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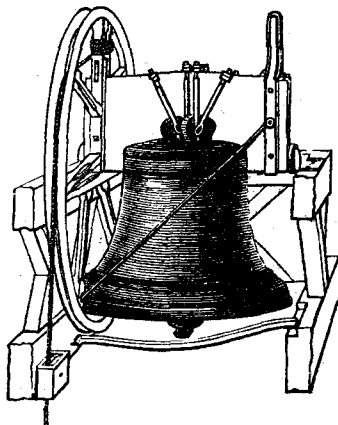
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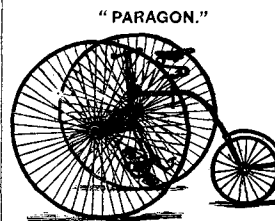
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THE MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY AT WORKSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

On Thursday, June 5th, a party of the above society paid a visit to Worksop, Nottinghamshire, the birthplace of Mr. J. Withers, steeple-keeper of Manchester Cathedral. Arriving there at 8.20 a.m., they at once proceeded to and had breakfast at the house of Mr. J. Marshall, one of the local ringers. After the inner man had been satisfied, a move was then made for the Abbey Church, where there is a splendid little ring of eight bells (tenor 12 cwt), a short account of which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" about six months ago. Permission was at once got from the Vicar to have a pull, and a start was made for Reeves's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but "stand" was called owing to a "shift" being discovered, after ringing 3528 changes in 1 hr. 55 mins. T. G. Downs, treble; S. Knight 2; J. Grimshaw, 3; J. Thorpe, 4; Albert E. Wreaks (conductor), 5; G. Mee, 6; J. Withers, 7; J. Parkinson, tenor. After ringing two or three short touches of Bob Minor with the local ringers, the party then descended the tower, and adjourned to Mr. Marshall's, where the handbells were brought into use, several tunes and courses of Grandsire Triples, Major, and Caters being rung on them, much to the delight of the local company. Tea was provided by the Vicar, which the ringers did ample justice to, after which the visitors were taken round the town and shewn its main features, etc. It was now time to return to the station, but the train being about half-an-hour late, three or four tunes were rung upon the handbells on the platform, to the delight of the rest of the passengers. The visitors arrived in Manchester about 11.45 p.m., after having a very good day's enjoyment. The Cathedral ringers take this opportunity of thanking most heartily, the Vicar and local ringers for the kind manner in which they were received.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.—RUSH SUNDAY AT REDCLIFF CHURCH.

Whitsuntide was observed at Redcliff church in accordance with the ancient custom. The church was prettily decorated, and was strewn with rushes, the members of the corporation attending the morning service. The sermon was preached by the vicar, the Rev. C. E. Cornish, from the words "He sendeth out His word and melteth them; He causeth His wind to blow, and the waters flow."—Psalm cxlvii. 18. At 6 a.m. the members of the above society ascended the splendid tower, and indulged in various touches on the grand-toned peal of twelve bells, and before finishing they accomplished a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters. George Staddon, 1; E. Duckham, 2; Alfred Yorke, 3; Geo. Morgan, 4; Walter Henry Marsh, 5; J. Norton, 6; James Hinton, 7; E. Blake, 8; Wm. Emery, 9; Chas. Millard, 10. On leaving this grand church, the members took the opportunity of visiting the parish church of St. Luke, where they were joined by Messrs. Herbert Smith and Sydney Herbert, of Exeter, and several touches of Grandsire Minor and Doubles were indulged in. The party afterwards met at Christ Church, and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. George Staddon, 1; Sydney Herbert (Exeter), 2; Walter Henry Marsh (late of Exeter), 3; Herbert Swift (Exeter), 4; John Norton, 5; James Hinton (conductor), 6; Frank Price, 7; Wm. Emery, 8. The composition was from Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation. Other towers were also visited, and ringing continued on Whit-Monday, a most enjoyable day being spent by all.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE June Meeting of the above Association was held at Saddleworth, on Saturday last, June 14th. Ringers attended from Bradford, Huddersfield, Leeds, Birstall, Dewsbury, Lindley, Almondbury, Kirkeaton, Meltham, Ashton, Southport, Anston near Rotherham, Leesfield, and several other places. Messrs. Silvester and Fowler travelled all the way from Anston to Saddleworth church on bicycles, a distance of forty-three miles. Amongst the ringers from Ashton, we noticed Mr. James Wood, sen., and his two sons, Samuel and James; also Messrs. Moss, Broadbent, and Longden, the heroes of the long peal. During the afternoon and evening touches of Union Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Minor, and Oxford Minor, etc., were rung by the companies from Bradford, Huddersfield, Anston, and others, the bells being on full swing until 10 p.m. At 4.30 about sixty sat down to a knife and fork tea, at the "Church Inn," host Walker providing in his accustomed excellent manner. After tea, the business meeting was held, the President, Jasper W. Snowdon, Esq., in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed; a resolution was passed empowering the committee to arrange for and fix the place for the Annual Meeting in October. Mr. T. Haigh, Huddersfield, moved, and Mr. R. Tuke, Bradford, seconded, "That the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Rev. Hugh Doig, Vicar of Saddleworth, Canon Green, Christ Church, Friezeland, and the churchwardens, for the use of the bells, also to the Saddleworth company for the excellent arrangements they had made for the comfort of the visitors," which was carried unanimously.

The Rev. HUGH DOIG rose to respond on behalf of himself and Canon Green. He said he was pleased to have an opportunity of welcoming the members of the Association to Saddleworth. He hoped they would all enjoy their visit. He was also pleased to hear that out of fourteen of his own ringers, twelve were members of the Association. He hoped they would prove good members, and be a credit to the Society. He would not occupy their time long, as he had a churchwarden at his elbow, who was also a most enthusiastic ringer, to respond for the churchwardens and ringers. He thanked them for their kind expressions, and wished the Association every success.

MR. JOHN HOLDEN, one of the Wardens, on rising, said he was pleased to meet the members of the Yorkshire Association at Saddleworth; but he was also sorry to inform them that a combination of circumstances had prevented his colleague, Mr. Meanock, and other gentlemen from attending. Mr. Meanock had been suffering from a severe cold, and Mr. Bradbury, the Treasurer of the Bell Fund, had been away in London, but he could assure them those gentlemen wished them to enjoy themselves, and the Society to prosper. On behalf of the ringers he could assure them that they were highly pleased the arrangements for the meeting had given them satisfaction, and he could assure them they would be welcome at Saddleworth, and that the bells would be at their service at all reasonable times. He also thought they would not be doing their duty if they allowed the meeting to disperse without moving a vote of thanks to their esteemed President, Jasper W. Snowdon, Esq., who had travelled all the way from Leeds to be present, and they all knew what he had done for change-ringing, and the services he had rendered the Association. The resolution was carried with acclamation.

MR. SNOWDON, in responding, said they could best show that they appreciated his services by paying their contributions promptly, and putting him and the Secretary to as little trouble as possible. He was sorry that there were not more members present, the reason no doubt was, that Saddleworth was a very great distance from the centre of Yorkshire, and the meeting being so soon after the Whitsun holidays. He was sure the Saddleworth Society had done everything in their power to make their visit to Saddleworth pleasant and agreeable.

SOCIAL GATHERING OF RINGERS AT ECCLES.

On Friday in Whitsun week, upwards of thirty ringers in connection with the Lancashire Association, and, apart from the local ringers, representing Manchester, St. Mark's Worsley, St. Paul's Walkden, Holy Trinity Hulme, Holy Trinity Bolton, All Souls Bolton, Leesfield, Oldham, St. Peter's Ashton-under-Lyne, Rusholme parish church, etc., visited the tower of the Eccles parish church, for the purpose of celebrating the public re-opening of the bells, which, as recorded in a recent number, were rehung on Tuesday, May 30th. Ascending the tower at 10 a.m., ringing was indulged in for a considerable time, touches of Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, and Bob Minor being rung. At 5 p.m. the ringers adjourned to the "Odd Fellows' Arms," where an excellent tea was provided by mine host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Foulkes. After tea a capital entertainment in the shape of tunes and changes on handbells were given by mixed companies, and Mr. Green and others sang several lively songs. Mr. Samuel Wood, Ashton-under-Lyne, then gave in a most pleasing manner a course of Grandsire Caters on the piano, in a style worthy of every commendation, and which highly delighted his appreciative audience. Before the close of the evening's proceedings Mr. James Barratt, on behalf of the Eccles ringers, expressed the pleasure he and his brother ringers felt at the welcome visit of the ringers to the ancient village of Eccles. They (the ringers), would always be made welcome, and nothing would give him and his comrades greater pleasure than to hear their outside friends ring a peal on the bells. Mr. Green brought a most enjoyable evening to a close by playing the National Anthem on handbells.

