Godfrey, 6; T. Gathard, 7; J. Jauncey, 8. At 11.30 p.m. the members again assembled, and attempted a date touch for 1884, but after ringing 1674 changes in 1 hr. 4 mins. a "shift" occurred, and the touch was lost. J. Cull, 1; W. L. Randall, 2; J. Staples, 3; Rev. W. Wigram, 4; J. G. Crawley, 5; J. Godfrey, 6; H. Baker (conductor), 7; F. George, 8. The above touches were composed by Mr. J. Carter, of Birmingham, and contains the Queens, Tittums, and the twenty-four 6-7's.

BISHOPS' CLEEVE (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, December 26th, the local company rang at the parish church of St. Michael, a date touch, 1883 changes of Grandsire Doubles. The time occupied, including raising and lowering the bells in peal, was 1 hr. 20 mins. Wm. Jones, 1; Wm. Tarling, 2; R. Brunsdon, 3; E. Tarling, 4; James Tarling, 5; John Tarling, 6. The touch was arranged and conducted by Mr. R. Brunsdon, master of the Bishops' Cleeve board school. Tenor 20 cwt. in Eb. This is the longest touch on these bells for over twenty years.

Miscellaneous.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAVENDISH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 30th, at St. Mary's, a 720 of Woodbine in 26 mins., the first in the method by all except the brothers Slater, of Glemsford. F. J. Thompson, 1; S. Slater, 2; C. W. Hurst, 3; Z. Slater, 4; H. Thompson, 5; A. Hurst (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. F. J. Thompson, 1; S. Slater, 2; A. Hurst, 3; A. Ives, 4; F. P. Adams (conductor), 5; Z. Slater, 6. On Monday evening, December 31st, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (conducted by J. S. Page); and a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. F. J. Thompson, 1; J. S. Page, 2; A. Ives, 3; H. Thompson, 4; G. Maxim, 5; Alex. Hurst, 6. At midnight the old year was rung out with a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and the new year welcomed with a 720 of Bob Minor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Monday, December 31st, for the midnight service 720 of College Exercise. The tenor was tolled for five minutes, until the church clock struck the midnight hour, and a course of Bob Minor was then rung. At the conclusion of Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by the following members of the local company; F. Bumpstead, 1; W. H. Dyson, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; S. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; A. Huckson, 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ON Wednesday, December 26th, a party consisting of Messrs. Reed, Hern, Smith, Wignell, and Ross of Christ Church, North Shields, and Mr. W. Story, of St. John's, Newcastle, journeyed to Chester-le-Street, and by the kind permission of the Rector, Canon Blunt, rang on the fine bells of the old parish church three 720's, viz.: Kent Treble Bob Minor, College Single and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, concluding with 120 of Stedman Doubles. Tenor 20 cwt.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday, December 30th, at the church of St. John-the-Baptist, for evening service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. G. Campbell, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; F. Lees, 3; T. J. des Forges, 4; W. Story, 5; W. G. Routledge (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, December 31st, at 11.30 p.m., a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor with the bells muffled, in 28½ mins. R. Simm, jun., 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; F. Lees, 3; T. J. des Forges, 4; W. Story, 5; W. G. Routledge (conductor), 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by R. Simm, jun. On January 1st, 1884, at 12.5 a.m., 720 of Bob Minor in 24 mins., (8 bobs and 6 singles). F. Sneath, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; F. Lees, 3; T. J. des Forges, 4; W. Story, 5; W. G. Routledge (conductor), 6. Also for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (12 bobs), in 29 mins. G. Campbell, 1; W. Story, 2; F. Lees, 3; T. J. des Forges, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; W. G. Routledge, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULME (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, December 23rd, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity Church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with twenty-two singles, in 26 mins. Albert Carmichael, 1; Wm. Diggles, 2; W. J. Chatterton, 3; Ch. Woodward, 4; J. J. Mason (conductor), 5; W. Hargreaves, 6. Also on Christmas Day morning, for seven o'clock service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. Wm. Diggles, 1; Hy. Diggles, 2; C. Woodward, 3; Jno. Mason, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; W. Savage, 6. Also on Sunday, December 30th, for afternoon service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. C. Woodward, 1; Hy. Diggles, 2; W. Diggles, 3; *E. Ettock, 4; *J. Woods, 5; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method for Messrs. Woodward, and Hy. and W. Diggles. All of Holy Trinity, Hulme, except those marked * who are of St. Phillip's, Hulme. Tenor 15½ cwt.

