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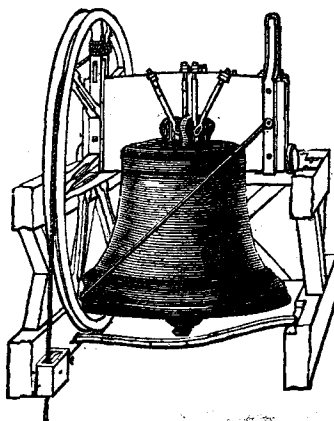
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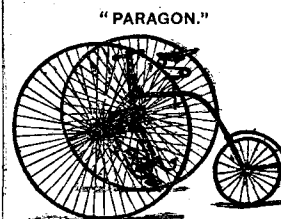
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This musical and intricate method is given amongst the Surprise variations in the *Clavis*; as it has never been published in any modern work on ringing it would be very interesting to know if it has before been rung, and if so, when and where, and whether any of the Surprise variations called after the cathedral cities ever came into general practice, excepting those known as Cambridge, London and Superlative Surprise.

1 2 3 4 5 6	6 4 2 5 3 1	3 6 1 5 2 4
2 1 4 3 6 5	4 6 5 2 1 3	3 1 6 5 4 2
1 2 4 6 3 5	6 4 5 2 3 1	1 3 5 6 2 4
2 1 6 4 5 3	6 5 4 3 2 1	3 1 5 2 6 4
2 6 1 4 3 5	5 6 4 3 1 2	1 3 2 5 4 6
6 2 4 1 5 3	6 5 3 4 2 1	1 3 5 2 6 4
6 2 1 4 3 5	6 3 5 4 1 2	
2 6 4 1 5 3	3 6 5 1 4 2	Bob
6 2 4 5 1 3	6 3 1 5 2 4	1 3 2 5 4 6
	6 3 5 1 4 2	1 2 3 5 6 4

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PANGBOURNE, BERKS.

This tower has a splendid ring of six, tenor 13 cwt. in Ab, which are noted for their beautiful tone. They bear the following quaint inscriptions, which may be of interest.

Treble—"When we ring, I sweetly sing. A.R. 1720."
2nd—"God preserve the Church. A.R. 1720."
3rd—"Peace and good neighbourhood. A.R. 1720."
4th—"Abr. Rudhall of Gloucester, Bell founder, 1720."
5th—"Prosperity to all our benefactors. A.R. 1720."
Tenor—"The Rev. Ben. Loveling, Rector, Wm. Leader and Rich. Wilder, Churchwardens, 1720."

Some years ago, one of the canons of the tower was broken by some means, and after lying in disuse for a long time, was repaired by Warner of London, who drilled a hole in the crown of the bell, and thus connected her to the stock. The whole peal was rehung by White of Appleton in 1876, and are now in thorough repair. A climb to the top of the tower on a clear day is amply repaid by the magnificent view, which extends some miles along the beautiful valley of the Thames, on the banks of which the village stands.

THE ST. JOHN'S COMPANY, PIMLICO, LONDON.
PRESENTATION TO MR. F. T. GOVER.

Friday evening, the 27th of June, was an important one in the events of the above Society, on account of a presentation to the first of its members on the occasion of his marriage. At 8.30, a short touch was rung in the tower, and then all adjourned to the new parochial buildings, where an excellent tea was provided, to which eighteen sat down. Immediately after tea, Mr. F. W. Francis rose and read a nicely-executed address to Mr. Gover, to which was affixed the signatures of the subscribers to the testimonial, at the same time presenting him with a handsome walnut side table as a mark of their appreciation of his services, and begged his acceptance of it, not on account of its intrinsic value, but as a pledge of their esteem, and a bond of friendship which they hoped would exist. Mr. F. E. Dawe, then addressing Mr. Gover, said that this convivial gathering was called to invite him as their guest for the purpose of doing a little honour that all were pleased to assist in, as it was in a great measure owing to his exertions that so many young ringers had been encouraged there. He had always shown the greatest kindness in doing his best to instruct them and many services has been rendered by him in the tower. By his ever obliging manner, he had become not only popular, but a general favourite. He then proposed "The health and happiness of, and long life and prosperity to Mr. and Mrs. Gover." This was seconded by the Rev. W. S. Kelly, who made some very kind and encouraging remarks; the toast was then drank amidst cheers.

Mr. R. A. Sparkes then proposed "the St. John's ringers," coupling with it the name of the Rev. O. P. Yerburgh, who in responding proposed the health of the steeple-keeper, Mr. C. Teesdale, mentioning the very obliging manner in which he always did his work in the tower. Mr. Sparkes also pointed out the good feeling of "pulling together" that existed in the company, and that they should feel proud of two or three of their oldest members that had learned to handle a bell there, and who could now stand amongst the finest ringers in the ringing world.

Mr. F. T. Gover suitably responded to what had been said, expressing his most sincere thanks for their kindness. Mr. Dawe next proposed "the absent friends." Other speakers then followed, including speeches well to the point from Messrs. C. F. Winny, E. Wright, and J. Pullman. The others present in addition to the above named were Messrs. H. Comber, W. T. Ceaton, H. Garrett, F. Garrett, C. Gross, H. P. Walsh, and W. Chew; and after a vote of thanks to the Chairman, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by all standing up and singing "Auld Lang Syne" with joined hands.

WORCESTER DIOCESAN AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS
ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Worcester on Monday, July 14th. Members will meet at the house of host Baker (an Honorary Member of this Association), the "Old Greyhound," at Eleven o'clock, for ringing. The tower of St. Mary's Cathedral, having a ring of twelve, and the other towers, will be open for ringing during the day. The business meeting will be held as usual at All Saints' schools, at Two o'clock, at which the Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester, Lord Alwyne Compton, D.D., will preside.

In addition to those of the Cathedral, the "faithful city" has the following bells: All Saints, ten bells; St. Helen's, eight; St. Martin's, six; St. Swithin's, six; St. Nicholas', six; and St. John's, six.

A CURIOUS OLD RECORD.

The following paragraph, taken from *The Morning Chronicle and London Advertiser* of March 19th, 1778, has been kindly sent to us for publication:—

"On Monday last, the society of Cumberland Youths rang at All Hallows, Barking, a true and compleat peal of double bob six in, containing 720 changes, in twenty-five minutes, with one alteration behind, and one before, throughout the peal. The above masterly performance is allowed, by the greatest proficients in the art, to be the only peal of double ever compleated since the first invention of ringing."

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ESTABLISHED 1637.

The Ancient Society of College Youths hold their Anniversary Dinner to day (Saturday), at "The Bell," Walthamstow. Dinner on the table at 3 o'clock. There are two rings of eight in the parish, but is doubtful whether those of St. Saviour's church can be rung until the new Vicar is practically in residence.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of members of the above Association was held at Leicester on Saturday, June 28th, the following towers being open during the day: St. Margaret's, St. Mary's, St. Mark's, St. Saviour's, St. George's, and All Saints'. The meeting of Committee was held at four o'clock, in St. George's schools, Colton Street, and tea was subsequently served in the Pavilion, Abbey Park. At the General Meeting held afterwards for the transaction of the business of the Association, the Rev. James H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, presided, being supported by the Rev. R. W. Pitt (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. William Wakley (Hon. Treasurer). The Chairman reported that nine peals of 5000 changes and upwards had been rung by members of the Association since the last meeting, viz.: five of Grandsire Triples, two of Kent Treble Bob Major, one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and one of Superlative Surprise Major. One of these had been rung as a wedding peal at Loughborough, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., a prominent member of the Association; and five had been rung with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the late Mr. M. T. Bass, ex-M.P. for Derby, and an Honorary Member of the Association from its commencement.

