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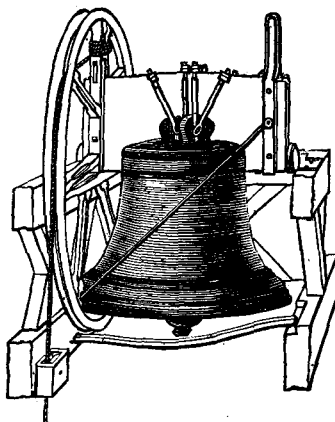
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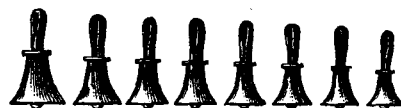
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## THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Society was held last Thursday evening in the vestry of the parish Church, where they were kindly met by the Rev. W. Eliot, Vicar, and Mr. Evans, churchwarden. Previous to the ordinary business, the Rev. W. Eliot, Vicar, was proposed a member by the Secretary, Mr. Thomas J. Hemming, which was seconded and carried unanimously and was also voted to be President of the Society, which was moved by Mr. W. Kent and carried unanimously, and the Rev. President thanked the members and expressed his willingness to do all he could to further the interests of the Society, and at the close of his remarks to shew his desire to be useful, he at once proposed a member, Mr. Evans, churchwarden, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Evans thanked the ringers present, and expressed himself highly satisfied. He then proposed Mr. J. W. Yates, churchwarden, which was seconded by the Vicar, and was unanimously agreed to. After the various explanations of the rules and management of the Society to the newly-elected members, and other business, the question of Sunday ringing was brought forward, and it was ultimately arranged for the bells to be rang for service the first Sunday in every month. The President then closed a most enjoyable meeting.

On Sunday, September 28th, being Harvest Thanksgiving, ringing was continued for each service during the day, previous to which the Vicar met the ringers at 9.45, and gave a short appropriate service before ringing commenced. For Divine Service in the morning, a touch of Grandsire Caters. W. Jones, 1; H. Bastable, 2; T. J. Hemming, 3; B. Mitchell, 4; W. Cartwright, 5; J. Saunders, 6; J. Buffery (conductor), 7; T. Reynolds, 8; C. Stanbridge, 9; W. Kent, 10. Also for afternoon service a touch of Grandsire Triples. W. Cartwright, 1; F. Banks, 2; A. Jones, 3; B. Mitchell (conductor), 4; T. J. Hemming, 5; W. Kent, 6; C. Stanbridge, 7; J. Quarterman, 8. Also for evening service, a touch of Stedman Caters. H. Bastable, 1; A. Jones, 2; T. J. Hemming, 3; W. Cartwright, 4; J. Saunders, 5; W. Kent, 6; J. Buffery, 7; T. Reynolds, 8; C. Stanbridge, 9; A. Thomas, 10. Conducted by H. Bastable. Also a short touch of Grandsire Caters, conducted by J. Buffery.

## FESTIVAL AT MENHENIOT, CORNWALL.

A festival was held at Menheniot, on the 2nd ultimo, on the occasion of the opening of the restored bells. The proceedings commenced with a dedication service at 4 o'clock, held in the belfry. A large congregation assembled, and the service (which was identical with that used at St. Paul's Cathedral on the dedication of the renowned big bell lately fixed there), was impressively read by the Dean of Exeter, and the Vicar. The opening touch on the bells was rung immediately on the conclusion of this service by the Menheniot Society, and was continued by bands from the parishes of Lanreath, St. Germans, and Liskeard. At the same time a public tea was held in the schoolroom, and in the evening a full choral service was held, the clergy present being the Very Rev. B. M. Cowie, D.D., Dean of Exeter Cathedral, the Rev. Archdeacon Hobhouse, the Revs. L. Woolcombe (Vicar), D. G. Whitley (Liskeard), J. A. Kempe (St. Breward), E. L. Salisbury (St. Agnes), and J. Pile (curate), the Dean preaching to a crowded congregation from Psalm 122, vi. The offertories amounted to £7. 1s. 11d. The old bells, five in number, were cast by Isaac Pennington in 1739, but they had fallen into a dangerous condition, one being badly cracked. A subscription was opened and responded to by nearly all the residents and landowners of the parish, and the result is that the parish may be congratulated on now having a splendid set of bells, cast by Messrs. Warner and Sons. The work has been most satisfactorily carried out by Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury, Exeter. One bell has been recast, one new bell added, making the peal six, and entirely new framework and fittings supplied throughout. The new bell was procured as a memorial to the late vicar, the Rev. Canon Martin (vicar for upwards of fifty years), and bears his inscription thereon. The cracked bell now recast bears the name of the present vicar, the Rev. W. L. Woolcombe, the churchwardens, R. B. Trant and S. Raby, and the sidesmen, G. Rowe and J. S. Hawker. The weight of the peal as restored is now about two and a half tons.

## SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 13th, the ringers of St. John's, Ranmoor, and St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, met on the above date for a game of cricket, which resulted in a victory for the Ranmoor company. After the game was over both parties adjourned to the "Brown Bear," Norfolk Street, where a very substantial dinner was provided. Justice having been done to it, and the cloth removed, Mr. Thomas Hattersley was voted to the chair. Several touches on the handbells were rung by the Sheffield Society. Songs, glees, and recitations were given, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

## THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BATTERSEA.

On Saturday, September 27th, the members of the above Society, in company with a party of friends, enjoyed a very pleasant half-holiday. A trip to Twickenham was arranged, and Eel-Pie Island was visited for the purpose of enjoying a game of quoits. Bell-ringing muscles, strengthened by exercise at the ropes, are well adapted for athletic exercises; but quoits demand something more than mere strength, though that is an essential—dexterity, a good eye for judging distances, and accuracy of aim. The most stalwart man is not necessarily the best quoit player. The old Greek sculptor, whose famous statue of the disc, or quoit thrower, almost lives in the marble at the British Museum, did not give to his graceful figure the thews and sinews of Hercules, but no doubt the club-bearing, large muscle demigod would have been beaten, had he challenged the spare, sinewy disc-thrower to a game. There was an eager spirit of emulation among the players on Saturday; each did his best, and very good that best was in several instances. Hard work, even the hard work of play, as we all know, induces a demand for refreshment; and at half-past six the party sat down to a capital dinner at the "George Hotel." Mr. C. W. Ludwig occupied the chair, faced by Mr. Wells as vice-chairman. The musical efforts, without which no holiday dinner seems to be complete, were well sustained by Messrs. Malim and Porter, and Mr. W. Coppage, who was in excellent voice, sang with his customary success his amusing song; "Butter, Cheese and All." At a reasonable hour, the party returned to town, refreshed by their very enjoyable holiday.

## BISHOP CANNINGS, WILTS.

On September 29th, St. Michael and all Angels' day, the church of Bishop Cannings was reopened after being restored at the cost of about £3000. On this occasion, a select band of ringers were engaged for the day, consisting of Messrs. W. Alley, J. Hayward, W. McCaffrey and J. Cooper of Trowbridge, and T. Blackbourn, J. R. Jerram, W. W. Gifford and C. A. Clements of Salisbury. A 1960 of Grandsire Triples was attempted as soon as the party arrived, but after ringing for an hour, the seventh bell, which had been going gradually going worse as the touch proceeded, could not be kept up any longer, and the conductor was obliged to call 'stand.' Several short touches of 336 and 168 were afterwards rung, and the company returned about 7.30 p.m.

## WORCESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ALL SAINTS', WORCESTER.

On Sunday morning last, for Divine Service, ten members of this Association, rang at All Saints' Church, a touch of 1151 Grandsire Caters, being the first touch rang with the new ropes, presented by a native of the parish, who is an ardent admirer of the bells. The ropes were manufactured by Mr. Astley, of Coventry, and give very great satisfaction. F. Owen, 1; N. Wale, 2; H. Pheasant, 3; J. Hinton, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Blandford, 6; H. Wilks, 7; J. Reynolds, 8; T. Gwynn, 9; T. Malim, 10. Conducted by H. Wilks. Time 27 mins. Also after evening service, the following rang a touch of Grandsire Triples. J. Clements, 1; F. Owen, 2; N. Wale, 3; G. Hobbs, 4; W. Blandford, 5; J. Reynolds, 6; T. Gwynn, 7; W. Hale, 8. Conducted by W. Blandford.

## ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

A Meeting of the above society was held at the Rectory, St. Albans, under the presidency of the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, Rector, on Friday, September 26th, when Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham and H. Stephens were elected members. The desirability of forming a County Association was discussed, and the secretary was instructed to write to each change-ringing company in the county, asking them to send representatives to a meeting to be held at St. Albans on Wednesday, October 29th, for the purpose of forming such an Association for Hertfordshire. On Tuesday, September 30th, for practice, the members rang a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, consisting of six 6-scores, each called differently, in 27 mins. R. A. Fowler, 1; R. T. Kent, 2; E. Hulks, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5; T. Grant, 6; W. Brown, 7; F. B. Chandler, 8. Tenor about 30 cwt.

A correspondent wishes for any information with respect to the weight of the bells now in the tower of St. Matthew, Hayfield, which were recast by John Rudhall. They were either brought from Marple, Cheshire, or from Stockport. Another correspondent wishes to know the best method of cleaning handbells.

## WORCESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13th, eight members of the above Association met at Evesham, and attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about half an hour, the attempt was abandoned, the back bells going too heavily for peal ringing. E. Crump, 1; J. Perks, 2; —Hayward, 3; W. Duffill, 4; H. Wilks, 5; F. A. P. Knipe, 6; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 7; W. Malim, 8. Touches of Treble Bob and Stedman were afterwards rung, in which Messrs. Phillott and Kearn (Cheltenham), and Messrs. Wathen and Hale (Tewkesbury), took part. Every one was pleased to see Mr. Knipe in the ringing chamber again after an absence of four years. Tenor 32 cwt. in Eb.

A Committee Meeting of the above Society was held on Saturday, September 20th, in the Mission Schoolroom, Halesowen, when the Rector, the Rev. C. C. Nation, presided. A good number of delegates and members were present from Worcester, Bromsgrove, Stourbridge, Brierley Hill, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Dudley, and Netherton. The minutes of the last meeting being read and confirmed, the chairman (who became an Hon. Member) asked what the aims and objects of the Association were, and what benefit local companies would derive from the same. These being explained by the Secretary to the satisfaction of the Chairman, he urged the members of his own church to be re-elected members of the Association. Upwards of twenty members were proposed for initiation from Evesham, Cookley, etc., and other business of the Association transacted. Votes of thanks passed to the Rev. C. C. Nation for presiding, and for the use of the schoolroom and towers, brought the meeting to a close. The members afterwards adjourned to the church, and ascended the tower. The bells, which have recently been rehung, being raised, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by mixed companies. A great change has been made in the go of the bells by the rehanging, and the belfry has gone through repair, since the Association paid their last visit to the above place. Still there is ample room for belfry reform here, as in a great many other churches in the Diocese of Worcester belonging to the Association, of which we should be pleased if the clergy would take the same amount of interest in it as they do in the chancel.

## ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A Meeting of the members of this Society was held on Saturday, September 27th, at Burton-on-Trent, the towers of the various churches having been kindly placed at the disposal of the visitors. Representatives of the Society from Tipton, Tamworth, Lichfield cathedral, St. Michael's, Tettenhall, and the parish church, Burton, were present, and some creditable touches were rung, amongst which may be mentioned: some Grandsire Major and Triples, at St. Paul's church, a 720 Grandsire Minor at Winshill, and a short touch of Grandsire Triples at the parish church.

The Rev. J. H. Fish, Vicar, and the Rev. R. W. Pitt, senior curate, and several members of St. Paul's band, made the visitors welcome at their belfry. A short service took place in St. Paul's, when the Rev. J. J. Serjeantson, Rector of St. Michael's, Lichfield, gave an excellent address.

The members had tea together at the Midland Coffee House. The meeting, although a small one, was particularly hearty and pleasant, the remark being made by an old gentleman present that in all his experience as a ringer, for over sixty years, he had never seen such interest taken in ringers and ringing as seemed to be shown in connection with the Society.

Mr. Thomas Stead, of Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, writes: "I had the misfortune not to get my 'BELL NEWS' for nine weeks back till today, and I see in your paper for July 19th, there is a letter on Bell Ringing, taken from the *Cleveland Mercury*, on which you make some comments. Having been a ringer for more than twenty years, and also rung at a great many contests, I can endorse nearly all that the letter says. I have also been a member of the Yorkshire Association seven years, but at the Association Meetings I have never heard any ringing fit for Sunday Service, but at a prize contest I have often heard four or five sets ring so true that it made my hair stand up. You said it did not tend to proficiency in a variety of methods: well let us see, I started in the year 1860, and in one year I could ring almost any method, of course I could not do it alone, so my mates could do it as well, and I have seen three of us pick up six bells, two each, and ring seven different courses. Now for the steeple: in the year 1867, six men entered the tower of Batley parish church, and rung seven different peals without any man calling a bob, every man conducted for himself and every peal conducted by a different bell, and I have known eight men ring a 5000 at Liversedge church tower without a word being spoken from the start to the finish, and I could pick a hundred men in the West Riding who could ring any method, all of them contest men."

## EXCURSION TO LONDON.

On Saturday, September 13th, Messrs. S. Reeves, W. Beeson, W. R. Small, T. Horton, H. Hipkiss and C. Price, members of the Christ Church Society, West Bromwich, with Mr. A. Thomas, of Birmingham, took the advantage of an excursion to London, to hear some of the peals of bells in the great city. Leaving Snow Hill Station, Birmingham, at 3 o'clock, and arriving at London at 8 p.m., they made their way to the grand old tower of St. Mary-le Bow, Cheapside, where a party of the Society of College Youths had already assembled to meet them in accordance with previous arrangements by letter. After the usual reception of shaking hands, etc., two courses of Stedman and one of Grandsire Cinques were rung, when the company adjourned to the "Goose and Gridiron," and there refreshed themselves after their journey for the remainder of the evening. On Sunday morning, the party went to St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, and rang a touch of Stedman Triples. Returning by way of Club Row, Brick Lane, past Spitafields Church, and through that noted thoroughfare known as Petticoat Lane, which caused those of the party that had never visited it before to pause and wonder with astonishment. After partaking of a good substantial dinner, provided for the party by the host of the King's Head, a start was made for St. Paul's Cathedral to hear the grand ring of twelve, a touch of Stedman Cinques being the order. Messrs. S. Reeves, W. R. Small, and A. Thomas were very kindly invited to pull off and take part in it. The bells coming round they were invited to the other tower to see "Great Paul," which they were very much pleased with. In the evening, before service, a party was made up for St. Saviour's, Southwark, and a touch of Grandsire Caters rung, after which the company met at the King's Head, the College Youths' meeting house, and there very pleasantly spent a few hours in looking over the peal records, and other books of the Society. On Monday, a start was made for the Health Exhibition, by way of steam boat from London Bridge to Westminster; taking a glance at the interior of the House of Commons, and Westminster Abbey, as they went along. On leaving the Exhibition, the party took the omnibus to Fulham, and through the very great kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. H. Fisher, were enabled to make an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, the band being made up by Mr. M. Murphy, late of Birmingham; but after ringing upwards of 3000 changes, the bells were found to be wrong, and so were brought to a stand. The return journey was commenced, and leaving Paddington Station at 12.15 a.m., arrived at West Bromwich at 4.50. The party wish to thank Mr. George Mash for his kindness in making the arrangements for several of the meetings, and likewise all brother members for meeting them and so giving them an opportunity of hearing the different peals of bells.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