BELL FOUNDING.—The first Englishman known to have been a bell founder by trade, lived in 1284, when he made four bells for the Cathedral Church of Exeter, none of which remain; and one which is dated 1296, is the most ancient identified in England. The oldest bell mentioned by Mr. North as still hanging in a Northamptonshire steeple is that of Cold Ashby, which bears the date of 1317; but there are many undated examples, which from the style of the subscriptions must be considerably older. One hundred and thirty seven in all may be said with certainty to have been cast before the commencement of the 17th century, and of these twenty-three are dated. In Leicestershire Mr. North found 140 of the earlier period; so that there is only a difference of three old bells between the two counties—a curious coincidence. But Northamptonshire does not seem to have wanted a bell founder till the end of the 16th century, being then about 100 years later than Leicester. Moreover, many Northamptonshire bells were cast by Newcombe of Leicester, the two which being beside Mavion at Cold Ashby by being by him with the inscription "Newcombe of Leicester made mee 1606."—*Saturday Review*.

COLLEGE YOUTHS (MEMBERS OF THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION), AT IPSWICH.

In this paper three weeks ago appeared the record of a peal of Stedman Caters rung at Ipswich that will need a little correction; the time occupied was 3 hrs. 29 mins., not 3 hrs. 39 mins., and it was known as the composition of Mr. Haley, and not of Mr. Catchpole. On Saturday, 31st May, a company met by appointment at St. Mary-le-tower, to accommodate Mr. F. E. Dawe, of London, who had expressed a wish to call a peal of Treble-twelve there; the start was made, and 5088 changes (the composition of Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield) brought to a successful issue in 3 hrs. 54 minutes. Several competent judges outside were unanimous in saying a good peal had been accomplished—in fact little else can be expected at a tower like that, where every bell turns about so true and easy, excellent circle, good sight and ropes, and in a word, almost every necessary to meet the requirements of a band. The tower is built of flint and stone, and the bells, etc., are in charge of Mr. W. L. Catchpole, who performs his steeple-keeper's duty in a manner that is rarely ever met with, thus showing the benefit of having an ingenious ringer to perform this important work. The ringing-room is lighted by two stained glass windows at either end, and a gas chandelier in the centre, it is only 16ft. 6ins. square, and the bell-chamber measures exactly the same. Another very important thing is that Ipswich can boast of having at least four of the best, unassuming, and most promising young lads that is possible to meet with, being able to ring on twelve bells with the ease of an experience extending to half-a-century; their ages vary from 15 to 19 years, thereby showing a better return of "young blood" than any other ringing town in England.

On Whit-Sunday, morning and evening, Grandsire and Stedman Cinques were performed, and a visit made to St. Lawrence's, which has one of the prettiest little ornamental Gothic towers that is possible to imagine, having all sorts of artistic designs in bricks, black, white, and red; it is rather tall, and contains a ring of five "black letter bells," in a state of fine preservation. A walk by the banks of the river Orwell, a few 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles on the five bells at St. Matthew's, and a visit to some friends in the evening brought the day to a close. Seven o'clock the next morning saw a party of fourteen or so, bowling along in a brake, evidently bent on ringing of some sort or other, and when a short distance out of the town an accident occurred to one of the party who was riding a bicycle, but beyond being thrown to the ground, shaken, a few cuts and torn clothes, he escaped practically unhurt. Soon after, a slight derivation in the route was made to enable a fine set of handbells, the property of Mr. Charles Mee (one of the aforesaid young hands), to enjoy the benefit of the outing, as well as for the use of the company, and very soon the pretty music of Grandsire Cinques sounded (as well as it could be heard), as the party rode along the bright green lanes of Eastern Suffolk. After several miles of this sort of thing, they arrived at Stonham Aspill, and at St. Lambert's church, an even 5000 Treble Bob Royal was rung in 3 hrs. 25 mins. This was the first on the ten, the last and only previous peal being 5040 Bob Major, in January, 1768. The tower is stone to a little above the ringing-room, but where the bells are and upwards it is built entirely of wood. The ringing-room has a sort of "skeleton floor" on which the ringers stand, it being open interlaced woodwork, with apertures almost large enough to put one's foot through, and so renders it possible, for those ringing to see and converse with anyone down in the porch below. All the bells from the treble to the tenor, require a considerable amount of labour, that renders 5000 changes a performance, but by no means a treat—especially on a warm day. When the peal was done, several of the ringers paid a visit to a "Ten-pin ground" (being another word for "skittle alley," and had very soon nearly broken one another's legs, under the instruction of one of the most rare and remarkable specimens of mankind, who it is stated was once a ringer there, but he continues to assert that he shall never ring again, so long as his father lies buried in the churchyard!

The return journey was made a great deal down-hill, and in another direction, to enable to party to visit Coddensham, a pretty village, where the tower of St. Mary's church contains a nice little ring of eight, and one of the cosiest little ringing-rooms that can anywhere be found, being nicely matted, and the woodwork and fittings being painted bright blue and white, and as the bells go so well, it is just the sort of place a stranger "would like to ring a peal in." A touch of Stedman Triples and some rounds and fire brought the ringing to an end. The next thing was to get back to Ipswich, where a large and excellent photo of the ringers standing at the foot of their tower was obtained, and several of them went to the station to see the visitor (who thanked them all for their great kindness to him) safely ensconced in a railway carriage *en route* for London.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Devonshire Guild will be held at Babbacombe and St. Mary Church, Torquay, to-day (Saturday), June 21st.

J. S. NORTHCOTE, *Hon. Sec.*

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday afternoon, June 14th, a party of the above Association visited Houghton Conquest, a nice little village five miles south of Bedford, with a pretty church, and a tower containing a sweet-toned ring of six bells, by Mears, tenor 12 cwt., in F#. The visitors arrived at Houghton about four o'clock, from Bedford, Bromham, and Elstow, some on bicycles, some on tricycles, and some on that ancient locomotive called Shanks' pony. They were met by the venerable sexton of Houghton, Mr. T. Smart, and after a little refreshment, entered the tower. Searching for some lubricant for the bells, says our correspondent, we found all the oil bottles empty, which reminded us of the foolish virgins. We therefore dispatched one of our number to the nearest shop for some grease, and some of us began to ascend the old steps leading to the bells. After leaving the ground floor, where the ropes hang, we found everything in a wretched state; the steps and the belfry covered with straw and other rubbish, and the whole place alive with members of the feathered tribe. Our friend now returned with the grease, which we at once applied without stint to the corroded bearings, and then descended to the ringing-floor, which is open to the church. We started to raise the bells in peal, but when nearly up, the tenor became speechless, and owing to the accumulation of rubbish beneath the bells, the fall of the clapper was scarcely audible, thus a "belfry scare" was prevented. Up the old stairs again, and into the bell-chamber, where we found the clapper lying in the tenor-pit. Fortunately our company included a "jolly smith," and off we went to the local blacksmith's shop, which however we found closed, and all business suspended. We found the smith at home, a short distance from his shop, and in a few minutes a fire was kindled, and we were soon busy enough, and the work being done to the satisfaction of the experts, the clapper was again adjusted, and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung by W. Hall, 1; J. Atkins, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; C. Stafferton, W. Biggs, 5; J. Hills, 6. A 720 of Bob Minor was then attempted by the same band, Nos. 2, 3, and 4 being in inverted order. But the tenor-man requested the conductor to bring the bells round at half-way, the go of the 5th and tenor being wretched. Another trial was subsequently made, with Mr. Clarke at the tenor, but it failed. Grandsire and Bob Doubles were then rung, in which a gentleman from Bedford, and Mr. Ellis, of Bromham, rang the treble, and Mr. J. Odell, of Houghton Conquest, rang the tenor; an interval was however caused by the breaking of a rope. This being mended, a little more ringing was done, and the bells were handed over to the local men, who rang call changes.