The President complimented the Derby members upon having completed three peals during the quarter, the peal upon the bells of St. Luke's, Derby, being a particularly noteworthy performance. He also added that several 720s of Kent Treble Bob Minor and 6-scores of Stedman Doubles had appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" under the title of the Association, which augured well for its future.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Southwell; the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Sneinton, Nottingham; the Rev. F. J. Lyall, St. Luke's, Derby; and A. P. Heywood, Esq., Duffield, were admitted as Honorary Members. Five ringing members were also elected.

On the motion of Mr. Wakley, seconded by Mr. Taylor, jun., and carried unanimously, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicars and Churchwardens of the Leicester churches for so kindly placing their bells at the disposal of members.

Mr. Hickman proposed, Mr. Tabberer seconded, and it was carried, "That the next meeting be held at Nottingham, on Saturday, October 4th."

Owing to the intensely hot day there was very little ringing done, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Triples being chiefly conspicuous. There was a fair attendance of members from Burton-on-Trent, Derby, Loughborough, Long Eaton, Leicester, and Nottingham, about forty of whom sat down to an excellent tea. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday evening, June 27th, this society met to do honour to the memory of a deceased member—the late Sir Bartle Frere. St. Michael's, Cornhill, was the tower selected for the occasion, and soon this noble ring, unsurpassed for melody, was chanting forth a solemn requiem to the illustrious departed, in music which seemed to lose none of its wonted beauty by reason of its more subdued tone. Few persons indeed could listen to the "whole pull and stand" of the deeply muffled bells, and the boom of the glorious tenor in the interval, unmoved by solemn thoughts and apprehension.

Although not a practical ringer, the late Sir Bartle Frere took a deep interest in the Society and its doings. He first met the company at Exeter, in 1869, in which year he was made a member. His portrait, presented by himself, has long occupied the place of honour at the head-quarters of the company, and as recently as the year 1881 he testified to the continuing interest felt by him by another gift. The ringers were stationed as follows: H. Haley, sen. (conductor), 1; H. Haley, junr., 2; W. Cecil, 3; J. W. Rowbotham, 4; J. M. Routh, Esq., 5; J. R. Haworth, 6; G. Dorrington, 7; J. Trappitt, 8; R. French, 9; E. Gibbs, 10; E. Horrex, 11; J. M. Hayes, 12.

LIFE AND DEATH.—A singular circumstance has occurred at the cemetery, Stamford. The ground keeper finding he was unable on a recent occasion to toll the bell for an approaching funeral, found on examination, that a swallow had just built its nest on the clapper of the bell, thus silently remonstrating against death being tolled, where it had resolved instinctively that life should be told.

HER MAJESTY'S ACCESSION.—Yesterday being the forty-seventh anniversary of her Majesty's Accession to the throne, the bells of the Cathedral and of St. Michael's church rang out merry peals. Each of the ringers were presented, by Mr. J. J. Meaton, the local "Prince of Campanologists," with a handsome photographic group of ringers, taken in front of his house in Blenheim Road, on the third inst., on the occasion of ringing the date of the year, 1884 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. at the Cathedral, when the "boys" were engaged on behalf of the recent Choral Festival. The oldest of them has no recollection of so many changes having been rung in so short a time.—*Gloucester Times.*

A THREE DAYS' TRIP TO LONDON.

Amongst the pleasantest days of our remembrance, writes Mr. Fildes of Hyde, Cheshire, is that of our brief sojourn in London, the capital city of England. A excursion train all the way to London from Manchester, calling at Godley, being advertised, three of the company of St. George's ringers, Hyde, thought it a opportunity not to be lost. We left Godley at 12.30, arriving in London about 6.30, then making our way to the head-quarters of the College Youths, Winchester Street. Here we made the acquaintance of Mr. Mash and his son, and Mr. Dawe. Having a little time on our hands, we went to inspect St. Paul's Cathedral, and was well pleased with the visit. We returned to the King's Head, and partook of a good dinner, which the host knows how to serve. Mr. Mash then arranged that we should go down to Walthamstow, and here we had the pleasure of ringing with our esteemed Editor, and several other friends, in a touch of Treble Bob Major. Leaving the tower, we adjourned to the meeting house, and after a little harmony, we made our way back to London, and spent the night at the King's Head. On Sunday, our friend, Mr. Mash, conducted us through St. Saviour's, Southwark, and mounting the tower we had a grand view. Lofty, handsome buildings are the rule, not the exception, in London, on every hand there are grand churches rearing their lofty towers, and it makes the city present the appearance of a city of palaces. We went again to St. Paul's to hear the grand peal of twelve, and listen to a good touch of Stedman Cinques. Here we had the pleasure of being introduced to a few more brother strings. Mr. Mash had arranged for a touch of Treble Bob Major at Lambeth, on Sunday night, and a peal of Treble Bob Royal at Stepney, on Monday night. After dinner we went round the city, and took a peep at the famed Bow church (but we had not the pleasure of hearing the bells), and St. Clement's, and several other noted bell towers. After tea, we made our way to Lambeth, where we rang a good touch of Treble Bob, and made the acquaintance of Messrs. Horrex, Hayes, Winny, and other well-known ringers. On Monday we paid a visit to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's bell foundry, and had the pleasure of looking over this famous establishment. The courteous manager, Mr. W. Warskitt, showed us the Beaconsfield bells, and had we called a little earlier we should have been able to have heard their tone, but we had to be satisfied with a cursory examination of them. We should like here to return our thanks to Mr. Warskitt for his kindness in pointing out to us the various features of this well-known establishment. Now the inner man called for some attention, and after satisfying all requirements, we strolled round the city again until the time of meeting for the coming peal approached. Accordingly we proceeded to the place of rendezvous—Stepney, where we found all in order, and a good muster of ringers from all parts of London. After a little conversation in the churchyard, we got up into the ringing-chamber, and after the usually preliminary flourish, off we started for the peal. I am sorry to say, however, that after ringing about 1 hr. 37 mins., and all going on well, "stand" was called, on account of the 8th going so badly. An adjournment was then made to the meeting-house, and we spent a very pleasant evening, notwithstanding, with the handbells, about thirty or forty ringers being present. The time soon came to think of returning homewards, and we reached London about eleven o'clock. Mr. Mash and several other ringing friends accompanying us. At about 11.50 p.m. we started on our return journey, and arrived safe home at 6.15 the next morning, after a most enjoyable trip. We return our thanks to Mr. Mash and his son, and all other brother-strings that we had the pleasure of meeting, and home to meet them all again on a future occasion. J. F.

THE BELLS OF HALESOWEN PARISH CHURCH.

The ring of eight bells at this church, which have been rehung by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, Devon, was opened on the 13th ult. by the local company. There was a short service in the church, with an address by the Rector (Rev. C. Nation), who entertained the bell-hanger and his men, and the ringers, to a substantial supper of roast beef and plum pudding, which was heartily enjoyed. The bells have been rehung with all new fittings, and six of them have been quarter-turned, and the frame repaired and strengthened. We hear that the local company of ringers have joined the Worcestershire Association.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

THE usual half-yearly meeting of the above Association will be held at Dinting, Derbyshire, on Saturday, July 12th, 1884. The bells of the parish church, a peal of six, and the bells of All Saints' church, Glossop, a peal of eight (all in splendid ringing order), will be at the disposal of the ringers from 1 o'clock p.m. Dinner will be provided at the "Plough Inn" at 5 o'clock, tickets 1s. 6d. each. The President, Vice-President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, and the committee will be in attendance to enroll members at 2s. 6d., and honorary members at 1s. each. JAMES S. WILDE, Hon. Sec.

THE CHRONOLOGY OF CHANGE-RINGING.—(Continued.)