THE usual Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held in the parish of St. James's, Leyland, on Saturday, September 20th, when upwards of forty members attended. During the afternoon several 720's and touches of Bob Minor were rung by mixed bands from Leyland, Accrington, Blackrod, Chorley, Eccleston, Preston, and Standish, on the bells of St. James's church, to which a new treble has been added, cast by Mears and Stainbank, of London, and opened on the 21st of June last, making them into a splendid peal of six. Since then a local band being formed, they have made great progress, and on Saturday four of them completed their first 720 of Bob Minor in a very creditable manner. Great credit is due to the Leyland parish church ringers for the way they have conducted them. A member from Standish also completed his first 720. The business meeting was held in the schoolroom, when the usual business was transacted, the local band being elected members of the Association. After the meeting the party proceeded to the house of Mr. William Critchley, the "Black Bull" inn, where refreshments were provided, to which ample justice was done. The party broke up shortly before 9 o'clock, having spent a pleasant afternoon.

## A RINGER'S EPITAPH IN NUNEATON CHURCHYARD.

"IN memory of David Wheway, who died October 13th, 1828, in his 77th year of his age.

Here lieth an old ringer beneath this cold clay,  
Who hath rang many peals both serious and gay,  
Through Grandsire and Trebles so well he could range,  
Till death called the bob and brought round the last change."

DEATH OF A RINGER.—We regret to hear of the death of Mr. William Smith, member of the Norwich Scholars, who died on Monday, September 29th. We are asked to say that the funeral will take place on Monday, October 6th, in the afternoon. The same evening a funeral peal will be rang at St. Peter Mancroft.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH  
COURT BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By HENRY DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

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

Repeated.

The 6th the extent wrong and right.

## TWO PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

By BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Diss.*

5376.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

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

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

Twice repeated.

This peal has the 6th twelve times wrong and right, and the 5th twelve times wrong.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

Four times repeated.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

5003.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

2 3 4 5 6

6 5 3 2 4\*  
 4 6 5 2 3 9th in three, s.  
 3 4 6 2 5 9th in three, s.  
 6 4 5 2 3 M.

4 2 5 6 3 8th in three.  
 5 4 2 6 3 9th in three.  
 3 5 4 6 2 9th in three, s.  
 2 3 5 6 4 9th in three, s.  
 5 2 3 6 4 9th in three.  
 3 5 2 6 4 9th in three.  
 4 3 5 6 2 9th in three, s.  
 2 4 3 6 5 9th in three, s.  
 3 2 4 6 5 9th in three.  
 4 3 2 6 5 9th in three.  
 5 4 3 6 2 9th in three, s.  
 2 5 4 6 3 9th in three, s.

4 5 3 2 6 1 s and 8 g.  
 5 2 3 4 6 8th in three.  
 3 4 2 5 6 8th in three, s.  
 2 5 4 3 6 8th in three, s.  
 5 3 4 2 6 8th in three.  
 3 2 4 5 6 8th in three.  
 4 5 2 3 6 8th in three, s.  
 2 3 5 4 6 8th in three, s.  
 3 4 5 2 6 8th in three.  
 4 2 5 3 6 8th in three.  
 5 3 2 4 6 8th in three, s.  
 2 4 3 5 6 8th in three, s.

6 2 4 5 3 9th in three, s.  
 5 2 4 6 3 1 s.  
 4 5 2 6 3 9th in three.  
 3 4 5 6 2 9th in three, s.  
 2 3 4 6 5 9th in three, s.  
 4 2 3 6 5 9th in three.  
 3 4 2 6 5 9th in three.  
 5 3 4 6 2 9th in three, s.  
 2 5 3 6 4 9th in three, s.  
 3 2 5 6 4 9th in three.  
 5 3 2 6 4 9th in three.  
 4 5 3 6 2 9th in three, s.  
 2 4 5 6 3 9th in three, s.

5 4 3 2 6 1 s and 8 g.  
 4 2 3 5 6 8th in three.  
 3 5 2 4 6 8th in three, s.  
 2 4 5 3 6 8th in three, s.  
 4 3 5 2 6 8th in three.  
 3 2 5 4 6 8th in three.  
 5 4 2 3 6 8th in three, s.  
 2 3 4 5 6 8th in three, s.  
 3 5 4 2 6 8th in three.  
 5 2 4 3 6 8th in three.  
 4 3 2 5 6 8th in three, s.  
 2 5 3 4 6 8th in three, s.  
 6 2 5 4 3 9th in three, s.

9th in with a single, and out next lead.

The above contains the 6th twelve times alternately wrong and right, being their extent in that position. \*7th in with a single and out at two with a single.

TWO 1/4-PEALS OF GRANDSIRE  
TRIPLES.By C. W. CLARKE, *Bedford.*

6 7 2 4 5 3 2 7 5 2 6 3 4 1  
 4 7 6 3 2 5 5 2 3 7 5 4 6 8  
 6 2 4 7 5 3 8 3 7 2 5 4 6 4  
 5 8 6 4 7 2 2 7 2 3 5 4 6 4  
 4 3 5 2 6 7 5 6 5 7 4 2 3 1  
 5 6 4 3 7 2 5 4 5 6 3 7 2 5  
 3 6 5 2 4 7 5 2 3 4 7 5 6 1  
 7 2 3 4 6 5 1 3 4 2 7 5 6 4  
 3 6 7 2 5 4 8 2 5 3 4 6 7 8  
 4 2 3 5 6 7 1 5 3 2 4 6 7 4

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

6049.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford.*

1 2 3 4 5 6\*

1 4 5 2 3 6 4 15  
 1 4 3 5 2 6 4  
 1 4 2 3 5 6 4  
 1 3 5 4 2 6 4 15  
 1 3 2 5 4 6 4  
 1 3 4 2 5 6 4  
 1 2 5 3 4 6 4 15  
 1 2 4 5 3 6 4  
 1 5 3 2 4 6 4 15  
 1 5 4 3 2 6 4  
 1 6 2 5 3 4 4 16

The above eleven courses four times repeated produce:—1 2 3 4 5 6 9 7 8, from which bobs at 1, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 18 bring the bells home. \*Bob at starting, start with quick six.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB  
MAJOR.By J. J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth.*

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

3 6 4 5 2 2 - 1 2  
 2 3 5 6 4 - 2 2  
 6 2 3 4 5 - 2  
 5 3 2 4 6 1 1  
 3 4 2 5 6 2

4 6 2 5 3 2 1 2  
 3 4 5 6 2 - 2 2  
 6 3 4 2 5 2 2 2  
 5 4 3 2 6 1 1  
 4 2 3 5 6 2

The last five courses repeated, completes the peal.

5120.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

3 6 4 5 2 1 2  
 2 3 5 6 4 2 1 2  
 4 2 6 3 5 - 2 2  
 6 5 3 2 4 2 - 2 2  
 2 4 5 3 6 1 2 2

These five courses repeated, produces:—

2 5 3 4 6

5 6 3 4 2 1 2  
 2 5 4 6 3 2 1 2  
 3 2 6 5 4 - 2 2  
 2 3 4 5 6 2 2

## A 1/4-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

1260.