Here at this village is certainly a capital opening for belfry reform. But the local ringers say they are not allowed to have anything repaired until there is a complete breakdown somewhere. Be this as it may, we hope we shall hear of the bells of Houghton Conquest being dealt with by some skilled bell-hanger, and of the village ringers becoming active members of the Bedfordshire Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

THIS Association held its Annual General Meeting at Canterbury on the 16th instant. The 10 bells of the Cathedral, those of St. Stephen's (8), St. Dunstan's (6), and Holy Cross (5) were placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept well employed during the greater part of the day. Some of the ringers even found their way to the eight-bell tower of Chilham, six miles from Canterbury, where the bells, lately rehung, go remarkably well. Most of the men, accompanied by several of the clergy and others interested in ringing, attended the 10.0 a.m. service in the Cathedral, where the Rev. Canon Fremantle addressed them. About 130 sat down to a capital dinner, the Dean of Canterbury presiding. The report, which was read by the Secretary, showed that the number of practising members is now 360, and of honorary members 135. A good number of fresh members joined the Association.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association was held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, July 7th, when upwards of fifty members attended, and partook of a substantial repast in St. Mark's school after which the general meeting was held, with the usual election of officers for the ensuing year. Six new members were elected. During the day several peals were very creditably rung by mixed bands, the meeting altogether being a great success.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Society will be held at Lichfield, on Saturday (to-day). Members are requested to assemble in the Cathedral belfry at 2 p.m. The business meeting will be held at 3.30 p.m. An address will be given to the Society in the Lady Chapel after Evensong, by the Rev. J. H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent.

J. R. KEEBLE, *Hon. Sec.*

VISIT TO CHELTENHAM AND PAINSWICK,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

ON Whit-Monday, June 2nd, Messrs. H. Bastable, J. Buffery, J. Sanders, A. Cresser, and S. Reeves, of the St. Martin's society, Birmingham, paid a visit to the grand town of Cheltenham with the idea of ringing a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's church with their Cheltenham friends, but on arrival they were informed that the tenor was under repair, and not in a fit state for peal-ringing. In consequence of this untoward state of affairs, conveyances were engaged to take the party on to Painswick, and taking with them a bag of handbells, and a good supply of refreshments, started on the journey. The weather being all that could be desired, and the road chosen being a very pleasant one, the visitors thoroughly enjoyed the drive, freely commenting on the beautiful scenery as they passed along. Arriving at a spot known as "Paradise," a halt was made, when each one partook of the good things provided. Reaching Painswick, a band was arranged for a peal of Stedman Caters, but after ringing about half-an-hour, it was thought better to abandon the idea of ringing a peal, as the go of the bells was not at all satisfactory, and so a touch of Stedman Cinques was started for, the party being made up by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, G. H. Phillott, Esq., and Messrs. F. Musty, H. Karn, W. T. Pates, H. Hodges, and W. Humphris. This being rung, the horses were again put in harness, and the party started on the homeward journey, ringing plain courses and touches of Grandsire Triples on the handbells as they went along. Cheltenham being reached, they there refreshed themselves with tea, and again repairing to St. Mary's tower, made an attempt to ring a touch of Stedman Caters, which however came to grief in the last course. This brought the day's proceedings to a close, and the visitors departed for home very soon afterwards. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to most heartily thank their Cheltenham friends for the kind way in which they entertained them, assuring them that it will be a long time before the trip to Cheltenham will be forgotten, and hoping at some future time to complete the original idea of ringing a peal of Grandsire Caters with them.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Whit-Monday meeting of this Association was held at Sunderland, the attendance of members from Darlington, Durham, Bishop Wearmouth, Chester-le-Street, Jarrow, North and South Shields, Newcastle, Hurworth, Stockton, Winlaton and Sunderland being very large. The ringing during the day consisted of a 1056 Kent Treble Bob Major, 352 Bob Major, and some Grandsire Triples at Sunderland; 720 of Oxford Bob and 720 of Plain Bob Minor at Bishop Wearmouth; various touches of Minor and six-scores of Doubles were also rung by members of the younger branches, thus indicating that the art of change-ringing is rapidly spreading amongst the new branches of this Association. At the committee meeting, the draft scheme of the National Association was discussed, and its objects generally approved. A dinner, at which seventy-one sat down, was provided at the Palatine Hotel, Canon Scott Moncrieff, Vicar of Christ Church, Monkwearmouth, presiding, in the absence of the rectors of Bishop Wearmouth and Sunderland, Ven. Archdeacon Long, and the Rev. R. Waters. There was also present, Revs. Boddington and Simmins, and Mr. J. P. Chapman, churchwarden of Sunderland, who takes great interest in his bells, and was present in the belfry during the whole of the ringing. After the loyal toasts, that of "The Bishops and Clergy of the dioceses of Durham and Newcastle" was proposed by W. Reed, Esq., and responded to by Canon Moncrieff, who expressed great interest in this Association, and although himself and many others regretted the necessity of separating Northumberland from the ancient see of Durham, he was glad to know that they were still tied together with bell-ropes. Other toasts followed, after which twenty-three new members were elected; including the Rev. E. Boddington and Mr. H. Reeves. The annual meeting will be held at Newcastle-on Tyne on the last Monday in October.

THE TEWKESBURY ABBEY SOCIETY.

ON Sunday, June 15th, the above Society visited Eastnor and Ledbury. On arriving at the former place at about 10 a.m., permission was soon obtained to ring for morning service. Some 120's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. Later in the day they visited Ledbury, and with the Rector's permission rang two touches of Grandsire Triples. It was also intended to go for a touch of Union Triples, but owing to the go of the bells, and new ropes, the attempt was not made. On returning to Eastnor, they rang for evening service. Some Kent Treble and Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, the following taking part in the ringing: Wm. Hampton, F. H. Witherington, F. J. Moore, S. Cleal, J. Wathen, J. Hale, Jos. Wathen, and W. Haines. The Ledbury bells are a very fair peal of eight, by Rudhall, of Gloucester, tenor 24 cwt. in Eb, and run the wrong way round.

REVIEWS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—This is an extensive document, of a neat, uniform appearance, and is the second one issued by this Association. The performances number thirty-one, but the list embraces those of the year 1882-83, with the omissions of a previous report made good, and errors rectified. Of these peals, fourteen have been rung at the church of St. Paul, Burton-on-Trent, principally by members of the local society, and they include performances which speak of great skill on the part of those who rang them. Of the four district towns, viz.: Burton, Derby, Nottingham, and Leicester, the two latter are lowest on the list. Nottingham contributes two peals of Grandsire Triples rung by the local party with one exception; two peals—Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples—being booked to Leicester, only the latter one being rung by local men. We fail to see the briefest allusion to St. Mary's, Nottingham, where we hear an unfortunate state of affairs exist. It is to be hoped that the appearance in Nottingham of a change-ringing clergyman may soon lead to a favorable change being made in the administration of St. Mary's belfry. And we hope to see, when the next Annual Report of this Association appears, our Nottingham friends will be found to have been a little more energetic than hitherto. With regard to Leicester, the case is still less cheering. In a town having two rings of ten, and two or three rings of eight, we naturally expect to hear of more than one solitary peal of Grandsire Triples being rung in a twelvemonth by local men. The Derby society are in advance of both Leicester and Nottingham, but that is the only grain of commendation that we are able to bestow. It would have been more gratifying had they scored a peal or two of Caters. As the tower of All Saints' church, having a ring of ten in fair condition, and of moderate weight, is open to them, they certainly appear not to have made the most of the advantages they possess. There may be, and no doubt are, local obstacles to the progress which we should like to hear was being made in these towns. But if drawbacks exist over which these societies have no control, then while patiently watching the course of events, the members of the respective companies should be constantly on the alert to seize any opportunity which may present itself for advancing the principles of the art within their midst. The Report of the Committee is brief, but to the point, and deals with every topic requiring to be touched upon in such a document.

The roll of Honorary Members comprises the names of many influential gentlemen within the respective districts, and a very great number of clergymen, among whom may be mentioned the Lord Bishop of Lichfield. Since the report appeared the Bishop of Southwell (Dr. Ridding) has intimated his intention of joining the Association.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Though a more unpretending statement than the one just alluded to, the appearance of this report must be gladly welcomed as coming from a part of the country where, until the North Wilts Guild (now merged into the Salisbury Diocesan Guild) commenced its operations, change-ringing was comparatively unknown. During the year twenty-seven companies have joined the Guild, which now numbers forty-six Life and Honorary Members, and 220 Ringing Members. The progress made in change-ringing by the members of this Guild has not been so great as, from various causes, we were led to expect. There does not appear to be that untiring energy manifested in several of the districts concerned, to acquire that proficiency in the art which we hear of in many places; and we hear of very little desire on the part of the members of this Guild to become *au fait* with ringing matters outside their own immediate sphere. The other day we came across a farm labourer who had lived all his life far away from any bells beyond the ring of five at his village, yet his acquaintance with ringing matters was very considerable, and in supplementing his knowledge by the information at our disposal, we were struck by the nature of his questions, and his eagerness for our replies. Such a spirit of enquiry we should like to hear was being exhibited among the members of the Salisbury Guild, and when they read from week to week of the various performances being rung by members of other Guilds, we hope they will strive by every means within their power to emulate them. If such advice is taken in the spirit in which it is offered, and acted upon, we shall live in hopes of seeing the record of a peal or two in the second Annual Report.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER AND SONS' CATALOGUE.—For a book of this description, the one before us is rather voluminous. It is exceedingly well got up, and profusely illustrated, this latter feature being an interesting characteristic of all the publications which—if he will allow us to say so—disclose the work of Mr. S. B. Goslin in their production. Every specialty of this well-known firm is set forth in a legible form, and in a manner easy of comprehension.