By F. W. J. REES,

A Member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

- 1869.—*Change-Ringing*, by C. A. W. Troyte, Esq., published. Previous works on the subject had been written for the use of expert ringers; this was the first book which could be used by beginners without the aid of oral instruction.
Triples at St. Paul's, Shadwell.
Ringers of Kenninghall, Norfolk, rang Treble Bob Major.
Ringers of Leesfield, Lancashire, rang Grandsire Triples.
- 1870.—The ringers of Bennington, Herts., rang 6048 London Surprise Major, in 3 hrs. 37 mins., the longest length rung in the method.
The ring at Fowey, Cornwall, increased to eight.
A new ring of eight at Riponden, Yorks.
Triples at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, London.
Grandsire Caters at St. Nicholas, Bristol, by College Youths.
The ring at Aynhoe, Northants, increased to eight.
- 1871.—The publication of *Church Bells* commenced. Before this ringers had no paper in which a column was regularly kept open for reports of their doings. Peals were reported in local papers only, or in *Bell's Life*.
A new ring of eight at St. Peter's, Ashton, Lancashire.
The ringers of Hunslet, Yorks., rang Treble Bob Major.
Change-Ringing Disentangled, by the Rev. Woolmore Wigram, published. The second book on the art written for the use of beginners.
Appleton Ringers rang 10,080 Caters; J. Newman, aged 75, rang in this long peal.
The ringers of Sheffield, Yorks., rang Grandsire Cinques.
- 1872.—A new ring of twelve at the Cathedral, Worcester.
A new ring of eight at Buersill, Lancs.
The ring at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, increased to twelve.
The ring at Northwold, Norfolk, increased to eight.
The ringers of Lynn, Norfolk, rang Bob Major.
A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Penzance, Cornwall.
The Oxford University Society established.
A new ring of eight at St. Mark's, Leicester.
New ring of eight at Windermere, Westmoreland.
The ring at Sharow, Yorks., increased to eight.
- 1873.—A new ring of ten at St. Stephen's, Hampstead.
The ringers of Bennington, Herts., rang 5600 Cambridge Surprise Major the only true peal ever rung in the method.
The ringers of Redenhall, Norfolk rang Stedman Triples.
The ring at Ilkley, Yorks., increased to eight.
New ring of eight at Moorside, Oldham, Lancashire.
Do. at St. Paul's, Brighton.
Do. at Denbigh.

- 1873.—New ring of eight at Ashtead, Surrey.
Do. at Babbacombe, Devon.
Do. at Galleywood, Essex.
Ringers of Frittenden, Kent, rang Bob Triples.
Ringers of Otley, Yorkshire, rang Treble Bob Major.
Liversedge (Yorks.) ringers rang 8544 Kent Treble Bob Major, with the tenors together.
Ringers of Chester Cathedral rang Grandsire Triples.
Ringers of Bristol rang Treble Bob Major.
The ring at Stow-Bardolph, Norfolk, increased to eight.
The Sheffield ringers rang Stedman Caters.
The ring at Nuneaton, Warwickshire, increased to eight.
York ringers rang Treble Bob Major, at St. Martin's.
Ringers of Pendlebury, Lancs., rang Grandsire Triples.
Ringers of Almondbury, Yorks., rang Treble Bob Major.
Ringers of Leatherhead, Surrey, rang Grandsire Triples.
Change-ringing revived at Birstall, Yorkshire.
- 1874.—A new ring of eight at Brighouse, Yorks.
Do. at Loughton, Essex.
Do. at St. John's, Bradford, Yorks.
Do. at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow.
Do. at St. Stephen's, Hull.
Do. at St. John's, Deptford.
The ring at Huntsham, Devon, increased to eight.
Do. at St. Peter's, Sudbury, Suffolk.
Do. at Tynemouth, Northumberland.
Do. at Hatfield Yorks.
The ring at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, increased to ten.
Ringers of Ashton rang 8864 Kent Treble Bob Major, with tenors together.
Ringers of Appleton, Berks., rang College Single Triples.
The Art and Science of Change-Ringing, by W. Banister.
The Devonshire Guild established.
The West Middlesex Association of Bell-ringers formed.
Ringers of Huntsham, Devon, rang their first peal, Grandsire Triples.
Revival of change-ringing at Ormskirk, Lancashire, first peal for sixty-one years.
Ringers of Hyde, Cheshire, rang Grandsire Triples.
Manchester ringers rang Kent Treble Bob Major.
Ringers of Appleton, Berks., rang Kent Treble Bob Major.
Mixed band rang at Thirsk, Yorkshire, Kent Treble Bob Major, first peal since the ring was increased to eight.
Oxford ringers rang Triples at Burford, perhaps first peal on the bells.
Mixed band from Hull and Beverley, Yorkshire, rang Triples at Beverley, believed to be first peal on the bells.
Ringers of Earlsheaton, Yorks., rang Kent Treble Bob Major.
Worcester ringers rang Grandsire Triples.
A new company at Milnrow, Lancs., rang Grandsire Triples.
Worcester ringers rang Grandsire Caters.
Huddersfield ringers rang Treble Bob Major.
Ringers of Epsom, Surrey, rang Grandsire Triples.

- 1875.—A new ring of eight at Dewsbury, Yorkshire.
Do. at Newchurch, Lancashire.
Do. at Weybridge, Surrey.
Do. at St. Luke's, Derby.
Do. at Cradley, Worcestershire.
Do. at Llanstephan, Carmarthen.
The ring at Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, increased to eight.
The ring at Alnwick, Northumberland, increased to eight.
Four bells of the Appleton ring of ten recast; this ring is remarkable in several ways; it is the lightest ring of ten, tenor only 14½ cwt. The bells are well hung in two tiers, and go to perfection; the tone of the bells is like what is heard with a tenor of one ton.
Wm. Carr, of Waltham, died.
The Yorkshire Association formed.
Ringers of Leigh, Lancashire, rang Grandsire Triples.
Waterloo Society rang first peal on a ring at High Barnet, Herts.
Ringers of Ilkley, Yorkshire, rang Treble Bob Major on their augmented ring.
The Mason MSS. examined by J. W. Snowdon, Esq.
Devonshire Guild rang Triples at Babbacombe, first peal on the bells.
Ringers of Chislehurst, Kent, rang a quarter-peal of Triples; they rang a complete peal some years before.
Ringers of Chester Cathedral rang Grandsire Triples.
Ringers of Holbeck, Yorkshire, rang Treble Bob Major.
Ringers of Birstall, Yorkshire, rang Treble Bob Major at Bradford.
Liverpool ringers rang Kent Treble Bob Maximus.
- 1876.—A new ring of eight at Thame, Oxon.
Do. at Kingsbridge, Devon.
Do. at Denholme, York.
The ring at All Saints, Sudbury, Suffolk, increased to eight.
Do. at Coggeshall, Essex.
Do. at Bideford, Devon.
Ringers of Kendal, Westmoreland, rang Grandsire Triples.
Discussion on "Composing made Easy."
Ringers of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, rang Grandsire Triples.
Ringers of Frittenden, Kent, rang Bob Triples.
Framland Society of ringers established.
Cumberlands rang 8864 Kent Treble Bob Major, with the tenors together.
Do. rang 8896 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 5 hrs. 22 mins. This peal, the longest yet obtained with tenors together, was composed by Mr. W. Harrison, of Mottram, Cheshire.
Mr. Wm. Estcourt, of Painswick, died.
Revival of change-ringing at Burton-on-Trent.
Change-ringing discussed at the Church Congress.
Ringers of Redenhall, Norfolk, rang Double Norwich Court Bob Major.
A Society formed at Woburn, Beds.
Appleton ringers rang Stedman Caters.
Ringers of North Shields, Northumberland, rang Grandsire Triples.
Nottingham ringers rang Grandsire Triples.
Ringers of Lytham, Lancashire, rang Grandsire Triples.
Cheltenham ringers rang Stedman Caters.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1884.