STRETFORD (Manchester).—On Christmas Day, for service in the afternoon at St. Matthew's, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. *T. Heald, 1; A. E. Holme, 2; W. J. Chatterton, 3; *Jos. Scott, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; W. Roberts, 6. All of Holy Trinity, Hulme, except those marked * who are of St. Phillip's, Hulme. Tenor 11 cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KENNINGHALL (Norfolk).—On Christmas day morning, a well-struck touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, containing 1152 changes. R. Hutton, 1; W. Nudds, 2; H. Eagling, 3; J. Saunders, 4; R. Patrick, 5; C. Everett, 6; J. Woods, 7; J. Mordey (conductor), 8.

BANHAM (Norfolk).—On Christmas-morning, a 504 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Patrick, 1; W. Nudds, 2; J. Saunders, 3; J. Woods, 4; C. Everett, 5; R. Hutton (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Nudds, jun., 1; W. Nudds, sen., 2; J. Saunders, 3; J. Woods, 4; C. Everett, 5; R. Hutton (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANLEIGH (Surrey).—On October 20th, at St. Nicholas' church, a 720 of New Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. H. Henson, 1; W. Charman, 2; W. Waller, 3; W. Streeter, 4; J. Charman, 5; G. Farnfield, jun., 6.

WEYBRIDGE (Surrey).—On Wednesday, December 26th, 1883, at St. James's church, the Cranleigh company rang a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. H. Henson, 1; W. Charman, 2; W. Waller, 3; W. Streeter, 4; G. Farnfield, sen., 5; G. Farnworth, jun. (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Warnham Court Bob (thirty singles), in 30 mins. H. Henson, 1; W. Charman, 2; W. Waller, 3; W. Streeter, 4; G. Farnfield, jun., 5; J. Charman (conductor), 6.

ACTON (Middlesex).—On Thursday, December 26th, at St. Mary's church, the local company rang the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 30 mins. W. Taylor, 1; W. Baron (conductor), 2; A. G. Thomas, 3; W. Fenwick, 4; G. Trinder, 5; W. Wilder, 6; F. Slade, Esq., 7; E. Gould, 8.

BALDERSTONE (Rochdale).—On Sunday morning, December 30th, shortly before nine o'clock, the local company rang the first half (reversed) of Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 2520 changes, which were brought round true and complete in 1 hr. 30 mins., at St. Mary's church, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of

respect to the late Mr. Frank Radcliffe, of Buersill House. J. W. Fletcher, 1; Abraham Fitton, 2; John E. Howarth, 3; Samuel Hartley, 4; Herbert Dearnley, 5; James H. Prescott, 6; William Howarth (conductor), 7; Thomas Fitton, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. in F. The funeral took place on Thursday, December 27th, when several touches were rung with the bells deeply muffled.

CHEAM (Surrey).—On Monday, December 31st, six of the All Saints' company, Benhilton, Sutton, rang at St. Dunstan's church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with six bobs and thirty singles, in 26 mins. William Walker, 1; James Trendell, 2; George F. Scott, Esq., 3; George Petrie, 4; Charles Trendell, 5; John Trendell (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles, in 26 mins. George Heather (first 720), 1; George F. Scott, Esq., 2; George Petrie, 3; John Trendell (conductor), 4; Henry Bryant, 5; Charles Trendell, 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHEDWORTH (Gloucestershire).—On Christmas Day, for morning service, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, in 14 mins. B. Bartlett, 1; H. Bliss, 2; F. Norman, 3; O. Bliss, 4; C. Broad, 5; E. E. Robins (conductor), 6. Also seven 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 32 mins. By the same band, except the tenor, which was rung by John Leach. Also for evensong, six 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles. B. Bartlett, 1; J. Norman, 2; F. Norman, 3; H. Bliss, 4; C. Broad, 5; J. Leach, 6. Also on Friday, December 28th, fifteen 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles, in 1 hr. 8 mins. B. Bartlett, 1; Jno. Norman, 2; F. Norman, 3; J. Miller, 4; O. Bliss, 5; J. Leach, 6. All the Doubles conducted by F. Norman. Tenor 12 cwt in G. The bells were cast by A. Rudhall, A.D. 1717.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, December 23rd, at St. Martin's church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor in 24 mins. T. Gleed, 1; J. Leach (first 720 in the method), 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; T. Titchener, 4; A. Jacob, 5; G. Newson, 6.