WE hear that it is proposed to add two trebles to the ring of six at the church of SS. Mary and Nicolas, Spalding, Lincolnshire, and that several subscriptions are promised towards this object. Before any definite steps are taken, the Vicar (Canon Moore) is desirous of having an architect's opinion on the strength of the tower.

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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.

All communications respecting advertisements must be addressed to the office of "THE BELL NEWS," Walthamstow, London.

A CORRECTION.—Mr. G. Conyard, of Crayford, Kent, writes:—"Dear Sir, the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Dartford on the 7th inst. should have read conducted by Frederick French, and not Alfred Coles, as published in your last issue." From the position in which the word "conductor" was placed in the report sent, it was impossible to satisfactorily determine which of these two ringers called the peal. We advise more care by our correspondents, as we frequently have to guess at many items they neglect to forward. The recent peal at Ipswich was sent without the name of the composer or conductor; but our surmise in this instance was partly wrong.

ONE OF THE RINGERS OF ST. ANDREW'S, DERBY.—Next week.
 F. HOUNSELL (Cuckfield).—Your communication has been accidentally destroyed. Be good enough to send again.
 C. SMITH (Bramford).—Next week.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1884.

So long a time has elapsed since the Ringers' Conference was held at Reading, that we must be excused directing the attention of our readers to the apparent reticence of the representative Committee elected at that Conference. We hear now and then of a draft Scheme issued by this Committee being brought before a Guild Meeting, and we also read that a resolution has been moved, seconded, and carried, with reference to it. But not a shred of intelligence has been published relative to such a Scheme in either of the journals which the Exercise expect to find such information. There may be satisfactory reasons for this silence which we know nothing about. But we cannot help thinking that the idea of publishing the proposals of the Committee, as embodied in this Scheme, in the manner we mention, has been lost sight of by them. And in consequence, there are a great many who from various causes are unable to attend an Association or Guild Meeting—whose only sources of information are the columns of this journal and those of our respected contemporary—who know little or nothing of the affair. We confess to being ignorant of the contents of the document which has been issued by the Committee. Personally, we could not expect to know any more of the matter than many others. But we are inclined to believe that many ringers, whose opinions and suggestions

on the question of a National Ringers' Association would have been worthy of consideration, are unaware of the proposals in connection therewith.

If the practice of change-ringing is for the moment put at its lowest status—that of mere amusement, it cannot, as such, ever meet with that common popularity which is the lot of many recreative pursuits. It will certainly be a long time before a deputation of ringers wait upon a cabinet minister, and urge him to redress their grievances, as did the bicyclists this week. Ringing is carried on, however, under conditions which gives it a higher qualification than a mere pastime. Its inseparable connection with the Church, and the Church's ordinances, establish this fact. Perhaps when the proposed National Association is called into existence, exertions will be strenuously made to induce Churchmen to estimate ringing at its true worth. We hope the Committee have in view and look forward to the holding of periodical festivals, on a scale equal to those held by various bodies at the metropolitan cathedral, and thus ensure the countenance of Churchmen as a body. The popularity which ringing would then enjoy would be of a high tone, and certainly not of a transient character.

THE BRAINTREE BRANCH OF THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The following is the ringing done by the Baintree company during the month of May:—May 3rd, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. May 4th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 720 of London Scholars' Pleasure, three 120's of Bob Doubles, 72 of Bob Minor, 120 Imperial. May 10th, 720 Imperial, 120 of Superlative Surprise. May 11th, 720 of Violet, 120 of Cambridge Surprise, 120 of College Exercise. May 18th, 720 of Cambridge Surprise, 120 of London Surprise. May 24th, 720 of Woodbine, 60 of Bob Minor. May 25th, 720 of London Surprise, 120 Superlative Surprise. May 31st, 120 of Bob Doubles, 360 of Double Court, 120 of Imperial.

THE SAFFRON WALDEN (ESSEX) SOCIETY. ESTABLISHED 1623.

ON Friday, June 27th, the Two hundred and sixty-first Anniversary will take place, in accordance with the will of the late Thomas Turner, of this town. The bells are in excellent order, and the home ringers will be pleased to see any visitors who may make it convenient to attend.
 JNO. F. PENNING, Hon. Sec.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

Erratum.—The Secretaries desire to correct the dates of the July ringing meetings, as given in last week's "BELL NEWS." They should stand thus: Barlaston on July 5th, and Norton on July 12th. On July 19th will take place the Dedication of the new ring of eight bells at Wolstanton, of which further notice will be given.

T. H. B. FEARON, } Hon. Secs.
 ENDON GLOVER, }

The Metropolis.

CAMBERWELL, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 14, 1884, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
 AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM CECIL Treble.	EDWARD ROGERS 5.
YORKE GREEN 2.	EDWARD F. STRANGE 6.
HENRY LANGDON 3.	HENRY J. TUCKER 7.
MARTIN MURPHY 4.	DANIEL NEWTON Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

The Provinces.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.***On Saturday, June 14, 1884, in Four Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6016 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.**

SAMUEL SLATER Treble.	OLIVER GARWOOD 5.
GEORGE MARTIN 2.	JOHN F. PENNING 6.
ERNEST A. PITSTOW 3.	GEORGE TAYLOR 7.
FREDERICK WELLS 4.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. Tenor.

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD, and conducted by
FREDERICK PITSTOW.*The peal is given on p. 42 of Snowdon's Treatise, and contains the 6th its extent in all positions. This is the first time of its performance, and the longest length on the bells.**S. Slater, F. Wells, and O. Garwood hail from Glemsford; G. Taylor, Cambridge; G. Martin, J. F. Penning, and Bros. Pitstow, Saffron Walden.**The Rev. Edward Symonds, curate of Lavenham, and Mr. Philip O. Bixby, were elected members of the Royal Cumberland Society on this occasion.***COPDOCK, NEAR IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 14, 1884, in Three Hours,*

AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

**5160 CHANGES: COMPRISED OF 6-SCORES IN SEVEN
DIFFERENT METHODS UPON FIVE BELLS:—**10 of Stedman Doubles; 8 of New Doubles; 8 of St. Simon's; 4 of
Plain; 4 of Old Doubles;
3 of The Nightingale; and 6 of Grandsire Doubles.

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS STEWARD Treble.	CHARLES MEE 3.
FREDERICK MEE 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 4.
JAMES MOTTS Tenor.	

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

THE HYDE SOCIETY.—HYDE, CHESHIRE.*On Saturday, June 14, 1884, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.

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

Composed by JOHN THORP, and conducted by THOMAS WILDE.

The above peal has the 5th and 6th their extent right, and has never been previously performed.

John Thorp hails from Ashton-under-Lyne.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.*On Monday, June 16, 1884, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ELBSY* .. Treble.	WALTER INGHAM 5.
SAMUEL DICKINSON 2.	EDWARD MATTHEWS 6.
WILLIAM HULME 3.	THOMAS JOHNSON 7.
JAMES HOLT 4.	*DAVID THORNHILL .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. MATTHEWS.

*First peal.

*W. Ingham hails from Higher Sutton; and J. Holt, W. Hulme, and E. Matthews from Macclesfield; the rest are local men.***THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**A Meeting for ringing only, will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at
Radcliffe. Ringing from 2 p.m.W. J. CHATTERTON, } Hon. Secs.
JOEL REDFORD, }**BIRMINGHAM.****THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.****Birthday Peal.***On Monday, June 16, 1884, in Three Hours,*

AT ST. JOHN'S, DERITEND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. in F#.