IN visiting a belfry for the first time, a stranger is often struck with one remarkable, not to say unpleasant fact. He enters the large commodious ringing room and looks round for a seat; the chances are that he does not find one, or if he should be so fortunate as to secure for a resting place some worm-eaten broken-down old bench, he hesitates to sit down because some other reason than his superstitious veneration for antiquity forbids him to disturb the hoary accumulation of dirt he finds thereon. Not being able to sit with comfort, he must needs stand; but where? If he lean against a wall his coat becomes the receptacle for a conglomeration of dust, whitewash, and chalk that will cleave unto it, even unto its end. Indeed the unhappy visitor is in evil case. He came up out of curiosity to see something of the art which produces the melodious sounds he so often hears, but he did not expect to have to stand in an ecclesiastical dust-hole. In such neglected places, the walls are adorned with learned disquisitions on sundry members of the society whose portraits are sometimes displayed in bold chalk-marks on a background of dust. Sundry fragments of plain courses of Doubles, etc., also appear in the corners, while the floors are carpeted with hymn tunes arranged for the chimers. These things are doubtless all most excellent, but we would suggest that every one has not a taste for high art of this description.

There are indeed some places where a plainer and less ambitious style of decoration prevails. At St. Martin's-in-the-Fields for instance, the Society are content to rub along without the "belfry dirt," and even venture to adorn their walls otherwise than with chalk sketches and personal anecdotes.

The ringing-room of St. Margaret's, Westminster, has also been victimised in a somewhat similar manner.

These are not the only instances, we are sorry to say. Of course other clubs or societies would take a pride in looking after the place in which they met; but when we look back on the glorious past of campanology, when we consider the grand peals that have been rung, we feel from our very hearts that ringers are rather slow to effect an improvement when the work of so doing devolves on themselves.

Why indeed should not a company invest the mighty sum of sixpence per head on a little paint or something of that sort, if the ringing-chamber where they frequently meet requires it. No! some imagine that such a state of things having gone on so well for two hundred years, it would be a pity to introduce a little change now. But whatever these indolent and backward people may think, the days of dirt and neglect are numbered, as well as the reign of those who refuse to exert themselves to get rid of such evils.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

ANY visitor fond of the Exercise can here gratify his desire to his heart's content, but as there are only hands that have been established a very short time, the only method as yet rung is Grandsire. Considering what a little while change-ringing has been practised here, the performances are very creditable, and shew that the art is duly appreciated, and studied with a will. Staying here for a few days, we thought that a little of our favorite recreation would be acceptable, so we started to find some brother-string who could put us in the way of obtaining it.

Having been successful, and finding that there would be a practice at Christ Church, we wended our way thither on the following evening. The local band is a very young one, but progressing well, and ring Grandsire Doubles fairly. With the assistance of some of the St. Mary's society we succeeded in ringing three 6-scores in that method. The ring is a handy one of six, tenor $8\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., well hung, and in capital going order.

The following evening found us at St. Mary's, where is a fine ring of eight, tenor $17\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.; these go excellently. The tower is a massive structure, with ample room for ringing; the ropes form a good circle, and the ringing-chamber is well-kept. The church is well worth a visit: it is of a mixed style of architecture, chiefly Gothic, but having a magnificent chancel arch of a Norman character.

We rang here touches of Grandsire Triples, particulars of which, also the ringing at Christ Church, will appear next week in their proper place. There is a very good band at St. Mary's, and we hope, before leaving, to be able to record a performance of some length with them.

THE BRIGHTON SOCIETY.

This society will have their annual outing at Chichester on Tuesday, July 8th. The railway company has kindly consented to grant return tickets for the party by the 8.50 train from Brighton, at a trifle over the single fare. The dinner will take place at "The Eagle Hotel," West Street. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each. Permission has very kindly been given by the Archdeacon of Chichester to ring on the Cathedral bells. Should any of our ringing friends feel inclined to join us on that occasion, they may depend upon receiving a hearty welcome. I may also add that the tower of St. Nicholas' church, Brighton, is open for ringing every Sunday morning at 10.30; the first Sunday evening in the month, and on Tuesdays, at 8 p.m., for practice. We shall be very glad to see any brother-ringer who may be visiting Brighton, or if a band should at any time think of honoring us with a visit, there will be no difficulty whatever in getting permission for the use of our bells.

H. BONIFACE, Secretary.

1, Hampton Street, Brighton.

THE FIRST PEAL AT QUEX PARK.

In a recent number appeared a report of a visit paid to Quex Park by the St. Mary's Society, Battersea. The following extract from the records of the Royal Cumberland Society, as announcing the first peal rang on the bells, will no doubt interest many of our readers:—

QUEX HOUSE, ISLE OF THANET, KENT, THE SEAT
OF JOHN P. POWELL, ESQ.

On Wednesday, August 4th, 1819, the Society rang on that gentleman's new peal of 12 bells, in a steeple erected for the purpose in his park, a true peal of grandsire cinques, consisting of 5213 changes, composed in the tittum position, having the 8th behind the 11th throughout; performed in 3 hours and 39 minutes.

George Gross	Treble.	Thomas Freath	7.
Jas. Nash	2.	Thomas Ovendon	8.
William Shipway	3.	Jas. Stickbury, Jun.	9.
John Hunt	4.	Josh. Riley	10.
Peter Jones	5.	Thos. Grainger	11.
Jas. Blacklock	6.	Frans. Mathew	Tenor.

Mr. Geo. Gross, Conductor.

This is the first peal on the 12 bells. The like is not to be found in the three kingdoms, of a private gentleman erecting a steeple and having a peal of 12 bells for his own amusement, nor likewise a peal of twelve of that light weight hung for ringing—viz., 15½ cwt. Key of F.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—BRAINTREE.

The following is the report of ringing done by the Baintree branch of the above Association during the month of June:—

June 1st—720 Woodbine, 720 Double Court, 720 College Exercise, 360 Cambridge Surprise. June 7th—720 Double Bob Minor, 720 Superlative Surprise, 60 Double Bob. June 8th—720 New London Pleasure, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure, 120 London Scholars' Pleasure, 120 Cambridge Surprise, 72 Plain Bob. June 14th—720 Grandsire Minor. June 15th—720 Imperial, 120 Oxford Delight. June 21st—720 Oxford Delight, 720 Violet. June 22nd—720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Plain Bob, 48 London Scholars' Pleasure, 48 College Exercise, 24 Double Court Bob, 144 Plain Bob. June 28th—720 College Exercise. June 29th—720 London Scholars' Pleasure, 360 Imperial, 240 New London Pleasure.

The Provinces.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING AND SONNING DEANERY BRANCHES.

SONNING, BERKS.

On Tuesday, July 1, 1884, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN FORD*	Treble.	JAMES POTTER	5.
JAMES JOHNSON	2.	HENRY EGBY	6.
WILLIAM GOSELTINE†	3.	WILLIAM NEWELL	7.
ERNEST BISHOP	4.	*WILLIAM WEBB	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY EGBY.

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

The 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 7th men are also members of the St. Lawrence's Society.

The company heartily congratulate Mr. J. Ford on his first peal. All ringers who have visited Sonning will testify to his being in urbanity and courtesy, a model steeple-keeper.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—DERBY.

On Thursday, June 26, 1884, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT ST. LUKE'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE ORIGINAL BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 34 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK WHITING	Treble.	GEORGE LEE	5.
THOMAS BANCROFT	2.	WILLIAM DAVID SMITH	6.
HARRY CHAS. WOODWARD	3.	JOHN HOWE	7.
JOHN NEWBOLD	4.	WILLIAM TOOBY AND	} Tenor.
		ALBERT E. THOMPSON	

Conducted by JOHN HOWE.

Mr. Wm. D. Smith hails from London, the rest belong to Derby.

This peal was rung to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the dedication of St. Luke's as Bishop Lansdale's Memorial Church.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—DERBY.