By JOHN HARE, *Hitchin, Herts.*

2 3 4 5 6 7

7 5 2 6 3 4 1  
 2 3 7 5 4 6 8  
 3 7 2 5 4 6 4  
 5 7 3 6 2 4 5  
 2 4 5 3 6 7 2

Holt's Single 2 5 3 4 6 7 Part-ends.

Holt's Single 2 3 5 4 7 6

Holt's Single 2 5 4 3 7 6

Holt's Single 2 4 3 5 7 6

Holt's Single 2 3 4 5 6 7

Five times repeated.

Call the 3rd and 6th part-ends up with Holt's Single.

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Several matters are again unavoidably left over till our next number. This is chiefly owing to the late arrival of correspondence. Great inconvenience was caused last week by the arrival of three peals just as we were going to press, which could well have been sent three days earlier. We dislike having to postpone anything on account of late arrival, because some of our friends, who ought to know us better, judge us sometimes of partiality.

J. BROADLEY.—We are sorry your communication had been overlooked, but we cannot undertake to reply at once to any one; letters are replied to in turn. Write to the secretary of the Surrey Association, whose address will be found on another page.

To prevent disappointment, the Editor requests that stamps for extra copies of this paper may be sent direct to the Publisher.

## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1884.

We now and then are favored by a gentleman whose special knowledge entitles him to be known as an antiquarian and an archæologist, with interesting articles about churches, some fast going to decay, some having disappeared altogether, and others possessing peculiar features. This writer has told us what may be seen while other people are handling the ropes, pointing out explorations and discoveries which, especially to churchmen are very interesting. From the nature of the communications of many of our correspondents we think that the lesson intended to be conveyed by the writer in question has not been without fruit.

Some of our friends have recently found a delight in deciphering bell-inscriptions, and have forwarded them to us for publication at the first opportunity. Others describe the prominent architectural features of the churches they have visited, the church-lore of the place, etc. To us such accounts are most interesting, and we think our paper an apt medium for their publication. They should however be concise as well as complete, and perhaps several of our friends who are now dealing with such subjects will take the hint.

We find that our friend Mr. DAWE has been visiting a relic—yet a noble one—of the once-famed Abbey of Evesham. We think his discoveries—for he is of an

antiquarian turn of mind—in connection with this ancient building, would have been quite as interesting to many of our readers as the long account of his journeys with the irrepressible "bit." Perhaps at no distant period we may give an account, with an illustration, of this bell-tower standing in a churchyard on either side of which is a parish church.

That there are many items of interest to be found by ringers in their visits to other places not wholly connected with bells or ringing cannot be denied, and we hope by the assistance of many of our readers, to give chapters on such subjects, and accompanied, when convenient, by an illustration. We number very many of the clergy among our supporters, who could give us much valuable assistance in this as well as in other matters if they would.

### THE PROPOSED NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

It will be within the recollection of our readers, that at the Ringer's Conference at Reading, during the week of the Church Congress last year, a Committee was appointed to frame a scheme for the formation of a National Association of Bellringers, and to send such scheme for the opinion of the various ringing societies hitherto formed. The Committee consisted of the following gentlemen: Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Captain J. E. Acland-Troyte, C. C. Child, Esq., Rev. Dolben Paul, and Messrs. H. Johnson, Pettit, and Nelms. A meeting of this Committee was held early this year, at which a draft scheme was drawn up, which has since been laid before most of the existing Guilds and Associations throughout the country. Of twelve answers which have been received, eight were favourable to the formation of such a National Association, but suggest slight alterations in the proposed rules; while four think it unnecessary or premature. We give publicity to the draft scheme, in order that the subject may be thoroughly discussed before any further step is taken by the Committee in the matter.

#### DRAFT SCHEME.

##### I.—NAME.

The National Association of Bell-ringers.

##### II.—OBJECT.

- (1) To connect existing Bell-ringing Associations.
- (2) To hold an Annual Meeting.
- (3) To collect and publish information of interest to the Exercise.
- (4) To offer advice in all matters connected with Belfries and Belfry Reform.

##### III.—MANAGEMENT.

The Management of the Association to be vested in a President, Master, Secretary (who shall also act as a Treasurer), and Council.

##### IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

Existing Associations to join by payment of an Annual Subscription, and appointment of a representative member on the Council. Individuals to join on payment of an entrance fee only, having been proposed and seconded by two members. The Annual payment for Guilds and Associations to be in proportion to their number—say (10 per cent.). The entrance fee for individuals to be 5s.

##### V.—ANNUAL MEETING.

To consist of:—(1) Church Service; (2) Lecture; (3) Dinner; (4) Ringing, one steeple being set apart for a previously selected band. (5) Arrangements to be made for peal ringing in the neighbourhood on days immediately preceding and following the Annual Meeting.

##### VI.—LOCAL COMMITTEE.

The Council will select the place of Annual Meeting, and will be prepared to receive invitations from places where a Local Committee can be formed to arrange details.

Signed, F. E. ROBINSON, C. C. CHILD, J. E. ACLAND-TROYTE, R. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN, DOLBEN PAUL.

## THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, EASTBOURNE.

On Monday, September 22nd, at St. Mary's church, 518 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Geo. Vine, a much respected and useful member. On Thursday evening, September 25th, at Christ Church, two of St. Mary's ringers, and three of Christ Church, with Mr. Comb, of Hampstead, rang six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. Also a 6-score by all Christ Church ringers, very fairly struck, being their first 6-score without assistance, the band having only been formed a short time. Also a course of Grandsire Minor, by two of St. Mary's and four of Christ Church. On Friday, September 26th, at St. Mary's, several touches of Grandsire Triples, Mr. Comb taking part. And on September 27th, several of the St. Mary's company, with Mr. Comb, and one from Christ Church, went to Hailsham, where there is a nice ring of five. A slight disadvantage was experienced at first, through the bells hanging the opposite way, but after a short touch all went well, and six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. The local ringers showed great courtesy, many years having elapsed since change-ringing has been performed on the bells.

## The Provinces.

## GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE GLOSSOP JUNIOR SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 20, 1884, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SAMUEL HARROP .. .. Treble. | CHARLES BROOKE .. .. 5.     |
| FRANCIS LEES .. .. 2.       | ROBERT WINTERBOTTOM .. 6.   |
| WILLIAM HARROP .. .. 3.     | SAMUEL KNOTT .. .. 7.       |
| HENRY COOPER .. .. 4.       | JOHN PYE, JUN. .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by the late EDWARD HOYLE, of Hyde, Cheshire, and Conducted by SAMUEL KNOTT.

First peal by all but F. Lees, who hails from Newcastle-on-Tyne, but formerly of Glossop, and it is upwards of 23 years since he rung a peal here.

It is also worthy of note to mention that all the above but the second man only commenced to learn to ring in December last, but under the able guidance of Mr. Jas. Woodhouse, they have made wonderful progress.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BEVERLEY.

On Monday, September 22, 1884, in Three Hours,

AT ST. JOHN'S MINSTER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JOHN W. STICKNEY .. .. Treble. | FRANK DRABBLE .. .. 5.       |
| WILLIAM SOUTHWICK .. .. 2.     | JAMES DIXEY .. .. 6.         |
| ROBERT CHAFFER .. .. 3.        | FRANCIS E. DAWE .. .. 7.     |
| HENRY JENKINS .. .. 4.         | CHARLES BENNETT .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

The conductor hails from London, the rest from Hull.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1884, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in F.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Treble. | WILLIAM MATHEWS .. .. 5. |
| ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 2.       | THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 6.   |
| CHARLES HOPKINS .. .. 3.    | PHILIP SADLER .. .. 7.   |
| HENRY HOPKINS .. .. 4.      | JOHN SMITH .. .. Tenor.  |

Composed and conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

Mr. Sadler hails from Norwich, Mathews and Smith from Redenhall, the rest from London.