ISLINGTON (Middlesex).—On Sunday Morning, December 22nd, a St. James the Apostle, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 23 mins., 2 courses Double Oxford Bob Minor, and a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. E. Moses, 1; Wingfield Meadows, 2; T. Titchener, 3; A. Jacob, 4; J. Hannington (conductor), 5; G. Newson, 6. Tenor 7 cwt. in A. This is the first 720 ever rung upon the bells although they have been hung for upwards of seven years.

KINGSWOOD (Surrey).—On Wednesday, December 26th, at St. Andrew's church, six of the All Saints' company, Benhilton, Sutton, rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles, in 28 mins. William Walker, 1; George F. Scott, Esq., 2; John Francis, 3; Charles Trendell, 4; Henry Bryant (first 720), 5; John Trendell (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Saturday evening, December 22nd, ringers from Rotherhithe and Greenwich, with some of the local company, met at St. Mary's church to pay the last mark of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Moyce, of Lewisham, who died very suddenly on Tuesday, December 18th, while sitting in his chair. The deceased was 83 years of age, and was a member of the society of Trinity Youths, and belonged to the Lewisham company for many years, and in that parish he had lived all his life. He was buried on Saturday, December 21st, and a touch of Grandsire Triples, 1722 changes, was rung, with the bells muffled, in 1 hr. 20 mins. E. Freeman, 1; W. Pead, 2; C. J. Barham, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; T. Taylor, 5; W. H. Freeman, 6; A. G. Freeman (conductor), 7; W. Bowles, 8. It was intended to have rung a half-peal, but owing to the late arrival of Messrs. Pead, Taylor, and Weatherstone—through the train being an hour late—the bells had to be brought round, in consequence of Divine Service having to be performed. Tenor 22½ cwt. in Eb.

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—On Sunday evening, December 23rd, 1883, for Divine Service, by special permission of the Rector (the Venerable Archdeacon of Leicester), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. W. Billingham, 1; H. Bradley, 2; T. Cooper, 3; J. W. Taylor, Esq. jun., 4; J. Howe, 5; J. W. Taylor Esq., sen., 6; F. E. Dawe (of London, conductor), 7; J. S. B. Archer, Esq. (of London), 8. Tenor 24 cwt. in D. The above band also rung touches on the six bells at St. Mary's, Holmwood, tenor 10 cwt. in B., and a touch on the ten at All Saints, Derby, tenor 30 cwt. in D.

OXFORD.—On Wednesday evening, December 26th, 1883, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, at Christ Church Cathedral, but after ringing 26 courses, in 1 hr. 15 mins., it came to grief.—F. E. Dawe (London), 1; C. Hounslow, 2; W. Finch, 3; J. Field, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; F. Williamson, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8; W. Washbrook, 9; A. Strange, 10. Tenor 40 cwt. in D. After falling the bells, the company adjourned to a meeting room in the spacious and well fitted up Fire Engine Station, where the handbells and piano were resorted to, and a pleasant evening spent with the Oxford Change-ringers.

PENGE (Surrey).—Recently at the weekly evening practice at St. John's church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with six bobs and thirty singles, in 26 mins. William Walker, 1; John Francis, 2; James Trendell, 3; George Petrie, 4; Charles Trendell, 5; John Trendell (conductor), 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—On the 16th December, 1883, the Tettenthal Society rang at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. Pardoe, 1; B. Dalton, jun., 2; J. Jones, 3; E. Nicholls, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. Rodgers (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

TROWBRIDGE (Wilts).—On Saturday, December 29th, for practice at the parish church, a 168 of Grandsire Triples, also 210 in the same method. W. Alley (conductor), 1; A. Palmer, 2; S. Webb, 3; J. Hayward, 4; W. McCaffery, 5; W. Lane, 6; J. E. Willshire (member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), 7; J. Cooper, 8. Tenor 21 cwt in Eb.