On Monday, June 30, 1884, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT ST. WERBURGH'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S 10-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

LEONARD LOMAS	Treble.	WILLIAM D. SMITH	5.
REUBEN BOSWORTH	2.	HARRY CHAS. WOODWARD	6.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	3.	JOHN HOWE	7.
JOHN NEWBOLD	4.	*JOHN THOMPSON	Tenor.

Conducted by REUBEN BOSWORTH.

*First peal.

Mr. William D. Smith hails from London, the rest belong to Derby.

Date Touch.

HIGHER WALTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, June 28th (it being the second anniversary of the parish ringers ringing 5040 changes in different methods) they rang at All Saints' church a date touch of 1884 changes, being a 444 of Oxford Bob, a 720 of College Single, and a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. Geo. Thornley (conductor), 1; James Harwood, 2; Henry Hurst, 3; Henry Brewer, 4; *John Eccles, 5; *James Mather, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs. *Members of the Lancashire Association. Time 1 hr. 11 mins.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Saturday, June 28th, ten members of the above society attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters, but after ringing about 1 hr. the hammer connected with the chiming apparatus fell into the 6th wheel, which caused a stop. York Green, 1; H. Langdon, 2; G. T. McLaughlin, 3; M. Murphy, 4; E. F. Strange, 5; E. Rogers, 6; F. G. Newman, 7; J. M. Routh, Esq., 8; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 9; J. Lawrence, 10. Tenor 20 cwt.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LICHFIELD.—On Saturday, June 21st, at the Annual Meeting of the above Association, the Tettenthall society rang at Greenhill church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles, in 29 mins. W. Dyehouse, 1; B. Dalton, 2; T. Roberts, 3; E. Nicholls, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. Jones (conductor), 6.

TETTENTHALL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, June 28th, six members of the above Association rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. E. Nicholls, 1; T. Small, 2; B. Dalton, 3; W. Smith, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. Jones (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday evening, June 24th, three members of the above Association rang at St. Paul's church, on handbells, retained in hand, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 17 mins. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1-2; W. Biggs, 3-4; I. Hills, 5-6. First 720 double-handed by all.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBOROUGH.—On Monday, June 30th, the following members of this Association attempted a 5448 of Kent Treble Bob at St. Hilda's church, and succeeded in ringing 1920 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., when the bells were brought to a stand. J. Clarkson, 1; R. Alcock, 2; H. E. T. Glover, B.A., 3; W. Stephenson, 4; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 5; T. Burdon, 6; T. Stephenson, 7; W. Newton, 8.

MORPETH.—On Wednesday, June 25th, a band of ringers from North Shields paid a visit to this country town, and accomplished a touch of 896 Grandsire Triples, upon the bells in the old Watch tower, the treble and tenor being rung by two of the local band. Great credit is due to these latter gentlemen for the manner in which they rung, as they appear to get no practice in change-ringing, the art being a dead letter in Morpeth, no doubt through the bad state of the bell fittings and surroundings, the ropes being of local manufacture, with sallies of of about six inches in length, and a very long flight. With a new set of ropes from a good maker, a little screwing up, etc., there is no doubt the preliminary difficulties might be overcome, and with the talent already on the spot, it would not be surprising to shortly hear better news from Morpeth. The 7th goes rather badly, and takes some keeping up, the tenor is stated to be between 16 and 17 cwt., but a glance convinces one that 14 cwt. is a big figure at which to set it down. The ringers of the touch were as follows: John Flint (Morpeth), 1; Joel Hern, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; R. S. Story, 4; H. Ross, 5; W. Reed (conductor), 6; R. Smith, 7; J. W. Atkinson, 8.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Tuesday, June 24th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Franklin (first 720), 1; R. S. Story, 2; J. Moffitt (South Shields), 3; R. Wignall, 4; R. Smith (conductor), 5; H. Ross, 6. Tenor 19 cwt.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday, June 29th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Hilda's church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, for evening service in 25 mins. R. Hopper, 1; A. Moffitt, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; Jas. Moffitt, 4; J. Hopper, 5; Jno. Moffitt (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Wednesday, June 25th, the following members of this Association rang at the parish church their first 720 of Surprise in the Durham variation. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; T. Burdon, 2; H. E. T. Glover, B.A., 3; W. Stephenson, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6. This is the first 720 of Surprise by the Association. See communication in another column.

SUNDERLAND.—On Thursday evening, June 26th, the ringers of Bishop Wearmouth and Sunderland met at this parish church for a friendly practice. It is intended to form an Association in Sunderland, in order to cultivate a taste for scientific ringing.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—*Chiming.*—On Saturday, June 28th (Coronation-day), at 5.30 a.m., 720 Double Court Bob Minor in 27 mins., and in the evening of the same day, 720 of Grandsire Minor (without a call), in 28 mins. A. James Perkyms, 1-2-3-4; Benjamin Keeble, 5-6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On Sunday morning, June 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, a 720 of Bob Minor, with fourteen bobs and two singles, in 27 mins. William Post, jun., 1; David Hodgkin, 2; F. Wanstall, 3; Philip Hodgkin, 4; William Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. Also after afternoon service (a Confirmation by the Bishop of Dover), another 720 of Bob Minor, with fourteen bobs and two singles. Frank Wanstall, 1; Thomas Hodgkin, 2; Fred Wanstall, 3; P. Hodgkin, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. Also on Tuesday, June 24th, a 720 of Bob Minor, with ten bobs and twenty singles, in 27 mins. Charles Slingsby, 1; Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugessen (Mersham), 2; Edward Ruck (Mersham), 3; Frederick Finn (Mersham), 4; William Hyder (conductor), 5; Philip Hodgkin, 6. Also a 720 in the same method. C. Slingsby, 1; Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugessen, 2; E. Ruck, 3; Edward Hyder, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; F. Finn, 6. The above was rung in honour of Mr. E. Hyder's birthday, he having completed his 72nd year on the 24th ult. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

CANTERBURY (Kent).—On Monday morning, June 16th, at St. Dunstan's church, six members of the Aldington branch of above Association rang a 720 of Bob Minor, with nine bobs and six singles. Charles Slingsby, 1; David Hodgkin, 2; Fred Wanstall, 3; Thomas Hooker (Hastingleigh), 4; Edward Hyder (conductor), 5; Philip Hodgkin, 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH KIRK (Lancashire).—On Friday, June 27th, the ringers of the parish church rang a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 28½ mins. James Horrocks (conductor), 1; Thomas Doran, 2; Henry Hayes, 3; James Pickles, 4; William Pattinson, 5; Thomas Horrocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. First 720 in the method by all.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Friday, June 27th, at St. Werburgh's church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. R. Bosworth, 1; A. B. Ward, 2; William D. Smith, 3; J. Howe, 4; J. Newbold, 5; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 6. Also a 120 of Stedman Doubles. R. Bosworth, 1; A. B. Ward, 2; Wm. D. Smith, 3; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 4; J. Howe, 5; J. Newbold, 6. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PETTISTREE (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, June 25th, six members of the local company rang a 720 of Cambridge Surprise, in 23 mins. H. Mattin, 1; E. R. Todd, 2; W. P. Garrett, 3; G. Bailey, 4; J. Howard, 5; E. Sherwood (conductor), 6. This is their first 720 in the method. The members afterwards finished their practice by ringing on the handbells a course of Bob Royal and a course of Grandsire Caters. H. Mattin, 1-2; J. Howard, 3-4; E. Sherwood, 5-6; W. P. Garrett, 7-8; E. R. Todd, 9-10.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Thursday, June 19th, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 26 mins. *J. Cheeseman, 1; J. Kenward, 2; *H. Meads, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, June 29th, for

Divine Service in the evening, another 720 in the same method, with twenty-two singles. J. Cheesemonger, 1; J. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; Thos. Leney, 4; G. Ilman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. R. Bourne, 1; C. Gasson, 2; E. Streeter, 3; Thos. Leney, 4; H. Meads (conductor), 5; J. Gasson, 6. Also after service a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Cheeseman, 1; C. Gasson (first 720 of Minor), 2; H. Meads, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Ilman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. G. Ilman, and the Brothers Streeter hail from Worth. Thos. Leney is the late captain of the Balcombe ringers.

ELTHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, June 24th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. R. Johnson, 1; J. King, 2; W. Gosling, 3; C. Musset, 4; G. Sheppard, 5; F. Fraser (conductor), 6.

GLODWINCK, NEAR OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, June 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Mark's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. A. Clegg, 1; G. Dunkerley, 2; J. Riley, 3; C. Dronsfield, 4; *J. Kershaw, 5; G. H. Beever (conductor), 6. *First 720. Tenor 8½ cwt.

LINCOLN.—On Tuesday, June 10th, at St. Peter-at-Gowts' parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by the local company in 22 mins. F. Cotton, 1; *J. Cox, 2; P. Herrick, 3; J. W. Watson, 4; C. Wells, 5; W. Knowles (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt. F. Cotton knew nothing of change-ringing three months previous, when he joined the above company. *First peal with an inside bell.

LANCASTER.—On Saturday, June 28th, at St. Peter's church, 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Wilks, 1; G. Nettleton, 2; W. Wilks, 3; J. Wilks, 4; S. J. Clarke, 5; W. E. London, 6; J. Haley, 7; Thomas Palliasen, 8. All the above hail from Shipley, Yorks.

RAUNDS (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, June 28th, at St. Peter's church for practice, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles. A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; E. Mayes, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6. E. Mayes hails from Ringstead, and this is his first 720 in the method. Also on Sunday morning, June 29th, for early service, it being the dedication of this church, a 360 of College Little, with nine bobs. A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; G. Kirk, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6. Also for morning service, a 360 of London Single, with nine bobs. G. Kirk, 1; W. Hall, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; T. Stubbs, 4; J. Willmott, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 360 of College Little, with nine bobs. A. Coles, 1; T. Stubbs, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; G. Kirk, 4; W. Hall, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6.

READING.—On Wednesday, June 25th, at St. Laurence's, for practice, 1052 of Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Hollis's 5-part peal. in 40 mins. F. W. Round, 1; W. J. Williams (conductor), 2; H. M. Bawden, 3; W. Goseltine, 4; W. R. Pocock, 5; W. Newell, 6; W. Johnson, 7; T. Hayward, 8. On Saturday, June 28th, being Coronation-day, 503 of Grandsire Caters, in 20 mins. F. W. Round, 1; H. M. Bawden, 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; J. T. Waldron, 10.

SOUTH WEALD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, June 29th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor, with four bobs and fourteen singles, in 30 mins. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles. G. Galley, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; C. Waskett, 3; J. Nunn, 4; J. W. Aldridge, 5; A. Pye (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

STISTED (Essex).—On Thursday, June 26th, for practice at All Saints' church, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 23 mins. C. Duncombe, 1; W. Bearman, 2; A. Chaplin, 3; F. Saunders, 4; E. Radley, 5; W. Radley (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

WROTHAM (Kent).—On Friday, June 20th, at St. George's church, for practice, a 360 of Bob Minor, on the back six. Frank Taylor (aged 15; first 360), 1; G. Barham, 2; W. Taylor, 3; J. Rogers (Ash), 4; E. Baldock (West Malling), 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6. Also another 360 in the same method. G. Barham, 1; J. Taylor, 2; W. Taylor, 3; J. Rogers, 4; E. Baldock, 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6. And a 720 in the same method with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 27 mins. G. Barham, 1; J. Taylor, 2; W. Taylor, 3; J. Rogers, 4; F. Shoobridge (conductor), 5; C. Taylor, 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

The following is from the *Warminster Herald*, June 21st, 1884.—
"IMPROVEMENT IN BELLRINGING.—Bellringing has now become very popular, and we are pleased to find the ringers of the village of Imber, viz.:—Messrs. Carter, Daniell, Kale, Marsh and Meaden take such great interest in it. On Sunday evening last, after service, they rang a peal consisting of twenty-five changes, which occupied about an hour, and from what we heard four months ago they have improved considerably, particularly numbers 15, 20, and 24." Where are the Mottram men now and the members of the College Youths and Cumberlands who have lately achieved long lengths? Their glory has departed.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By HENRY DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

6 5 3 2 4 - -

2 3 5 6 4 - -

5 3 4 6 2 - -

4 3 2 6 5 - -

3 5 2 6 4 - -

2 5 4 6 3 - -

4 5 3 6 2 - -

3 4 2 5 6 - -

4 5 2 3 6 - -

5 3 2 4 6 - -

4 2 3 5 6 - -

2 5 3 4 6 - -

5 4 3 2 6 - -

Three times repeated; a single being added in place of bob at sixth course of second and fourth parts.

First rung on Friday, May 2nd, 1884, at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, by the St. Paul's Society, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of M. T. Bass, Esq., founder of the church. Conducted by William Wakley. Time 3 hrs. 22 mins. Weight of tenor 26 cwt.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

2 6 3 5 4 2 I

4 2 5 6 3 - 2 2

6 4 2 3 5 - 2

4 5 2 3 6 I 2

3 4 2 5 6 I - 2

3 6 4 5 2 2 I

2 3 5 6 4 - 2 2

6 2 3 4 5 2 2

2 5 3 4 6 I 2

4 2 3 5 6 I - 2

These last five courses repeated complete the peal.

First rung on Saturday, June 7th, 1884, at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, by the St. Paul's Society. Conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

5088.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

6 4 3 5 2 I I

4 5 3 6 2 2

5 2 3 6 4 I 2

2 4 3 6 5 I 2

6 2 3 4 5 I

5 3 2 4 6 I I

5 2 4 3 6 I 2

2 3 4 5 6 2

Rung for the first time at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, by the College Youths, on Saturday, May 31st, 1884. Conducted by F. E. Dawe.

A 720 OF OXFORD BOB MINOR.

By THOMAS YEATES, *Barnwood, Gloucestershire.*

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

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

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

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

S 2 4 3 5 6 S 2 5 4 3 6 B 4 2 5 3 6

Three times repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

5280.

By GEORGE NEWSON, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

5 6 2 3 4 2 I

3 2 4 6 5 I I

6 4 5 2 3 I I

4 3 5 2 6 I 2

2 5 3 4 6 2 2

3 4 2 5 6 I I

5 2 4 3 6 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 2

Rung at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, April 26th. Conducted by its composer.

THREE PEALS OF NEW GRANDSIRE
TRIPLES.By SOLOMON BIDDLESTONE, *West Bromwich.*

5040.

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

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

S 5 6 7 4 2 3 7 5 6 3 2 4 3 6 2 5 4 7

S 4 3 5 2 6 7 S 5 3 7 4 6 2 7 5 3 4 6 2

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

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

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

7 4 3 2 5 6 4 5 3 2 6 7 S 3 5 7 4 6 2

2 4 7 6 3 5 7 2 4 6 5 3 S 4 2 3 6 5 7

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

This part eleven times repeated with a bob at half-way, but not at coming round, for the bob in the first change answers for the end of the peal. 7th observation.

5040.

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

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

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

4 6 7 3 5 2 7 2 6 3 5 4 S 6 2 4 7 5 3

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

S 2 5 3 7 6 4 5 3 4 6 7 2 4 5 3 2 7 6

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

S 7 6 4 3 2 5 4 7 2 3 6 5 7 6 2 3 5 4

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

4 2 5 6 3 7 6 5 3 2 7 4 S 3 5 4 2 7 6

S 2 6 4 7 5 3 4 2 6 7 5 3

This part eleven times repeated with a bob at half-way, the bob in the first change answers for the end of these peals, thus:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

2 1 3 5 4 7 6

5040.