WILLIAM BALDWIN* .. Treble.	FRANCIS H. JAMES 5.
BENNETT STEVENS 2.	*CHARLES CARMELL 6.
JOHN T. PERRY 3.	THOMAS MILLER 7.
CHARLES BARNICLE* 4.	*RICHARD ELWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES CARMELL.

*First peal.

*This peal was rung to celebrate Mr. B. Stevens' 31st birthday, also Mr. T. Miller's 40th peal.***Date Touches.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Tuesday evening, June 17th, at the parish church, eight of the local company, also members of the above Guild, rang a date touch of 1884 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. H. Smith, 1; T. Brown, 2; T. E. Glanville (conductor), 3; W. Large, 4; H. Bond, jun., 5; J. Smith, 6; D. Francis, 7; W. Launchbury, 8. Tenor about 23 cwt. The above touch was rung at the inauguration of a new peal board which records a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung in January last, by members of the Burford company with Mr. J. Field of Oxford, who acted as conductor. The above date touch is the original composition of Mr. F. E. Ward, of Cheltenham, who was formerly one of the local company.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON-LE-MOORS.—On Thursday, June 12th, a date touch of 1884 changes in the following methods: 720 of Court Bob, 360 of Oxford Bob, 360 of Plain Bob, and 444 of Grandsire, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Holdcroft, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; Jas. Baddeley, 5; G. Walker (conductor), 6.

EAST WITTON (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, June 8th, in commemoration of the Earl of Savernake coming of age, a date touch of 1884 changes was rung at the parish church, consisting of 84 of Grandsire Bob Minor; 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor; 720 of College Single; and 360 of Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Croft, 1; J. Jacques, 2; J. Shields, 3; W. Craggs, 4; W. Peacock, 5; C. Bucklin (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, June 15th, a touch of Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins., standing as before. Tenor 7 cwt.

Miscellaneous.**THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.**

CAMBERWELL (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 8th, at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins. J. Waghorn, jun., 1; J. Waghorn, sen., 2; H. Langdon, 3; M. Murphy, 4; E. Rogers, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; W. Prime, 7; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 8. This quarter-peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. S. Smith on his 42nd birthday. Also on Sunday evening, June 15th, after Divine Service, a 546 of Oxford Bob Triples. H. Langdon, 1; R. French, 2; G. T. McLaughlin, 3; M. Murphy, 4; E. Rogers, 5; E. F. Strange, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; W. Prime, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Friday, May 23rd, at St. James's church, a 360 of Bob Minor. F. Keech (first 360), 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; C. West, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. Stafferton, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6.

THE OLDHAM SOCIETY, LANCASHIRE.

HULL.—On Saturday, June 7th, a company of ringers from Oldham, Lancashire, paid a visit to Hull, and attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to one of the company being unwell, the conductor brought the bells round after ringing 1 hr. 8 mins. John Hilton, 1; Geo. Hy. Beever, 2; Fred Crossland, 3; J. W. Stickney, 4; Jas. Bailey, 5; Chas. Jackson (conductor), 6; Chas. Bennett, 7; F. Merrison, 8. Messrs. Hilton, Crossland and Bailey, hail from St. Thomas's, Oldham, G. H. Beever, from St. Mark's, Glodwick, near Oldham, and the rest belong to Hull.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 15th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. Amos Cresser, 1; Thomas Miller (first 720 in the method), 2; William Brook, 3; Edward Boylin, 4; Thomas Lewis, 5; Bennett Stevens (conductor), 6. Also after service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. Edward Bryant, 1; Henry Smith, 2; Thomas Lewis, 3; Bennett Stevens, 4; Albert Hackley, 5; Thomas Miller (conductor), 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBOROUGH.—On Monday, June 16th, 1760 of Kent Treble Bob Major, by eight members of the Stockton society. J. Clarkson, 1; R. Alcock, 2; H. E. T. Glover, B.A., 3; W. Stephenson, 4; G. J. Clarkson, 5; T. Burdon, 6; T. Stephenson, 7; W. Newton, 8. This touch comprises the first part of a 5088 composed by Mr. H. Dains and kindly sent by him to Mr. G. J. Clarkson, who conducted it, and is by far the greatest length accomplished on these bells. Tenor 12 cwt.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, June 16th, for practice, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six, in 26 mins. George Campbell, 1; Francis Lees, 2; Charles L. Routledge, 3; William Bowes, 4; T. Denton (old society; conductor), 5; William Story, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. 1st 720 of Treble Bob Minor for the ringer of the 4th.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ILFORD (Essex).—On Saturday evening, June 14th, by the kind permission of the vicar, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Pye, 1; J. Cadman, 2; B. Keeble, 3; J. Nunn, 4; A. Pye, 5; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6. Tenor 8½ cwt. The above is understood to be the first 720 in the method upon the bells. Time 28 mins.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY (Kent).—On Monday, June 16th, being the Annual Meeting of the above Association, eight members rung at the Cathedral a touch of Grandsire Triples, 720 changes, taken from Holt's Original, in 26 mins. Rev. J. J. O. Helmore, 1; A. Foreman, 2; G. Stancombe (conductor), 3; E. Baldock (West Malling), 4; H. Fairbrass, 5; S. Barber (Folkestone), 6; S. Snelling (Sittingbourne), 7; D. Paine (Mershams), 8. Tenor 32 cwt. Also at St. Dunstan's church a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25½ mins. Rev. J. J. O. Helmore (first 720 in the method), 1; H. Barefield, 2; G. Stancombe (conductor), 3; J. Baker, 4; W. Keble, 5; R. Goodbourn, 6. Messrs. Baker and Keble hail from Gillingham, and Mr. Barefield from Tunbridge Wells. And another 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). C. Relf, 1; G. Stancombe (conductor), 2; J. Horton, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; F. Furgessen, 5; A. H. Woolley, 6. All hail from Maidstone, with the exception of G. Stancombe.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLES (Lancashire).—On Monday evening, June 9th, five of the local company, with one of the Manchester Cathedral ringers, Mr. A. E. Wreaks, rang at the parish church a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins., in commemoration of the birthday of Mr. John Barratt, one of the veteran ringers of Eccles church, who on Monday attained his 64th birthday, 40 of which he has been a ringer at the above church. John Barratt, 1; Thomas Yates, 2; James Barratt, 3; A. E. Wreaks, 4; Edward Cash, 5; G. H. Johnson (conductor), 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBORNE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday afternoon, June 14th, several members of the Long Eaton society, with Mr. W. Billingham, of Loughborough, visited the above place and by kind permission of the vicar rang 720 of Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 28 mins. W. Billingham, 1; Dr. Sellon, 2; G. Bradley, 3; R. Hickton, 4; A. Widdowson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Dr. Sellon, 1; W. Billingham, 2; G. Bradley, 3; R. Hickton, 4; A. Widdowson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Whit-Tuesday, June 3rd, eight members of the Reading branch of the above Association visited this place, where, by kind permission, they rang various touches of Grandsire and Bob Major, one feature of the ringing was the way in which Mr. J. M. Routh rang the 7th bell without a stay. R. Hopgood, 1; Geo. Gibbard, 2; E. Bishop, 3; T. Newman, 4; J. Potter, 5; H. Egby, 6; J. M. Routh, Esq., 7; J. Redgrove, 8.

CAVERSHAM (Berks).—On Whit-Sunday, June 1st, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, as a birthday-peal for E. Pottinger, it being his first 720 with a bob bell. R. Hopgood, 1; Geo. Gibbard, 2; E. Pottinger, 3; R. Swain, 4; T. Newman, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, June 7th, a 360 of Oxford Bob Minor. S. Paice, 1; Geo. Gibbard, 2; E. Pottinger, 3; T. Newman, 4; H. Blissett, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6.

HAGBORNE (Berks).—On Wednesday, May 21st, eight members of this branch of the above Guild visited the ancient village of Hagborne, near Didcot, and started for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing well into the peal, the third rope slipped the wheel, thus occasioning a "stand." R. Hopgood, 1; Geo. Gibbard, 2; R. Swain, 3; S. Paice, 4; J. Potter, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6; W. Newell, 7; J. Sadler, 8. After setting things right overhead, the band then rung in first-rate style, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. There is an old bell here, the 3rd, dated 1602, and inscribed with the Royal initials, E.R.

READING.—On Whit-Sunday, June 1st, the St. Giles's society rang their first 720 of Doubles. H. Smart, 1; H. Bonney, 2; Geo. Gibbard, 3; T. James, 4; H. Egby, 5; C. Hine, 6. On Whit-Thursdays, June 5th, at St. Giles's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. H. Smart, 1; H. Bonney, 2; Geo. Gibbard, 3; W. Goseltime, 4; T. James, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6.