WORCESTER.—For Divine Service on Christmas morning, the Worcester Association, with Messrs. Dawe and Archer of London, and Mr. Perks of Malvern, rang touches of Grandsire Caters and Cinques on the St. Mary's Cathedral bells, tenor 50 cwt. in Db. Touches were also rung at the church of St. John-in-Bedwardine (tenor 16 cwt.), and All Saints (tenor 25 cwt.). The London visitors take this opportunity of tendering their thanks to the Rev. Canon Cattley for his kindness, and also for the great facilities afforded them by him to inspect the entire tower, bells, and the various chiming mechanism, consisting of clock and carillon, etc., also the other portions of the cathedral, well worthy of notice.

WORKSOP (Notts).—The society of ringers of SS. Peter and Paul, Eckington, Derbyshire, paid a friendly visit to this place on December 26th, and rang at the Abbey Church a 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and Violet in 50 mins. G. Smith, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Shaw, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. The above are the first two 720's that have been rung on the bells.

THE BURFORD SOCIETY, OXON.

ON New Year's Eve, the members of this society, to the number of seventeen, were entertained at supper by their leader, T. Brown, Esq., on the occasion of their Annual Meeting. The President of the society (Rev. W. A. Cass) took the chair, and was supported by the Revs. J. Hamlet and F. M. Crapper, the vice-chair being occupied by Mr. Brown.

After doing justice to the good things provided—the wants of the company being carefully attended to by Mrs. Brown and Miss Millett, and their efficient staff—the following list of toasts was gone through, and drunk with due musical honours:—"The Church and State," "The President," "The Burford Church Ringers" (coupled with the name of The Leader), "The Ladies," and "The Visitors." In responding to the last mentioned toast, the Rev. F. M. Crapper expressed a wish to become an honorary member of the society, which was at once complied with, and he was duly elected.

The Leader, in proceeding to distribute the available funds amongst the ringing members, observed that the individual shares showed a falling off as compared with last year, which was due to the increased expenditure on the occasion of the annual outing to the Meeting of the Diocesan Guild at Windsor, in July last. The society was in a flourishing condition, the Attendance Register showing that, out of a possible 150 attendances at practices and services, two members had attended 145 times, and one each, 143, 136, 135, 134, 133, 128, and others a lesser number. They had not been successful in getting a peal-board up yet, but he had good hopes that they would be in a position to do so soon. He had recently received from the Secretary of the Diocesan Guild, a Tower Certificate, together with a form of prayer for use before ringing. These the president had kindly promised to have framed, for the purpose of hanging up in the belfry.

The following officers were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year. Leader and treasurer, Mr. T. Brown; Deputy Leader, Mr. T. E. Glanville; Auditor, Mr. F. E. Ward; steeplekeeper, D. Francis.

The remainder of the evening was spent in ringing some courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters on the handbells, followed by some good songs by several members of the company, until about 11.15, when the leader felt that he was compelled to "delay harmony" for a time, as the hour had come when some of them must adjourn to the tower for the purpose of ringing the old year out and the new year in.

After expressing their hearty thanks to the leader for his hospitality, and to the President for taking the chair, the company broke up. A party then proceeded to the tower and rang for about half-an-hour with the bells muffled, after which they were unmuffled, and rung out merrily with a touch of Grandsire Triples, lasting about half-an-hour, to welcome the new year.

ST. LAURENCE'S SOCIETY, READING.

ON New Year's Eve, this newly-formed Society rang their first peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Laurence parish church, particulars of which are given elsewhere. This Society was formed about two years ago, but the reason they have not been able to record a peal before this, is owing to the fact, that the church standing in the market-place, and also close to the townhall, consequently, ringing is often interfered with, and notably during the year just ended, when illness close to the church put a stop to all ringing from June till November.

Until recently, change-ringing in Reading has been carried on under great difficulties, and great praise is due to Mr. W. Newell, the instructor to the above society, for the energetic manner in which he has persevered to call a peal, and whose efforts have at last been crowned with success.