## EYE, SUFFOLK.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 25, 1884, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| HENRY HOPKINS .. .. Treble. | THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 5.     |
| GEORGE DAY .. .. 2.         | CHARLES HOPKINS .. .. 6.   |
| PHILIP SADLER .. .. 3.      | ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.      |
| JOHN SMITH .. .. 4.         | GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSSOW, and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

Mr. Smith hails from Redenhall, Sadler from Norwich, Day from Eye, the rest from London.

## CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 26, 1884, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Treble. | HENRY HOPKINS .. .. 5.  |
| EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 2.    | WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 6.  |
| CHARLES HOPKINS .. .. 3.    | ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.   |
| CHARLES MEE .. .. 4.        | JOHN SMITH .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

The above is a two-part peal and is without a call at the middle. Messrs. Pemberton, Motts and Mee hail from Ipswich, Smith from Redenhall, and the rest from London.

## LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE LONG EATON SOCIETY.

On Friday, September 26, 1884, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt in G.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM GRICE .. .. Treble. | JOHN CHARLES DICKEN .. 5.  |
| RICHARD HICKTON .. .. 2.    | WILLIAM GILSON .. .. 6.    |
| GEORGE BRADLEY .. .. 3.     | JOSEPH BARROW .. .. 7.     |
| SAMUEL CLARKE .. .. 4.      | ARTHUR WIDDOWSON .. Tenor. |

Conducted by ARTHUR WIDDOWSON.

The above peal (composer unknown), is in five parts, and was the first ever rung in England by the Union Scholars, in the year 1718.

## THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, HYDE.

## LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 27, 1884, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| JAMES SHAW .. .. Treble. | JOHN A. FILDES .. .. 5. |
| JAMES S. WILDE .. .. 2.  | SAMUEL BRADLEY .. .. 6. |
| THOMAS BRADLEY .. .. 3.  | WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 7. |
| THOMAS WILDE .. .. 4.    | JOHN THORP .. .. Tenor. |

Composed and Conducted by JOHN THORP.

Mr. Greenleaf, who hails from Stoke-upon-Trent, has just returned the bells at the above church. Mr. Thorp hails from Ashton-under-Lyne. This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

## Date Touch.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ILKLEY.—On Sunday, September 28th, at All Saints' church, a date touch of 1884 changes of Bob Triples, in 1 hr. 13 mins. S. Critchley, 1; F. Pell, 2; James Wood, 3; John Wood, 4; Ed. Snowdon, 5; A. Critchley, 6; Joe Beauland (conductor), 7; W. Beauland, 8. Composed by Tom Lockwood.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Friday, September 26th, six members of the above Association rang a 720 of Bob Minor, with four bobs and fourteen singles, in 27 mins. W. West, 1; C. West, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; M. Warrick, 4; F. M. Smith, 5; I. Hills, 6.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Sunday, September 28th, being the Harvest Thanksgiving at St. Owen's church, six members of the above Association rang for service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles, in 28 mins. T. Tysoe, 1; F. M. Smith, 2; C. West, 3; W. King, 4; C. Stafferton, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also after service, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 28 mins. The ringers standing as before, conducted by C. W. Clarke.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Saturday, September 27th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. F. M. Smith, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. West, 3; J. Atkins, 4; W. Chibnall (first 720 in the method), 5; I. Hills, 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 24 mins. F. M. Smith, 1; C. West, 2; W. Chibnall, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; J. Atkins, 5; I. Hills, 6.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—On Saturday, September 27th, at Christ Church, a 720 of College Single in 25 mins. A. English, 1; \*R. Willins, 2; R. Oliver, 3; A. Sharpe, 4; \*J. McGoun, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. Messrs. Willins and McGoun hail from North Shields. \*First 720. Tenor 17 cwt.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Wednesday, September 24th, this branch rang its first 720 of York Surprise. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; J. T. Burdon, 2; H. E. T. Glover, B.A., 3; W. Stephenson, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20th, a special service was held in St. Paul's church, Walkden, at 4 p.m., for the dedication of a new east window. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung before service, in 26 mins. W. Baker, 1; E. Cash (conductor), 2; J. Worthington, 3; J. Welsby, 4; J. Brookes, 5; A. Potter (first 720), 6. Also 720 of Bob Minor, after service, in 26½ mins. E. Cash, 1; C. Cash, 2; J. Worthington, 3; J. Welsby (conductor), 4; J. Brookes, 5; W. Denner, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. First 720 in the method by C. Cash with a bob bell. E. and C. Cash are Eccles ringers.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 27th, twelve members of the above attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, but after ringing 1 hr. 14 mins. it suddenly came to grief through the 6th rope breaking. Charles Hopkins, 1; Isaac Alexander, 2; Charles Mee, 3; William Motts, 4; Edgar Pemberton, 5; Arthur Jacob, 6; William L. Catchpole, 7; Robert Brundile, 8; James Motts, 9; Samuel Tillet, 10; Henry Hopkins, 11; George Newson (conductor), 12. Tenor 32 cwt.

## STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, September 25th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 minutes. W. Holdcroft, 1; W. H. Armitt (Leek), 2; J. Moreton, 3; J. W. Brought, 4; G. Walker, 5; J. Baddeley (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor, in 27½ mins. J. Baddeley, 1; W. H. Armitt (Leek), 2; J. Morton, 3; J. W. Brought, 4; W. Greenleaf (Stoke), 5; G. Walker (conductor), 6.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—On Tuesday evening, September 23rd, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles in 26 mins. Geo. Usher, 1; Charles Herbert (Woburn), 2; W. Chibnall, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; \*Mark Lane (conductor), 5; Walter Costin, 6. Five of the above are members of the newly formed Aspley Guise society. \*First time of calling.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 21st, being Harvest Thanksgiving, the following ringing was done by the local company: For morning service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. R. Bourne, 1; C. Gasson, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; J. Kenward, 4; H. Meads (conductor), 5; J. Richardson, 6. Also three more 6-scores. H. Meads, 1; C. Gasson, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; J. Kenward, 4; J. Gasson (conductor), 5; J. Richardson, 6. Also for evening service, a 360 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, with nine bobs. J. Cheeseman, 1; C. Gasson, 2; H. Meads, 3; H. Chapman, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. R. Bourne, 1; E. Streeter, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; H. Meads, 4; J. Gasson (conductor), 5; J. Richardson, 6. Also after evening service, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Cheeseman, 1;

C. Gasson, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Kenward, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Called with eighteen singles and three bobs. And a 360 in the same method, standing as before, with R. Bourn at the treble, this being his first touch in the method.

BATLEY CARR (Yorkshire).—On Friday, September 26th, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with fifteen bobs, in 29 mins. John H. Scott, 1; J. W. Simon, 2; Geo. H. Simon (conductor), 3; W. H. Stead, 4; Herbert Senior, 5; Alfred Mitchell, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

BIRCHINGTON (Isle of Thanet, Kent).—On Wednesday evening, September 24th, at the Waterloo tower, Quex Park, the seat of Squire Cotton, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called different. \*G. Cain (Margate), 1; W. G. Biggs (conductor, Bedford), 2; T. Reed (Birchington), 3; \*F. Carroway (Margate), 4; \*J. Rumbold (Margate), 5; S. Fulcher (Westgate), 6. \*First 720.