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

S 4 5 7 3 6 2 7 5 2 4 6 3

S 3 5 2 7 4 6 2 3 4 6 5 7 3 4 7 6 5 2

S 7 6 3 4 5 2 6 3 2 7 4 5 2 6 3 5 4 7

2 4 7 5 6 3 S 7 5 6 4 3 2 5 6 2 7 3 4

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

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

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

4 7 2 5 6 3 2 7 5 4 6 3 S 5 7 6 4 3 2

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

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

2nd bell the observation. The 3rd single in the 6th part and also in the 12th part to be omitted and a bob instead. That as the part-ends of this peal be plain leads you must start in plain course, thus:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

2 1 4 3 6 5 7

2 4 1 6 3 7 5

TWO PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

By BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Diss.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

4 5 2 3 6 - -

6 2 4 5 3 - -

4 6 3 2 5 - -

2 4 3 6 5 - -

5 3 2 4 6 - -

2 4 5 3 6 - -

6 5 2 4 3 - -

2 4 6 5 3 - -

6 2 3 4 5 - -

3 6 5 2 4 - -

5 6 4 2 3 - -

3 4 5 6 2 - -

5 3 4 6 2 - -

4 5 3 6 2 - -

3 4 2 5 6 - -

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

4 5 2 3 6 - -

6 2 4 5 3 - -

4 6 3 2 5 - -

3 2 4 6 5 - -

5 4 3 2 6 - -

3 2 5 4 6 - -

6 5 3 2 4 - -

3 2 6 5 4 - -

6 3 4 2 5 - -

4 6 5 3 2 - -

5 6 2 3 4 - -

2 3 5 6 4 - -

5 2 3 6 4 - -

3 5 2 6 4 - -

4 2 3 5 6 - -

Each peal twice repeated.

These peals have the 6th twelve times each way in 5-6 and the 5th nine.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By JOHN J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth, Yorkshire.*

2 3 4 5 6 B W H

3 2 6 5 4 - I 2

2 5 3 4 6 -

5 4 2 6 3 -

4 6 5 3 2 -

3 4 6 2 5 - 2

4 2 3 5 6 -

Repeated produces:—

3 4 2 5 6

4 3 6 5 2 - I 2

3 5 4 2 6 -

5 2 3 6 4 -

6 5 2 4 3 - 2

5 6 3 4 2 - I 2

6 4 5 2 3 -

4 2 6 3 5 -

2 3 4 5 6 -

Rung at Saddleworth, Yorkshire, May 17th. Conducted by J. S. Wilde.

A DATE TOUCH OF STEDMAN
CATERS.

1884.

By FRED COATES, *Rotherham.*

2 3 1 4 5 6

3 1 5 4 6 2* 5 16

3 1 2 5 6 4 -

3 1 4 2 6 5 -

4 1 3 5 6 2 -

4 1 2 3 6 5 -

4 1 5 2 6 3 -

5 1 4 3 6 2 -

5 1 2 4 6 3 -

5 1 2 3 6 4 S -

5 1 4 2 6 3 -

5 1 3 4 6 2 -

3 1 5 2 6 4 -

3 1 4 5 6 2 -

3 1 2 4 6 5 -

2 1 3 4 6 5 - S

2 1 5 3 6 4 -

Round with bobs at 1, 6, 8, 9, 14, 17, 18, 19, 25.

*This course produced by bobs at 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 17 and 18.

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."

PIRACY.

SIR,—Having heard when in London last that my friend Mr. Gobbett had composed an original peal of Treble Bob Minor, with fifteen bobs, I became very anxious to see same published (which was done in your last issue), as I had spent a lot of time in trying to produce one with that number of calls. I now find that the peal referred to is the same as the one published in *Snowdon*, part 2, beginning at a different course, with 3rd and 2nd observation. F. PITSTOW.

MR. DORAN AND OUR REPORTER.

SIR,—It is with regret that I have to trouble you again, but seeing my friend has occupied a much larger space of your paper than I did, I feel bound to point out the real facts of our controversy. Now, sir, previous to the meeting at Chelmsford, your reporter had a great object in view, in his own estimation; first, to go down and ring two peals of Grandsire Triples, and to get as many votes as possible against the resolution. But somehow or another the peal collapsed, and then seeing his three friends taking part in a peal of Treble Bob at Writtle in the evening, he would feel slightly sorry, when he states he was invited, objected to, excluded, re-invited, and re-excluded, so he then determined to put the saddle on my back, and so I must wear it. Now, Sir, had your reporter been in the peal at Writtle, no doubt my speech would have been represented in the proper form, and I have no amanuensis in the matter, but as regards Stedman Triples, I advise your reporter and his country friends to ring a few peals, so that the peal-book may take a position among other peal-books. I am sorry for troubling you so much, and so now I will bid him *au revoir*, wishing him every success in the science. West Ham.

W. H. DORAN.

ST. ANDREW'S, LITCHURCH, DERBY.

SIR,—With your kind permission, I would like to make a few remarks in answer to a letter which appeared in the last issue of "THE BELL NEWS," under the above heading, and signed by "One of the ringers." I would first of all express my doubts whether it was really composed, or written by "one of the ringers," as I do not think there is one of them who would unblushingly deny the fact, that Tombstone Surprise, Gravediggers' Delight, etc., was being rung on Whit-Tuesday, unless, as I suspect, it was written by a disinterested party, at the instigation of that "important functionary, the beadle," in which case I am not surprised at the misstatements.

It is stated that several of the change ringers were absent at the time. Now it is quite news to me that there are more than two change-ringers at St. Andrew's, and those two certainly do not owe their knowledge of the art to that Society or to the beadle, and I would ask your correspondent to give the names of the others, with a list of their performances. There is a peal of eight at the church in question, which I believe has been erected nearly three years, and if "that terrible functionary, the beadle," is so strongly in favour of change-ringing as one would be led to suppose from his letter, I shall be glad to know how it is the St. Andrew's Society have made so little or no progress in the science, especially when we can read of Bob Minor and Triples, and Grandsire Minor and Triples, etc., being rung by the local companies at Duffield, and Melbourne, places in the district where they have not possessed bells half the time. It either does not speak well for the intelligence of members of that Society, or tends to prove that the "functionary" referred to stands in the way, and therefore I consider no better means could have been taken of shewing him up than your article entitled "In the Midlands." As regards the remark that if the beadle had known of the visitor's arrival, he would have given him a "hearty reception." I wonder if he means the same kind of "hearty reception" which a short time ago was accorded to a certain gentleman from Nottingham, who, in an unguarded moment, placed his hat (which by the way was a silk one) on the seat whilst he, with several other visitors from Leicester and Burton, and with the consent of the Vicar, was going to ring a few short touches. When our friend, the "beadle," heard the bells going, he rushed into the belfry, jumped on the ropes with the object of stopping the ringing, and then, in his excitement, gently deposited his twelve or fourteen stone on the crown of the unlucky hat, with the remark, "I wanna aye yer ere," so that when the owner began to look for it, he found it had been transformed into the shape of a concertina. If so, I think the visitors from the office of "THE BELL NEWS" would rather be excused. I must inform your correspondent that I am very well acquainted with the gentleman alluded to in the last paragraph of his letter, and will say I have never known him to lack interest in a "brother string," but am quite aware that he considers bell-haulers and those who are content to remain such, beneath notice.

In conclusion, I should like to give a little advice to the "beadle" at St. Andrew's, and that is, to confine his sole attention to the "model belfry" and picture gallery, see that the bells are in good going order, and leave the ringing to be done by more competent persons; as he must be convinced, as other people are, that he will never make a change ringer, and also the next time he ventures to address, or gets others to address a communication to the public press to confine himself to the strict TRUTH.