This is the first peal rung in Reading, by Reading men for about 150 years; the last peal recorded in St. Laurence's belfry being July 8th, 1734. There are three peal-boards in St. Mary's belfry in this town, one recording a peal of Union Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 hours 10 mins., on December 24th, 1740; another of an attempt to ring a 10,080 of Bob Major on March 3rd, 1745, but after ringing 5 hours 59 minutes, the third rope broke, thus bringing the peal to an abrupt close. The last board records a peal of Grandsire Triples by Oxford men, assisted by Mr. Newell at the tenor, in December, 1869.

After accomplishing their task, the St. Laurence men were kindly entertained at tea by Mr. and Mrs. Creed, members of the congregation, who were much interested in the success of the undertaking.

The best thanks of the Society are also due to the Rev. C. Kerry, late curate of St. Laurence, through whose exertions three of the bells were recast, and who was also the founder of the present Society.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.

THE parish church of this place, dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin, contains the best peal of eight bells in the county. Until 1871, the peal consisted of six bells, and for many years previous were not fit for use. In that year they were augmented to eight, and the whole re-hung in a new frame and fittings by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. On 11th April, 1871 (Easter Tuesday) the present ring was opened by Leonard Proctor, Esq., and his celebrated band, who during the day completed touches in eight methods, viz., Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court, Superlative and London Surprise. It is only fair to the Loughboro' firm to mention that the "go" of the bells on the opening day, so far as regards manual labour being called into requisition, was excellent (a state of things not always to be found on these occasions); but in this case our praise has to be qualified, for some of the bells were guilty of "slipping wheel," and this continued until a few months back, when, through Mr. Proctor, it was brought under the notice of the above firm, who (without extra expense) altered the rims of the wheels, and the bells are now in first-rate order. Until this was done no encouragement was given to visitors to attempt a "length" here; but previously (much to their credit) the local society achieved the first peal upon their bells, through the exertions of Mr. George Rochester, the bell-warden, the method being Grandsire Triples, and the composition Taylor's Bob-and-Single variation. On Wednesday, 26th Dec. last, by the permission of the Vicar, a friendly band of ringers met here to attempt the first peal of Treble Bob Major, and at the time of meeting, one of the number not being present, a capital touch of Stedman Triples (504) was rung, with the assistance of Mr. Rochester, to try the ropes. After this was done the band was completed, and a successful attempt made in ringing a peal of 5024 changes of Kent Treble Bob, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Further particulars of this performance will be found in another column.

Correspondence.

[While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

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

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—On looking over the Rev. Mr. Davies' touches given in your issue of July 29th, 1882, I find that they can be lengthened to peals, and below send you one of them (the second one), considering it will be of interest as being the only peal in parts (except three-lead courses), produced with ordinary bobs and singles.

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2 7 6 4 3 5	4 6 3 7 2 5	2 7 6 3 5 4	Four times
7 6 2 4 3 5	6 3 4 7 2 5	4 3 2 5 7 6	repeated.

JNO. F. PENNING.

THE ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY, LIVERPOOL.

We publish the following list of handbell performances by special request of a member of the above society, who is "anxious that other parts of the United Kingdom should know that handbell ringing is practised in Liverpool." We yield to our correspondent's solicitation; but if we were to insert every double-handed touch rung, our paper would have to assume gigantic proportions.

On Saturday, May the 4th, 1856, was rung at the house of Mr. Bates, "Boar's Head," Drury Lane, Liverpool, Mr. Holt's one-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 26 minutes, by Messrs. George Crute, 1-2; John Heron, jun. (conductor), 3-4; George Helsby, 5-6; Richard Williams, 7-8. Umpires: Messrs. Wm. Evans, sen., John Heron, sen., and Wm. Thistlewood; each had a copy of the peal, and is the first handbell performance accomplished in Liverpool.

On Sunday, January the 8th, 1865, was rung at the house of Mr. Elijah Roberts, "Derby Arms," Derby St. and Whitechapel, Liverpool, Mr. Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. and 5 minutes, by Messrs. Isaac Meadows, 1-2; George Crute (conductor), 3-4; Wm. Davies, 5-6; John Aspinwall, 7-8. Umpires: Messrs. Elijah Roberts, Wm. Thistlewood and others.