BENGELO (Herts).—On Sunday evening, June 15th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity Church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with thirty-four bobs and two singles, in 26 mins. Arthur Wrangles, 1; Thomas Gathard, 2; James Staples, 3; Matthew Ellsmore, 4; Henry Phillips, 5; Herbert Baker (conductor), 6. Tenor 7½ cwt. M. Ellsmore hails from Ware, and is a member of the Royal Cumberland Society.

BENTLEY (South Weald).—On Sunday, June 8th, before Divine Service in the morning at St. Paul's church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 18½ mins. F. Surridge, 1; A. Pain, 2; R. Woollands (conductor), 3; C. Sheldon, 4; C. Harris, 5. Tenor 6 cwt.

BILLINGSHURST (Sussex).—On Whit-Sunday, June 1st, after afternoon service at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 25 mins. P. Woods, 1; J. Voice, 2; John Whiting (first 720), 3; W. Chantler, jun., 4; T. Chantler, 5; W. Chantler, sen. (conductor), 6. Also another 720 in the same method, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 25 mins. P. Woods, 1; J. Voice, 2; W. Chantler, sen., 3; W. Chantler, jun., 4; T. Chantler, 5; F. Hill (conductor), 6. Messrs. Hill and Whiting hail from Fareham, the rest belong to the local company.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hampshire).—On Sunday evening, June 7th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. A. Guist, 1; H. Vivash, 2; G. Staden, 3; T. Bennett, 4; T. Green (conductor), 5; S. Merrit, 6; H. Garrett, 7; T. Belbin, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

EAST HAGBORNE (Berks).—On Saturday, June 14th, eight members of the St. Lawrence's society, Reading, visited the above village, and by the kind permission of the vicar, the Rev. W. R. Baker, rang a 1414 of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's original), in 50 mins. W. J. Williams (conductor), 1; H. M. Bawden, 2; W. Johnson, 3; W. R. Pocock, 4; G. Talbot, 5; E. Bishop, 6; J. E. Willshire, 7; W. Goseltime, 8. We wish here to express our thanks to the vicar for so readily granting us the use of the bells.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Sunday, June 15th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins. J. Haspray, 1; C. Baxter, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Hughes, 4; W. Woods (conductor), 4; J. Rowland, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

HAUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Thursday, May 29th, at St. Anne's church, the local company rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with sixteen bobs and two singles, in 28 mins. *James A. Thomas, 1; *Richard Ainsworth (conductor), 2; *William Wilde, 3; *John S. Leech, 4; John Howard, 5; *Peter Smith, 6. Also on Tuesday, June 3rd, another 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. Richard Ainsworth (conductor), *John Bardsley, 2; William Wilde, 3; John S. Leech, 4; John Howard, 5; Peter Smith, 6. Tenor 14½ cwt. in G. *Members of the United Counties' Association. These are the first two 720s by John Howard.

HAVERSTOCK HILL.—On Wednesday, June 4th, at St. Martin's church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. H. Fussell, 1; T. Gleed, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; B. Foskett, 4; T. Titchener, 5; G. Griffin, 6. This 720 is an original composition by Mr. John Gobbett, of Stratford, Essex. It contains fifteen bobs with the tenors the right way throughout.

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HIGHER SUTTON (Cheshire).—On Saturday, June 7th, this company had the pleasure of meeting Messrs. W. J. Hargreaves and W. Roberts, of Holy Trinity church, Hulme, Manchester, when they rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with thirty-six bobs and twelve singles, in 27 mins; conducted by William Walmsley. There was also some good ringing done in the way of Kent Treble Bob.

LEYLAND (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, June 12th, Mr. W. Greenleaf, from the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, bell-founders, London, who is adding another bell at St. James's, Leyland, to complete a ring of six, rang at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. Jas. Bretherton (conductor), 1; Thos. Bowling, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; H. Gregson, 4; Thos. Baron, 5; Jas. Banister, 6. Also on Sunday, June 15th, for Divine Service in the evening, another 720 was rung by the same band with the exception of O. Worden (conductor), 1. Tenor 18½ cwt.

LOWMOOR, NEAR BRADFORD (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, June 7th, seven members of the local company with T. Goodall of Liversedge, rang at Holy Trinity Church, a 2528 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 34 mins. T. Pickard, 1; J. Worsnop, 2; A. Wilkinson, 3; H. Jones, 4; W. Tordaff, 5; T. Goodall (Liversedge), 6; J. W. Emmett, 7; C. Drackup (conductor), 8. The above is the longest length rung by the 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 7th ringers.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Monday, June 2nd, at All Saints' parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 51 mins. J. Constable, 1; R. Simmonds, 2; J. Fergusson, 3; Col. Troyte, 4; E. Elliott, 5; A. H. Woolley, 6; G. Pawley (conductor), 7; H. Pearce, 8. Tenor 31 cwt. Also a short touch of Bob Major, conducted by H. Pearce, and taken part in by Mr. W. W. Scales. Also on Thursday, June 5th, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. J. Constable, 1; R. Simmonds, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; Col. Troyte, 4; E. Elliott, 5; G. Pawley, 6; F. G. Newman, 7; H. Pearce, 8. Conducted by Colonel Troyte. Colonel Troyte hails from Huntsham Court, Devon. Mr. Scales from Diss, and F. G. Newman, from Mereworth. This was the Bath and West of England show week, and several other ringers in the town visited the belfry.

MANCHESTER.—On Friday, May 16th, at St. Philip's church, Hulme, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. O'Brien (first 720 in the method), 1; A. Wood, 2; H. Wood, 3; T. Collinge, 4; W. J. Hargreaves, 5; J. F. Woods (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, May 19th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. F. Lord (first 720 in the method), 1; H. Wood, 2; T. Collinge, 3; W. J. Hargreaves, 4; T. Heald, 5; J. F. Woods (conductor), 6. And on Monday, June 9th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. O'Brien, 1; F. Lord (first 720 in the method), 2; H. Wood, 3; T. Heald (conductor), 4; A. Wood, 5; W. J. Hargreaves, 6. This is T. Heald's first time of conducting.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, June 8th, at St. Lawrence's parish church, for afternoon service, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles were rung by four members of the local company, assisted by Messrs. Brown and Cook of Clay Cross. First 6-score: T. Allibone (conductor), 1; *G. Beresford, 2; *G. Tarlton, 3; J. H. Cook, 4; *T. P. Day, 5; *W. Hopkinson, 6. The second 6-score was rung by the same band, with the exception of G. Brown, who rung the 3rd. *First 6-score. The local company are all amateurs except the conductor, only having begun to learn about six months ago. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

LEEK (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, June 10th, three members of the Higher Sutton society paid a visit to this place, and rung a 720 of Bob Minor, with twenty-six bobs and two singles, in 28 mins. Wm. Walsley (conductor), 1; *Rt. Gibson, 2; J. Nott, 3; Wm. Ingham, 4; *E. Sherratt, 5; *W. H. Armitt, 6. *Members of the local company. Tenor 20 cwt.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Wednesday evening, June 11th, was rung at St. Mary's parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor, with four bobs and fourteen singles, in 25 mins. H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; Jas. Levitt, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; Jno. Levitt, 6. Also a 384 in the same method, with fourteen bobs and two singles, in 13 mins., conducted by H. Symonds, the band standing as before. A. Symonds hails from Lavenham, the others are local men. Tenor 11 cwt.

READING (Berks).—On Trinity Sunday, June 8th, at St. Laurence's in the afternoon, for the annual flower service, the sermon being preached by the late curate, Dr. Leighton Coleman, a 700 of Grandsire Triples from the *Clavis*, containing the tittums and nine 7-4s, in 25 mins. F. Round, 1; W. Johnson, 2; W. R. Pocock, 3; J. E. Willshire, 4; E. Bishop, 5; W. Newell, 6; W. J. Williams (conductor), 7; W. Goseltine, 8. Also on Tuesday, June 10th, for practice, a 684 of Grandsire Caters, from the *Clavis*, containing Tittums and Queens, in 29 mins. F. Round, 1; W. R. Pocock, 2; W. Johnson, 3; J. E. Willshire, 4; W. H. Holloway, 5; G. Talbot, 6; E. Bishop, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; W. Goseltine, 10. *Muffled Peal*.—Also on Wednesday, June 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, containing Queens, Tittums, twelve 7-4s, and twelve 6-7s, in 49 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Miss S. M. Havell, for many years organist at St. Laurence's. W. H. Holloway, 1; W. Johnson, 2; W. R. Pocock, 3; J. E. Willshire, 4; E. Bishop, 5; W. Newell, 6; W. J. Williams (conductor), 7; J. T. Waldron, 8.