REPLY TO MR. LANHAM.

SIR,—I beg to say a word or two in answer to your correspondent, W. Lanham. He thinks it a great pity we do not go in for Triples or Major. There are various reasons. Firstly, because we have not got the right number of bells, but we hope we soon shall have. Secondly, because we have been refused the use of the other tower of St. Paul's for some weak reason. A good company living not a hundred miles from Spalding made all arrangements for a ringing tour on Easter Monday, and St. Paul's was fixed upon to ring a 5000. The week before, however, the captain of the St. Paul's company wrote to say that the bells were not in good going order, and the Vicar was not at home, and he would not have liked it during his absence. The company wanting to come was able to ring a peal in any tower in England. I hope these facts will satisfy the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" as to the reasons why we do not go in for Triples or Major. The Cemetery, Spalding.

E. BROWN.

A CHRONOLOGICAL ERROR.

I am not writing to tell you of the great interest I take in all sorts of bell news, for that would indeed be no news to you, but I am taking the liberty of penning a few lines, just to correct an error of dating which occurs in Saturday's (June 28th) number of your journal. In the "Chronology of Change-Ringing," by Mr. F. W. J. Rees, the following event is chronicled:

"1846.—A new ring of eight at Christ Church, Spitalfields."

These bells were cast and partly hung in the year 1837, and finished hanging, and opened, in 1838, your humble servant being at the casting, and a listener at the opening, having commenced working at the Whitechapel foundry the year previously (July 1836), the same year that the grand peal of twelve bells at Christ Church was destroyed by fire, and which took place on Ash-Wednesday, some time in the month of March.

W. WARSKITT.

267, Whitechapel Road.

Muffled Peals.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

On Wednesday, June 25th, the bells were rung deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. D. Elms, a member of the company, who died at the early age of 26 years, after a short but painful illness. The deceased was rung to the grave by his fellow ringers, and in the evening a touch of Grandsire Caters, 1151 changes, with the bells still muffled. H. Brown, 1; W. Messam, 2; H. Wood, 3; C. Want, 4; H. Newnham, 5; J. Hewett, 6; W. Marks, 7; E. Hull, 8; S. Brooker (conductor), 9; J. Lisney, 10.

BARKING, ESSEX.

On Tuesday evening, July 1st, a mixed band of College Youths and the St. James's Societies rang at the tower of St. Margaret's, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Theodore Carter, an old and much respected inhabitant of the town. The age of the deceased gentleman was eighty-one years which was first rung in rounds, then tolled on the tenor, and again rung in rounds, whole pull and stand, after which 952 changes of Grandsire Triples were rang by the following. E. Albone, 1; H. Langdon, 2; R. Sewell, 3; J. R. Haworth (conductor), 4; J. Waghorn, 5; E. Rogers, 6; R. French, 7; E. A. Davies, 8.

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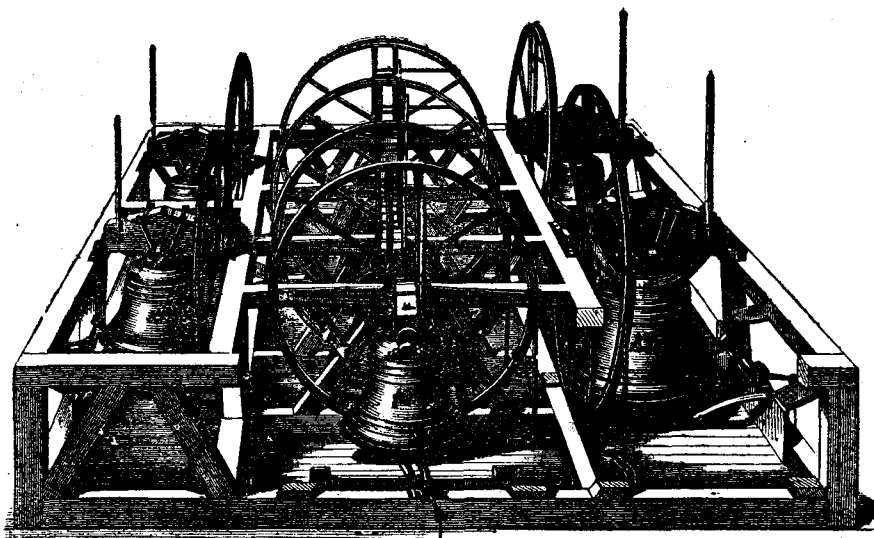
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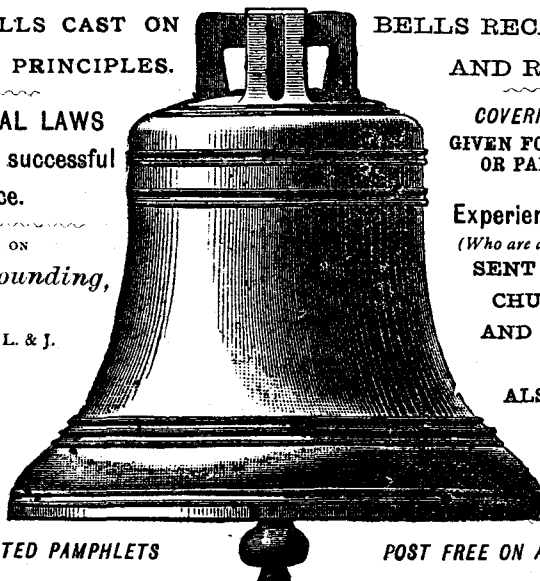
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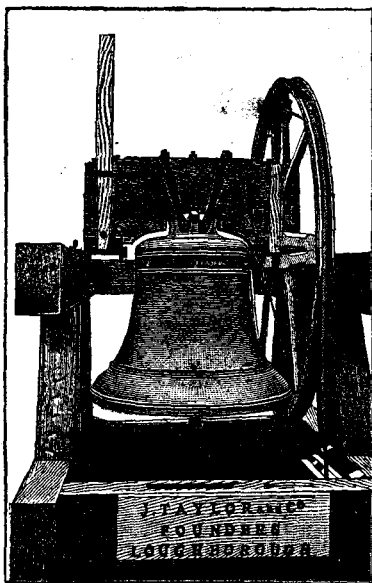
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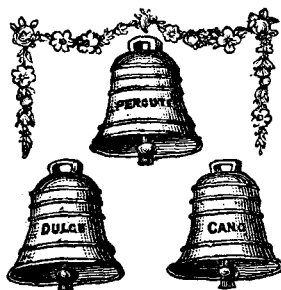
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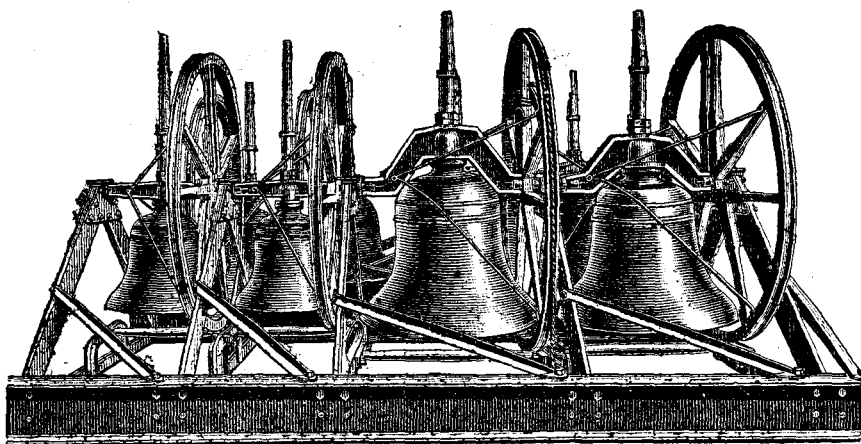
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