On Sunday, January 17th, 1866, was rung at the house of Mr. Robert Holt's "Old Porter Butt," St. Thomas's Buildings, Dale Street, Liverpool, G. Crute's peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 5000 changes, in 2 hrs. and 12 mins. G. Crute (conductor), 1-2; Isaac Meadows, 3-4; Wm. Davies, 5-6; G. Helsby, 7-8; J. Aspinwall, 9-10. Umpires: John Heron, sen., John Heron, jun., Henry Roberts and others.

On March 15th, 1866, was rung at Mr. Holt's house, St. Thomas's Buildings, G. Crute's peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5120 changes, in 2 hours and 9 minutes. G. Crute (conductor), 1-2; J. Meadows, 3-4; Wm. Davies, 5-6; J. Aspinwall, 7-8. Umpires: Messrs. Heron, G. Helsby, and members of the three societies of Liverpool.

HANDBELL PERFORMANCES AT MR. THOMAS BEACALL'S HOUSE,
LARK LANE, LIVERPOOL:—

On May 15th, 1882, the first 504 changes of Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 11 minutes. R. S. Mann, 1-2; Wm. James, 3-4; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 5-6; J. Lynam, 7-8.

And on May 31st, 1882, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 17 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; W. James, 3-4; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 5-6.

On May 22nd, 1882, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 14 mins. R. S. Mann, 1-2; W. James, 3-4; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 5-6; J. Lynam, 7-8.

On June 15th, 1882, a 500 of Grandsire Caters, in 18 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; R. S. Mann, 3-4; W. James, 5-6; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 7-8; J. Lynam, 9-10.

On December 15th, 1883, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 18 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 3-4; W. James, 5-6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 16 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; W. James, 3-4; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 5-6.

On December 30th, 1882, a 3000 of Grandsire Triples, Holt's 10-part. T. Beacall, 1-2; R. S. Mann, 3-4; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 5-6; W. James, 7-8.

On January 28th, 1883, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. T. Beacall (composer), 1-2; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 3-4; J. R. Pritchard, 5-6; J. Davidson, 7-8.

On February 16th, a 1800 of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; R. S. Mann, 3-4; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 5-6; W. James, 7-8.

On February 22nd, 1883, a 1200 of Grandsire Caters, in 35 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; R. S. Mann, 3-4; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 5-6; J. R. Pritchard, 7-8; J. Davidson, 9-10.

On March 3rd, 1883, a 1500 of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 3-4; J. R. Pritchard, 5-6; J. Davidson, 7-8.

On March 6th, 1883, 1800 of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 3-4; W. James, 5-6; J. R. Pritchard, 7-8; J. Davidson, 9-10.

On March 9th, a 1000 of Grandsire Triples, in 25 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; W. James, 3-4; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 5-6; J. Davidson, 7-8.

On March 11th, a 1000 of Grandsire Triples, in 26 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 3-4; J. R. Pritchard, 5-6; J. Davidson, 7-8.

On March 13th, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples, in 30 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; J. Aspinwall, 3-4; W. James, 5-6; J. Davidson, 7-8. T. Beacall called the first 504, and W. James the last.

On March 21st, three courses of Stedman Triples. T. Beacall (conductor), 1; J. Davidson, 2; J. R. Pritchard, 3; R. S. Mann, 4; J. Aspinwall, 5-6; W. James, 7-8.

On March 25th, a course of Stedman Triples. T. Beacall, 1-2; J. Aspinwall, 3-4; J. R. Pritchard, 5-6; J. Davidson, 7-8.

On April 6th, 1883, 1130 of Grandsire Caters in 35 mins. J. Aspinwall, 1-2; R. S. Mann, 3-4; W. James, 5-6; J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 7-8; J. Davidson, 9-10.

On April 8th, 1883, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 19 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 3-4; J. Davidson, 5-6.

On April 15th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 17 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 3-4; J. R. Pritchard, 5-6.

On April 22nd, 1883, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 17 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 3-4; J. R. Pritchard, 5-6.