RINGSTEAD (Northamptonshire).—On Wednesday, June 11th, at St. Mary's church, five of the local company, with the assistance of W. J. Gilbert, of Raunds, rung a 720 of Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles. *J. Lawford, 1; *J. Braybrook, 2; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 3; E. Mayes, 4; *A. Groom, 5; T. Roberts, 6. *First 720.

SADDLEWORTH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, June 14th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. John J. Brierley, 1; John Holden, 2; Thos. Silvester (Anston), 3; C. F. Fowler (Anston), 4; Joseph Wood, 5; Wm. Hall (formerly of Anston, now residing at Manchester). Messrs. Brierley, Holden, and Wood belong to the local company.

SLINFOLD (Sussex).—On Sunday, June 15th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. H. Chantler, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadley, 3; H. Wood, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Burstow (conductor), 6. Also after service, another 720 in the same method. E. Knight, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadley, 3; H. Wood, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Chantler (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G. The first 720s in the method on the bells.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday evening, June 14th, at St. Paul's, Fulney, the following members of the South Lincolnshire Association and members of the local company rang the first half of Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 32 mins. R. Skeef, 1; R. Creasey (conductor), 2; E. Mason, 3; E. Quinton, 4; A. W. Walker, 5; J. A. Croxford, 6; J. W. Creasey, 7; A. Creasey, 8. This is the longest length ever rung on the bells. And at the church of SS. Mary and Nicholas (no date mentioned) 2520 was rung in four methods viz.: 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob; 720 of Kent Treble Bob; 720 of Oxford Single Bob; and 360 Oxford Treble Bob. Jas. Wright, 1; Jas. Wilson, 2; G. Richardson, 3; R. Mackman, 4; E. Brown, 5; J. Brown (conductor), 6. Time 1 hr. 33 mins. Tenor 18 cwt. Witnessed by a College Youth, and an old ringer 64 years of age.

SYSTON (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, June 10th, at the parish church, the local company rang a 720 of Bob Minor, containing eighteen bobs and two singles (being a variation of the last 720 rung by them), in 27 mins. J. Freeman, 1; J. North, 2; W. Bail, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Pickard, 5; Rev. W. Pearson (conductor), 6. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

TIBENHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, June 14th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 28 mins. G. Manser (conductor), 1; T. Wick, 2; G. Manser, jun., 3; J. Jackson, 4; J. Hinchley (Bunwell), 5; E. Websdale, 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

TODMORDEN (Lancashire).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Sunday, June 15th, at the Unitarian church, with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Rev. William Gaskell, of Manchester, for Divine Service in the morning, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins., being the last part of Thurstan's bob-and-single peal, in five parts, and in the evening a 504 of Stedman Triples, in 17 mins. B. Midgley, 1; Jno. Mitton, 2; Y. Greenwood, 3; H. Kershaw, 4; J. W. Greenwood (conductor), 5; Wm. Midgley, 6; Jno. Sutcliffe, 7; Jos. Sutcliffe, 8.

TROWBRIDGE (Wilts).—On Saturday, June 14th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Alley (conductor), 1; W. W. Gifford, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; A. Hayward, 4; W. McCaffery, 5; W. Lane, 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; J. Cooper, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. [In the account of the ringing at St. Thomas's, Salisbury, on May 29th, for C. Jasper read C. Gaisford.]

WALTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, June 7th, at St. Mary's parish church, the ringers of St. Mary's, Eastham, Cheshire, rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. J. Haspray, 1; C. Baxter, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Hughes, 4; J. Woodward, 5; J. Rowland, 6. The above was conducted by J. Haspray, who is blind. Tenor 10 cwt.

Obituary.

On the 29th ultimo, after a short but painful illness, Mr. John Wells, the youngest member of the Waltham Abbey society, at the age of 23. His funeral took place in the Waltham Holy Cross cemetery, on Wednesday, the 4th instant, the Vicar and the Rev. J. Stamp officiating. In the evening, the customary muffled peal was rung upon the bells of the Abbey Church, as a last mark of respect to the departed. The ringers who attended were Messrs. Powell, Cleverley, Tarling, Alps, Thurgood, Colverd, Dymock, Barker, and Mitchell. A 504 of Stedman Triples was also rung with the bells still muffled. The whole was conducted by T. Powell. The Waltham Abbey society has lost the oldest and youngest of its members within the last six months.

We are requested by the Secretary of the College Youths to state that members of that society ringing peals, and wishing such performances entered in the company's peal-book, must send particulars of them to the head quarters of the Society "The King's Head," Winchester Street, Southwark, as he cannot undertake to copy them from the records of this journal for that purpose.

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."

AN APPEAL.

SIR,—May I be permitted, through the medium of your valuable journal, to make an appeal on behalf of the ringers of a very small Northamptonshire village? The parish church is an old and interesting one, and possesses six bells; one of these is unfortunately unhung owing to want of funds, and the bell-ropes of the remainder have been spliced and re-spliced so often that new ones must be obtained immediately. The village is a very poor one, there being no squire or resident gentry, and unless outside assistance can be obtained, the ringers must shortly give up what to them is very great pleasure. I feel sure that all bell-ringers will heartily sympathise with them, and venture to hope that some may see their way to assist by a small subscription towards the new ropes, and the repairs which the belfry needs. Subscriptions may be sent to me, or to E. M. Farrar, Esq., 17, Dean's Yard, Westminster.
SAML. SMITH,
3, Trevor Square, Knightsbridge, S.W. Steeplekeeper of St. Margaret's, Westminster.

THE ACCIDENT AT ST. THOMAS'S, SALISBURY.

SIR,—I see in a recent number of our paper, with reference to this accident, a question signed by "Sidesman," who wants to know who is the steepleman of the above church. I may inform him that such an officer was never appointed during the forty years that I have been there. Certainly the keys have been held by two different members for the purpose of ringing the Curfew, and ringing the bells for service. The bells are in a very bad state of repair, they have had nothing done to them but once during that period, except being screwed up about five or six years back by the ringers themselves. I do not think there was any carelessness due to any one, for nothing will wear for ever, and the ringers are not men who understand the repair of bells generally, but I must inform him the bells go so badly that it is as much as they can do to keep them moving for ten minutes or a quarter of an hour at the outside.

W. LANHAM.

P.S.—I think it a pity correspondents do not sign their proper names.

MR. DORAN AND OUR REPORTER.

SIR,—While carefully reading through the speeches that were made at the Annual Meeting of the Essex Association at Chelmsford, I observed that your own reporter states that I made certain allegations, and was carried away by the "exuberance of my own verbosity." I think it would have been as well for him to have stated what those allegations were, and then our ringing brethren in other parts of the county could have judged for themselves whether I was right or not. Now, sir, one word about extending the Association to Hertfordshire. I think if me and my friend Mr. Alps had gone for a pleasant trip among the pheasants and partridges, as did the chief speaker against the resolution, we might have secured more votes for it. Should the question be brought forward at any future time, I will do my best to support it, as I think the larger the Association the better.

West Ham, Essex.

W. H. DORAN.

THE ST. PAUL'S GUILD, BRIGHTON.

SIR,—Of late the above Guild, coupled with the Reading Society has been the subject of editorial comment. I believe this arose from a few words I appended to a notice published in your valuable paper to the effect that our belfry was to be kept private for a limited time, viz.: on Thursday practice-evenings, but which has not been strictly adhered to. Privacy was deemed necessary to prevent obstruction, which might have occurred from an unlimited number of visitors tendering us their different opinions. Now Sir, trusting the above explanation will be satisfactory, and will not bring our Guild into any more complications with the "deplorable affairs" which may come under your notice, as existing in other belfries, I conclude with a cordial invitation, on behalf of the members of the Guild, and myself, to any change-ringer to visit our tower whenever he may feel so disposed.

ALFRED J. J. GIDDINGS,

Superintendent of St. Paul's Church Guild, Brighton.

"THE ART IN DEVON."