BLACKBURN (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, September 20th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with thirty eight bobs and twenty two singles, in 27½ mins. R. J. N. Parker (conductor), 1; Edward Horsefield, 2; Jno. Sanderson, 3; Jos. Ainsworth, 4; Jno. Walker, 5; Jas. Smith, sen. (first 720 in the method), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob, with fourteen bobs and two singles, in 26½ mins. R. J. N. Parker (conductor), 1; W. Slater, 2; Jno. Sanderson, 3; W. Clarke (first 720 in the method), 4; Jno. Walker, 5; Jas. Smith, sen., 6. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob was attempted, but at the last bob, however, two of the bells changed places, and after ringing the next three leads when rounds should have come a stand was called. J. Slater, 1; Edward Horsfield, 2; Jno. Sanderson, 3; Jos. Ainsworth, 4; R. J. N. Parker (conductor), 5; Jas. Smith, 6. Also on Saturday, September 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. R. J. N. Parker (conductor), 1; E. Horsefield, 2; J. Sanderson, 3; J. Ainsworth, 4; R. Lund, 5; W. Clark, 6; J. Walker, 7; Jas. Smith, sen. 8. And on Monday, September 29th, a touch of 1848 Grandsire Triples, from Taylor's six-part. R. J. N. Parker (conductor), 1; W. Slater, 2; E. Horsefield, 3; J. Ainsworth, 4; J. Sanderson, 5; W. Clark, 6; J. Walker, 7; S. Aldritch, 8. Tenor 16½ cwt. Time 1 hr. 10 mins.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Sunday morning, September 28th, being the Harvest Festival, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Basden, 1; J. Parker, 2; A. Fussell, 3; A. Batten, 4; W. Fussell, 5; C. Clarke, 6. And several 120's of Doubles. For afternoon service, three 120's of Grandsire Doubles, Mr. H. Laffin, of Lower Norwood, taking part. And in the evening, a 420 of Bob Minor. G. Basden, 1; H. Laffin, 2; J. Parker, 3; J. Basden, 4; A. Fussell, 5; W. Fussell, 6. Mr. Laffin could not stop for the 720, as he had to catch the train. Also a 720 Grandsire Minor, with 42 bobs and 10 singles, in 26 mins. C. Chapman, 1; J. Parker, 2; J. Basden, 3; C. Clarke, 4; A. Fussell, 5; W. Fussell, 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor, with 34 bobs and 6 singles, in 26½ mins. G. Basden, 1; W. Fussell, 2; A. Fussell, 3; J. Parker, 4; J. Basden, 5; C. Clarke, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs. The whole of the ringing was conducted, and the last two 720's, which are in two parts, were composed by J. Parker. E. Batten and T. Brown also took part in the ringing.

GARGRAVE (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, September 28th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Andrew's church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with twelve bobs. W. Wray, 1; W. Clark, 2; W. Whitaker, 3; H. Middlebrook, 4; C. Langstroth (conductor), 5; J. McKell, 6. Also for Divine Service in the evening, Mr. J. J. Parker's three-part composition of Bob Minor, with twenty-four bobs and eighteen singles. W. Wray, 1; H. Middlebrook, 2; Harry Birtwhistle, 3; Henry Birtwhistle, 4; C. Langstroth, 5; J. McKell (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, September 29th, for practice, 120 of Bob Doubles. J. Wane, 1; W. Clark, 2; W. Whitaker, 3; W. Walker, 4; J. McKell, 5. Also 120 of Bob Doubles. J. McKell, 1; J. Wane (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; H. Middlebrook, 3; W. Whitaker, 4; C. Langstroth, 5. Tenor 16 cwt.

GLOSSOP (Derbyshire).—On Thursday evening, September 18th, at All Saints' church, the senior society, with Mr. F. Lees, formerly of Glossop, but now of Newcastle-on-Tyne, rang a 1600 of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Lawton, 1; Jos. Robinson, 2; John Harrop, 3; F. Lees (conductor), 4; James Sellers, 5; Samuel Knott, sen., 6; Wm. Sandam, 7; John Payne, sen., 8. And on Saturday, September 20th, the above band attempted a peal, but after ringing little more than an hour, came to grief. After which, the 4th man determined to have a peal, went in with the junior society and gained his desire, particulars of which will be found on another page.

ICKLEFORD (Herts).—On Monday, September 14th, at the parish church, the Hitchin company rang a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Randall, 1; A. Squires, 2; W. A. Tyler, 3; J. Hare, 4; W. Allen (conductor), 5. Tenor 11 cwt.

RAUNDS (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, September 27th, at St. Peter's church, a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles. G. Kirk, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; J. Willmott, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also a 120 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Coles, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; W. Hall, 4; J. Willmott, 5; H. Stubbs, 6.

RINGSTEAD (Northants).—On Monday, September 29th, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, with nine bobs. W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; J. Groom, 2; A. Arnold 3; H. Groom, 4; A. Groom, 5; T. Roberts, 6. Also a 360 of London Single, with nine bobs. W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; J. Braybrook, 2; A. Arnold, 3; E. Mayes, 4; A. Groom, 5; T. Roberts, 6. Messrs. Groom and A. Arnold hail from Denford.

ROMFORD (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday evening, September 20th, 720 of Bob Minor, eighteen singles and three bobs, 5th the observation. J. Keeble (aged 12), 1; W. Nash, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; B. Keeple, 5-6.

STRADBROKE (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, September 27th, at the parish church, a mixed band rang a 1056 of Plain Bob Major, in 44 mins. C. Bullen (Stradbroke), 1; T. Taylor (London), 2; R. Taylor (Wilby), 3; J. Kable (Stradbroke), 4; E. Collins (Worlingworth), 5; D. Collins (Worlingworth), 6; W. Richers (Fressingfield; conductor), 7; R. Routh, jun. (Horham), 8. This touch was rung to oblige Mr. Taylor, it being the first time he rung on the bells since the two trebles were put up, which have made them a very grand peal. Tenor about 23 cwt. in Eb.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, September 28th, at the church of SS. Mary and Nicolas, a 720 of Oxford Bob, with eighteen bobs and two singles. T. Measures, 1; E. Brown, 2; J. Wilson, 3; R. Mackman (conductor), 4; J. S. Wright, 5; J. Brown, 6.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 28th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Collins (conductor), 1; T. Taylor (London), 2; R. Collins, 3; R. Routh, sen., 4; R. Routh, jun., 5; D. Collins, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

WILBY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 28th, at St. Mary's church, for Divine Service in the evening, a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. D. Collins (conductor), 1; George Day (Eye), 2; R. Taylor, 3; T. Taylor, 4; R. Routh, jun., 5; E. Collins, 6. Also after evening service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. D. Collins (conductor), 1; R. Routh, sen., 2; R. Taylor, 3; T. Taylor, 4; R. Routh, jun., 5; E. Collins, 6. Tenor 18 cwt in F.

TROWBRIDGE (Wilts).—On Saturday, September 27th, at St. James's church, 854 Grandshire Triples. W. Alley (conductor), 1; \*C. A. Clements, 2; \*W. W. Gifford, 3; J. Hayward, 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; \*T. Blackburn, 6; \*J. R. Jerram, 7; J. Cooper, 8. Also 111 and 112 in the same method, conducted by W. McCaffrey. Tenor 23 cwt. \*College Youths.

## EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

The above Association held their first regular meeting on Saturday September 27th, at Terrington St. Clement. There was a good muster of members present, and a very pleasant and profitable day was spent. Ringing by permission of the Vicar, the Rev. M. Crosse, and under the direction of Dr. Secombe one of the vice-presidents of the Guild, was commenced at 12.30, and between that and 2.30, several touches in the methods named below were rung on the six bells of that church. At 2.30, a meeting of the members was held, at which four new companies, viz : Terrington St. Clement, Walpole St. Peter, Tydd St. Mary, and Holbeach were enrolled, and two skilled members and six probationers, and several honorary members were elected. It was resolved to hold the next regular meeting at Lynn, on or about the first Saturday in December. On the conclusion of the business, the members sat down to an excellent tea, after which they proceeded by coach to Walpole St. Peter, where they received a hearty welcome from the Rector, the Rev. P. S. Bagge, and found the bells in excellent order. The ringing during the day was comprised of the following methods : Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Bob Doubles.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The audit of this Society took place at 54, St. Martin's Lane, on Friday, September 19th. The accounts were audited by Messrs. Fussell and Gardom, and proved to be very satisfactory, showing this Society to be flourishing both financially and numerically. Mr. A. H. Gardom was elected to the chair; Mr. H. Randall as Steward; Treasurer Baron and Secretary Dains being re-elected. Members who intend being present at the Annual Feast will do well to announce such intentions to the officers at once and oblige.

H. DAINS,  
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## NEW EIGHT-BELL METHODS.

Mr. D. SCHOLEFIELD, Huddersfield, sends the following new methods for insertion. We have also some for six bells sent by the same correspondent, which shall appear in another number.

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ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

On Monday, September 22nd, the ringers of the Rochdale parish church rang several touches of Grandsire Triples, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Henry Brierley to Miss Elizabeth Alice Wrigley, both of Rochdale. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon Maclure, M.A., Vicar of the above church, and was witnessed by some four or five thousand people. Amongst the touches that were rung in the morning was a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Birtwistle, 1; J. T. Lucas, 2; John Hoggard, 3; Jno. Geo. Holt, 4; W. Siddell, 5; Albert Hurst (President of the Rochdale and District Association, conductor), 6; Geo. Hoyle, 7; E. J. Stephenson, 8. In the afternoon another quarter-peal in the same method (the composition of Mr. A. Squires, of Hitchin, Herts.), was rung. Jno. Siddell, 1; J. T. Lucas, 2; Jno. Hoggard, 3; B. Meadowcroft, 4; W. Siddell, 5; Albert Hurst, 6; F. Birtwistle (conductor), 7; E. J. Stephenson, 8. In the evening another quarter-peal (the composition of H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford), was attempted, but came to grief towards the close. The ringers were stationed as in the morning, the conductor being Geo. Hoyle.

THURLOXTON, SOMERSET.—A treble has recently been added to the four bells here, the old treble recast, after remaining crazed many years. Tenor about 10 cwt. The peal of five was opened on Sunday, September 14th, being the Harvest Festival, by some local ringers. The new bells bear on them, besides the names of the rector, churchwardens, etc., the motto "Ad gloriam Dei."

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of this Association will be held at Nottingham (to-day), Saturday, October 4th. The following towers will be open for ringing from 1.30 p.m., viz.: St. Peter's, eight bells; All Saints', eight bells; Beeston, eight bells; Lenton, six bells. Friends on arrival are requested to proceed to St. Peter's schoolroom, Broad Marsh, off Carrington Street (on the way from the station), where the local committee will be in attendance to assist in forming bands for ringing. Committee Meeting in All Saints' schoolroom, at 4.0 p.m. Tea in the Aboretum Refreshment Room, at 5.0 p.m. Tickets 1s. 6d. each. General Meeting immediately afterwards.

The Midland Railway Company will run cheap excursions to Nottingham, from Derby, Burton, Long Eaton, Loughborough, and other places. For particulars, see the Company's handbills.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The next Quarterly District Meeting of the above Association will be held at Tetbury, on Monday, October 20th. Divine Service will be held at the parish church at 11 a.m.; Dinner at the "White Hart" at 1 p.m. A conveyance will meet the 9.58 train at Nailsworth, which will convey members to and from Tetbury at 1s. per head. The Upton St. Leonard's-cum-Barnwood band will represent the Association on this occasion. PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

THE next Quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Dorking (by the kind permission of the Vicar), on Monday, October 13th. The tower will be open for ringing in the afternoon and evening. There will be a tea in the Church Room close to the Church, at 5.30, and business meeting immediately afterwards. It is requested that all who intend to be present at the tea, will send in their names to the hon. secretary by Thursday evening, October 9th, at the latest, as it is necessary to know how many to provide for. The tea will be free to all ringing members who send in their names; all others 1s. 6d. Any ringers will be welcome. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

34, Dingwall Road, Croydon, September 30th, 1884.

## 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."

MR. CONYARD'S 720.

SIR,—I do not write this letter for the purpose of pulling Mr. Clarkson or Mr. Conyard to pieces, but to try and correct if possible, the one, and encourage the other. Now if Mr. Clarkson will call Violet on, off, and off, the slow in front twice repeated, he will be able to produce a 720 without the tenors coming up the wrong way behind, when the treble is on the full lead, and the "Duke of York" can be called the same way with the same result. In regard to Mr. Conyard, I commend him for trying to produce a 720 different from the usual way of calling, but it is always preferable to produce the tenors the right way behind, and I hope this may encourage him to try again. The words "common," and "rubbish," have been used very much lately, but if old practitioners were only to think that they were learners themselves at one time, they would show a little sympathy to those who are trying to learn the art of change-ringing, and not call methods "common" and "rubbish," because they are simple and easy to learn, but to look upon them as stepping-stones to the more difficult methods.

S. HAMMOND.

SIR,—I have read with pleasure the recent correspondence regarding Mr. Conyard's 720 of Bob Minor, and agree with "Mulum in Parvo" and Mr. Clarkson, in condemning any composition bringing up the tenors the wrong way, in such a simple method, where there is such an extensive choice of peals, but I certainly cannot agree with the latter in condemning such sound methods as Violet and Duke of York as "absolute rubbish." The music of a peal is certainly to be considered, but I think that is not the only recommendation of a method, as were it so, only one or two simple methods would be practised, and the science would become stationary. To those who are interested in six-bell ringing, there can be nothing more pleasing, in my opinion, than in ringing one of the above peals, the intricacy and ingenuity of the method being the great attraction to the ringers, especially when compared to the everlasting Kent or Plain Bob, the slight blemish in the music in the case of Duke of York being comparatively trifling. I am under the impression, however, that Violet, when called on the tenor, in, out, out, will be found to run perfectly

true throughout, never bringing up the tenors wrong at back-stroke. Duke of York does not bring the tenors wrong at the treble lead ends, but three times in the 720 they come wrong at the treble dodging lead, this 720 being called the same as Violet. I do not think this should condemn a method, which for other reasons is most acceptable, especially to the ringer who is making progress beyond the rudiments of the art. It is worthy of note that two at least of our best known authors class such methods as standards immediately following the originals, Kent and Oxford. Hubbard places College Exercise first of his variations, and this method is even worse than Duke of York, as in his statement of the peal, page 50, the part-end comes up 6-5. Snowdon also gives the two peals in question, as his first "Standard Methods" of Treble Bob, in his work under that title. It is difficult to understand how two methods so pleasant to ring, and given such prominent places by such authorities, can be set down as "absolute rubbish," and I trust some of my south country brothers, who set us such a good example by frequently ringing them, will, with their experience, speak out in defence of their favourites. R. S. STORY.

P.S.—Since writing the foregoing, I have had more time to look into the matter, and I find Duke of York does not run so true as I at first thought, there being 6-5 in the middle of some of the leads. I have not had time, however, to examine all the different ways of calling, some of which may probably obviate this fault, but at any rate the treble lead ends run true, and the part-ends come up 5-6.