On April 24th, 1883, a 1000 of Grandsire Caters, in 32 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; R. S. Mann, 3-4; W. James, 5-6; J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 7-8; J. Aspinwall, 9-10.

On May 6th, 1883, 2520 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 7 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 3-4; J. R. Pritchard, 5-6; J. Davidson, 7-8.

On July 8th, 1883, 2520 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 3-4; J. R. Pritchard, 5-6; J. Davidson, 7-8.

On August 5th, 1883, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 19 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 3-4; J. R. Pritchard, 5-6.

On September 4th, 1883, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 16 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 3-4; W. James, 5-6.

On September 14th, 1883, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 16 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; R. S. Mann, 3-4; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 5-6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 15 mins. T. Beacall, 1-2; R. S. Mann, 3-4; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 5-6.

On April 7th, at Bromborough church, Cheshire, a course of Grandsire Maximus, T. Beacall, 1-2; J. Gibson (Chester), 3-4; J. Aspinwall, 5-6; J. R. Pritchard, 7-8; J. Moulton, 9-10; C. Price (Chester), 11-12. Also a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Gibson, 1-2; J. Aspinwall, 3-4; J. Moulton, 5-6; C. Price, 9-10. Also a touch of Grandsire Caters, 594 changes, in 19 mins. J. Gibson, 1-2; J. Moulton, 3-4; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 5-6; J. R. Pritchard, 7-8; C. Price, 9-10.

THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On the 26th instant (Boxing-day), the members of this society and a few friends met at Hertford, when upwards of 4000 changes were rung, including: Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob Major. In the morning at St. Andrew's tower, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was completed in 46 mins. J. G. Crawley, 1; W. L. Randall, 2; H. Lewis, 3; Rev. W. Wigram, 4; H. Baker, 5; P. Cleverly, 6; W. Alps (conductor), 7; J. F. George, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. in F. After dining together at the "Maidenhead Inn," the ringers proceeded to the tower of All Saints, where there is a beautiful ring of tenor 22 cwt. in Eb; an attempt to ring a 504 of Grandsire Caters being unsuccessful, a well-struck 504 of Stedman Triples was brought round, and after a few shorter touches of Grandsire Triples, the company adjourned for tea, and a few touches on the handbells brought the day's ringing to a close. The members present were; the Rev. Woolmore Wigram, Messrs. A. Baker, H. Baker, J. G. Crawley, F. George, T. Gathard, J. Godfrey, S. Knight, W. L. Randall, J. Staples, and —. Jauncey; Messrs. W. A. Alps, and P. Cleverly, of Waltham, Mr. Lewis of St. Albans, and others. The Hertford ringers gratefully acknowledge the able assistance rendered by their Waltham friends, which added to the enjoyment of the day.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The next meeting of this Society will be held at Wolverhampton, on Saturday, January 5th. Any members wishing to attend are desired to send their names as soon as possible to the Rev. J. R. Keble, Hon. Sec., Lichfield.