SIR,—Allow me to pass a few remarks on a paragraph or two that I have noticed in your paper, headed "The Art in Devonshire." Why is any local news about round-ringing so eagerly gleaned and published when other counties are exempt? Is it because there is more round-ringing or "Churchyard Bob" in this county than any other? I sincerely hope such is not the case, indeed I do not think so, for I can name about a score of towers where the "Art" is practised. At Exeter, for instance, I can safely say that there is less "stoney"

rung than in London. The County Guild report for 1883 has five peals for that year; three of Grandsire and two Stedman Triples. It is not much, it is true, for a County Guild, but it must be taken into consideration that before the Guild was formed, Devon was a regular hot-bed for round and stoney ringing. The half-pull ringers have had a lot to contend with, but they have stuck at the root, and have devoted themselves more to colts, and the conversion of round-ringers, than to peal-ringing, which I believe is the right thing to do in a county that has to work its own way upwards. Change-ringing has got a firm footing in the county, and stoney is dying a natural death. I hope it will end peaceably, and, in conclusion, I must say that I should like to make one of the party for a muffled peal for him.

HALF-PULL.

BELL FOUNDING OPERATIONS.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

It will be remembered that the spire of this church was some months ago struck by lightning, and that in its fall it damaged the celebrated ring of twelve bells, the finest, it is said, in the county. The bells have been taken down and put in thorough ringing order, and rehung by Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, who also re-arranged the chiming apparatus, which had been greatly damaged when the bells fell.

THURLOXTON, NEAR TAUNTON.

The bells of this church have been unringable for some time; the 3rd is now to be recast, a new treble added, and a new frame and fittings for the whole to be supplied by Llewellyns and James, Bristol.

WESTWOOD, NEAR BRADFORD-ON-AVON.

The whole of this ring of bells has been cracked for many years. As a beginning, one has been recast by Llewellyns and James, and as soon as funds are forthcoming, the remainder will be recast by the same firm.

KNILL, NEAR PRESTEIGNE.

The 2nd bell of this ring has been recast, and the bells rehung by Llewellyns and James, of Bristol. Inscription—"Catherine de Knill 1608. Recast 1884."

CHEDDAR.

A new treble, weighing 7 cwt., has been added to the fine ring of this church, by Llewellyns and James, of Bristol. Inscription—"Praise God. By Public Subscription. Jas. Coleman Vicar A.D. 1884."

HASELBURY, NEAR CREWKERNE.

The 3rd bell of this ring has been recast, and the whole of the bells (five) refitted and rehung by Llewellyns and James, Bristol. Inscription—"J. A. Caley, M.A. Vicar. T. A. Rawlins, H. Hole, Churchwardens. Recast A.D. 1884."

MEARE, NEAR GLASTONBURY.

The whole of these bells have been refitted and rehung by Llewellyns and James, Bristol.

ST. MICHAELCHURCH, ESKLEY, NEAR HEREFORD.

These bells are now being thoroughly overhauled and rehung by Llewellyns and James, Bristol.

TINTINHALL, NEAR MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

The 3rd bell of this ring is now being recast by Llewellyns and James, of Bristol (weight 7 cwt.), and the whole ring will be rehung by the same firm.

CREECH ST. MICHAEL, NEAR TAUNTON.

The 3rd bell of this ring of five is cracked, the recasting and re-hanging are now being done by Llewellyns and James, Bristol.

EBBESBORNE WAKE, NEAR SALISBURY.

AUGMENTATION OF RING.—A new treble and new tenor are to be added to the existing ring of three, making a ring of five, and a new frame and fittings for the whole. The work has been entrusted to Llewellyns and James, Bristol.

THE Ancient Society of College Youths will hold their Anniversary Dinner at "The Bell," Walthamstow, on 5th July next. Dinner on the table at 3 o'clock; Tickets 4s. Gentlemen intending to be present will please send their names to the Secretary, "King's Head," Winchester Street, S.E., not later than Tuesday, July 1st.

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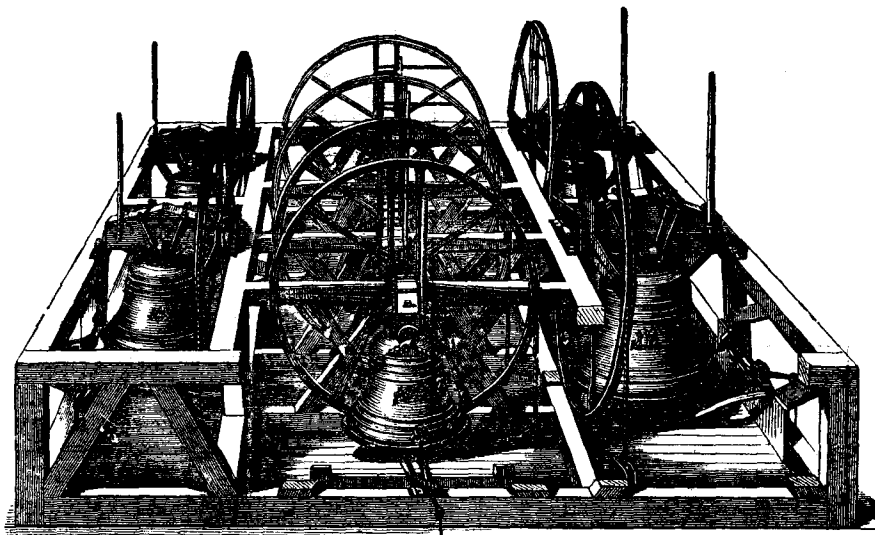
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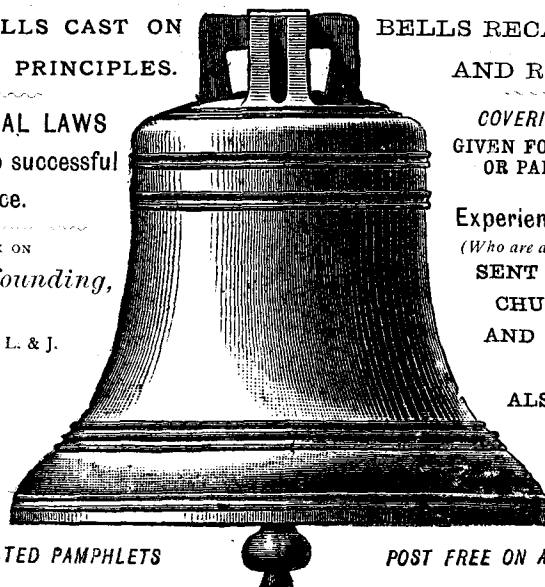
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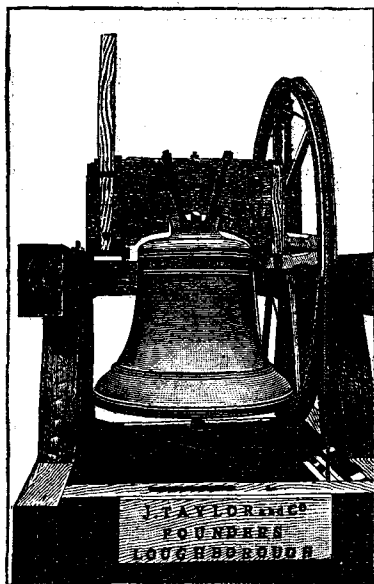
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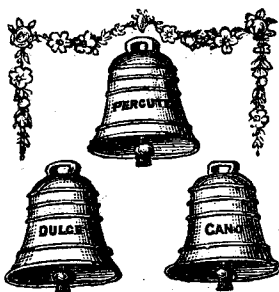
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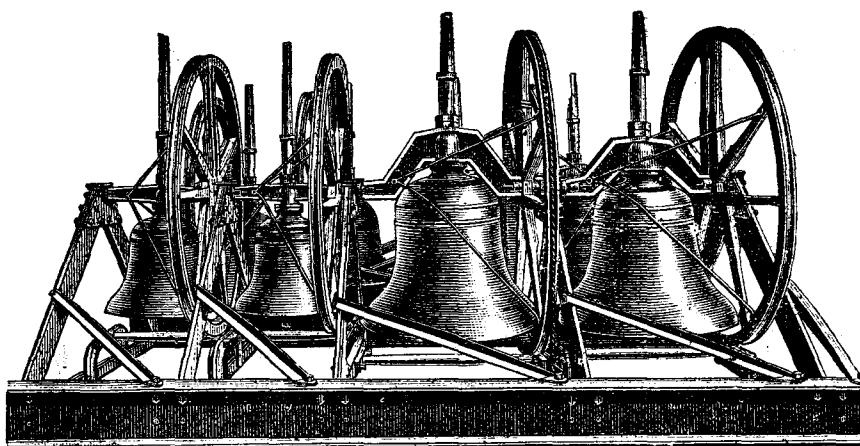
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