## MR. COYNARD'S REPLY.

SIR,—I was not at all surprised to find myself again attacked by "Mulum in Parvo," neither was I surprised to find an attack from another person on the Minor question. On reading the remarks of your correspondents, one would be led to suppose that they had mixed up the matter between them. Now, Sir, in spite of all their kind remarks, it is still what I first said, a 720 of Bob Minor, let them pick it to pieces any how they like, they cannot make more, but certainly they can make less. Now I will not occupy much of your valuable space in this foolish nonsense, as it is not worth the space it occupies in your columns; what I have to say is this, I hope and trust that these gentlemen who can see so many faults and failings in me, that they will endeavour to improve the same in themselves, and I think by doing so they will see their folly in stirring up such correspondence. G. CONYARD.

## THE TENORS IN VIOLET.

SIR,—I find I am in error in stating that the tenors come up wrong in this method. On further investigation it appears to be one of the few exceptions amongst the Treble Bob methods published some time ago in "THE BELL NEWS," and compiled by Mr. W. Walker, of Leeds, in which the tenors do not come foul of each other.

Stockton-on-Tees.

G. J. CLARKSON.

REPORT OF THE BATH AND KEYNSHAM UNITED DEANERIES ASSOCIATION.—We have heard very little of late of this Association, but the secretary's report now before us, and which we apprehend is the first one published, engenders a hope that if the work yet been done is small, another year may show more important results. The system of management of this Association seems to be on a par with most others: there is a committee of management which combines both clergy and laymen; the President is the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and the indefatigable Honorary Secretary is the Rev. W. Stokes Shaw, vicar of Twerton-on-Avon. The list of members appear to be tolerably good, so far as number is concerned; and there is also a fair sprinkling of influential honorary members. The report says that the members of the Association are not loth to visit belfries outside their own immediate district, and offer suggestions for improvement to those whom they visit, and this is a very commendable feature, and it is to be hoped they will persevere in such a step. The balance-sheet is a favourable one indeed for so young a body. Of course it is disappointing to see no ringing records. The achievement of ringing performances worthy of the peal-book is what every company should strive for, with all their might and strength. Without such a record no ringing association can hope to have a *locus standi*, as ringers, among the ringing community. We commend this hard fact to the consideration of the members of this Association.

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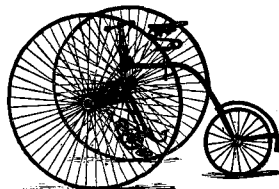
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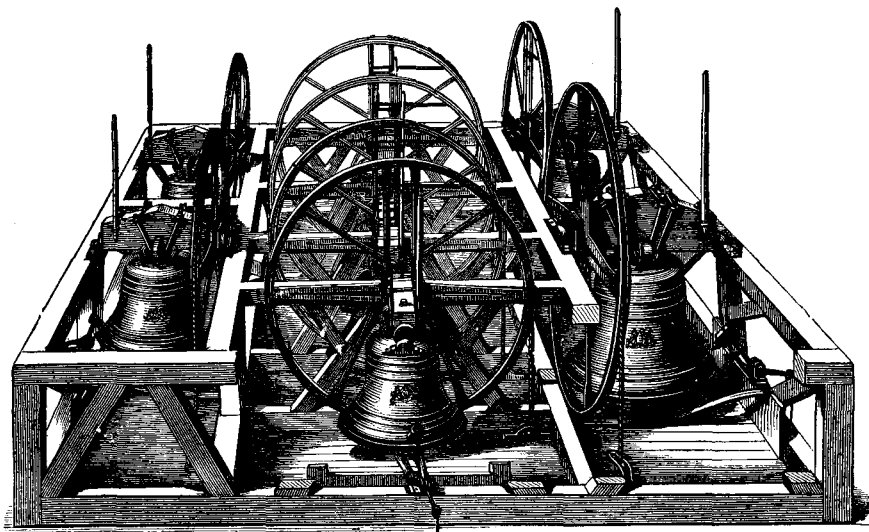
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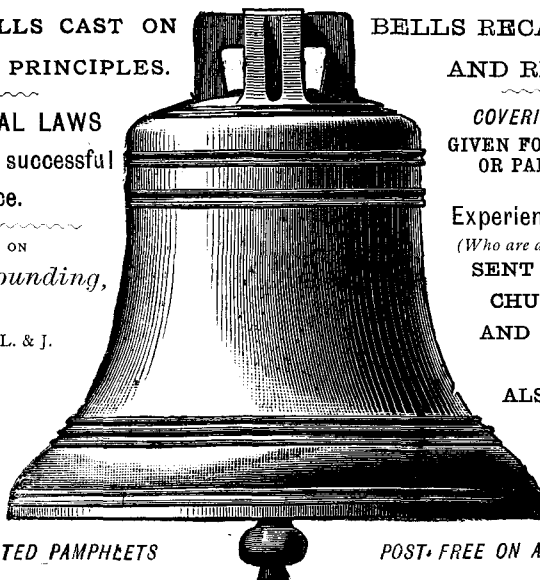
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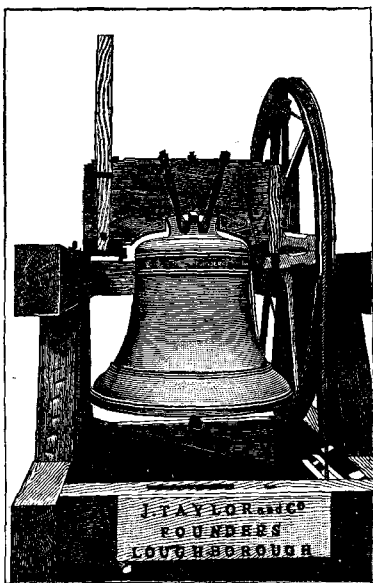
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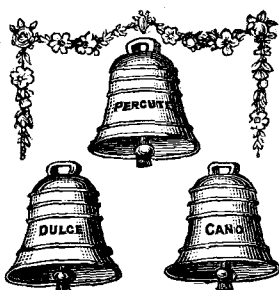
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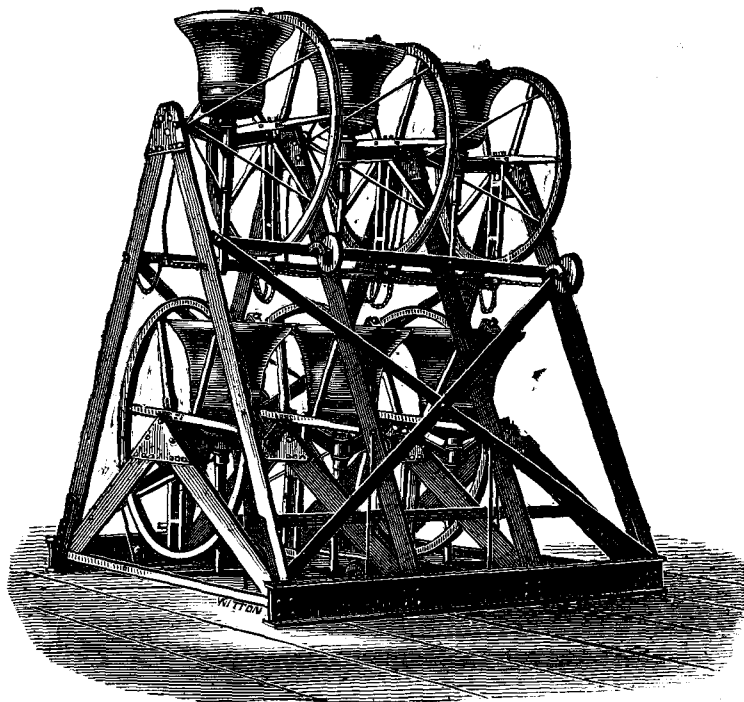
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