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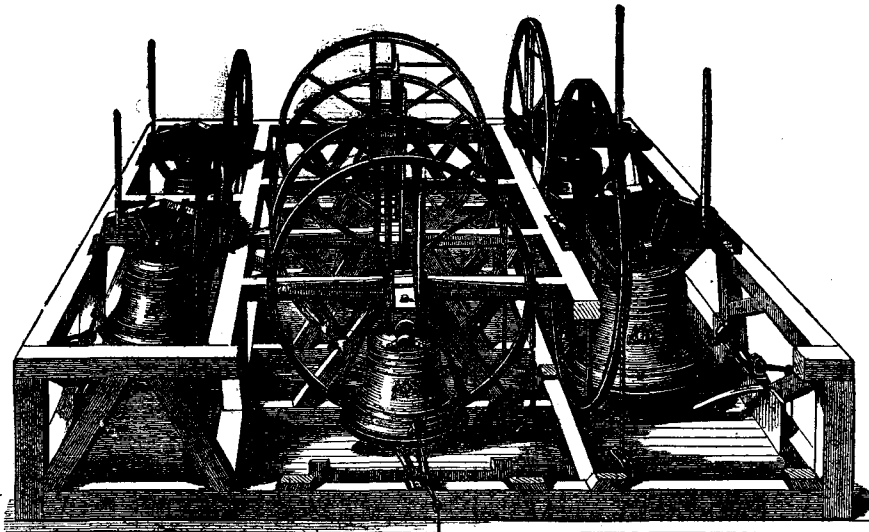
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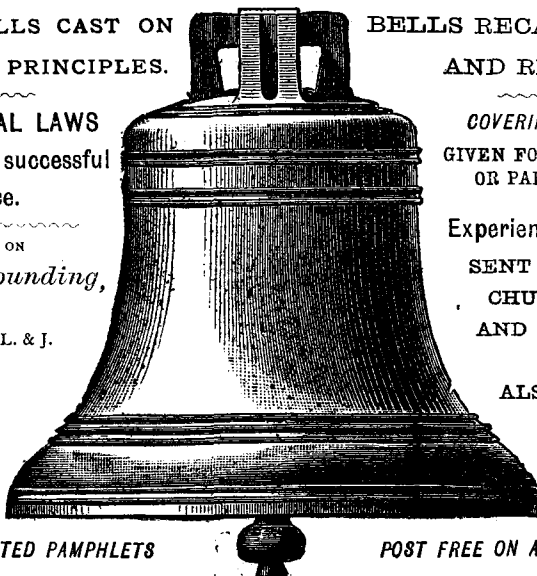
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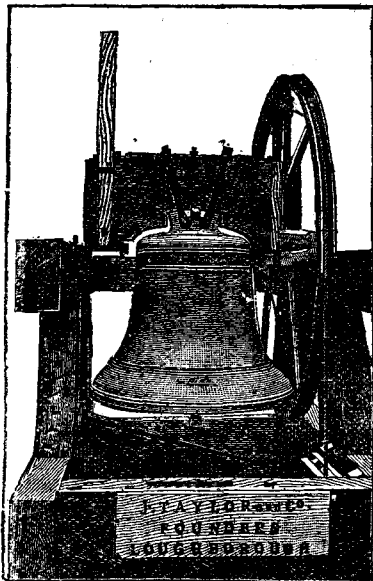
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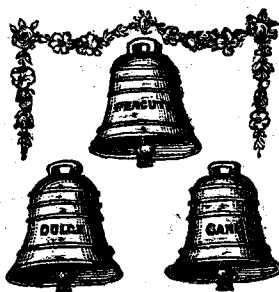
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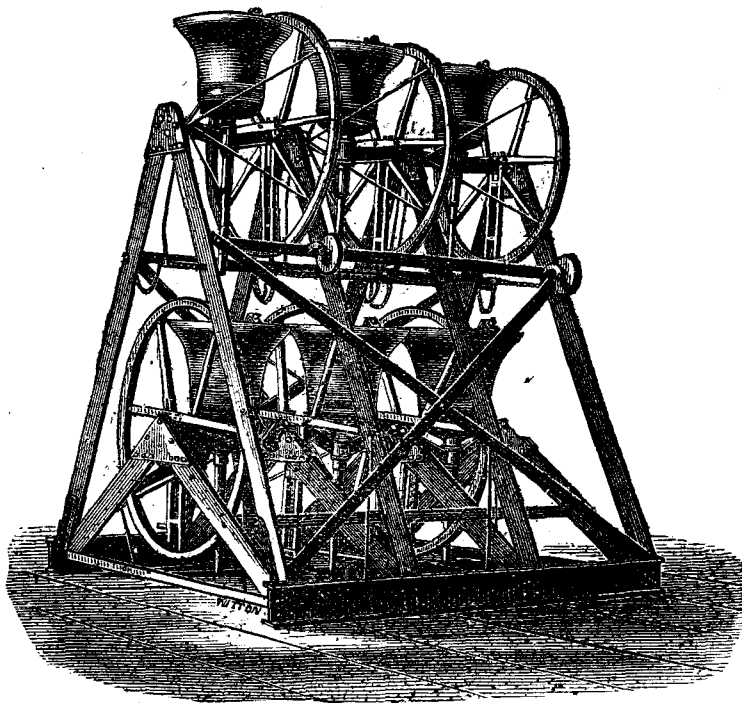
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