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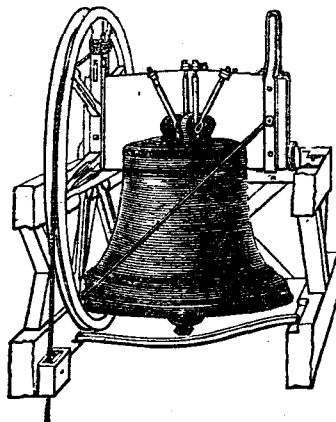
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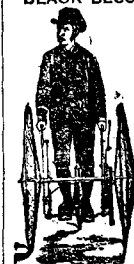
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On more than one occasion has attention been called to the manner in which London ringers allow their bells to lie idle, as far as practice is concerned. It is a subject on which one would think there could scarcely be two opinions, and yet it seems as if no step would ever be taken to improve the condition of things.

Take the twelve bell steeples. At St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, there is a pretty regular meeting once a fortnight; at Bow Church, St. Bride's, and St. Giles, Cripplegate, there is no change-ringing at all, except a very infrequent peal, although at two of these towers, the Ancient Society of College Youths profess to meet monthly. At St. Michael's there is an occasional practice—at St. Paul's the meeting is much interfered with by the Cathedral services. Last and worst, at St. Saviour's, a visitor may see every fortnight an attendance of thirty or forty ringers in the meeting room, including some of the most accomplished in the art; but if he go to the tower, he will only find five or six of the youngest members, who wait about for a quarter of an hour or so, on the bare chance of some extraordinary circumstance procuring them a touch on twelve.

During the summer months, the plea is generally that the weather is too hot to ring heavy bells; well, as to that, our London readers don't want to be told that those of St. Paul's are rung every Sunday all the year round, while at such practices as can be held at that place, there is an overflowing attendance; and we have no doubt, that if the other towers were open, ringers would be found only too glad of the chance to learn to pull a big bell. In the winter, someone usually stays away, or comes late, or forgets to tell someone else—anything rather than ring. Were it not for the peals rung at intervals in our twelve-bell steeples, we should be almost justified in concluding that men were afraid of the bells. Sure enough, there will be few in coming years who will have the requisite skill and knowledge to deal with these harmonious monsters. Mighty as they are, it is not by sheer force alone that these giants can be made to pour forth their melody; tact and experience are absolutely essential, and the ringer who attempts to coerce them succeeds only in half killing himself and the unhappy beings who have to ring with him.

The cold weather has now set in, and there is no excuse for not ringing; from our own personal knowledge we could name a score at least of men, young in the exercise, but strong and eager to learn, only too anxious to get a chance at a touch of something nobler than Triples or Major. True enough, the older members of both companies have nothing to learn—they perhaps have no need to practice, but they should remember that there are others besides themselves; the time has, we hope, gone by for ever when the "scruffe" of any particular tower looked with such jealous eyes at a young ringer who was making any progress, that they would throw every obstacle possible in his way. And, moreover, let us warn London ringers that when a young County Association can accomplish over fifty peals in a twelve-month, they will have to pay very much greater attention than hitherto to practice and the education of beginners, if they are to retain their present position at the head of the ringing community.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Monday evening, November 10th, by the kind invitation of the Churchwarden (G. Partridge, Esq.), between twenty and thirty ringers sat down to an excellent repast at the house of Mr. M. Harper, the "Horse and Jockey," Burcroft, Darlaston. Among the company were Messrs. J. Carter, S. Carter, and J. Perry, from Birmingham; and A. Malborn and J. Lloyd from Wednesbury. After ample justice had been done to the good fare provided, Mr. Partridge (who presided) proposed the toast of "Church and Queen," which met with a spontaneous and hearty reception.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Health of the Vicar, and his co-Warden." He was sure they would do all in their power for the welfare of the society. They would get the bells rehung at the earliest opportunity, so as to reduce to a minimum the amount of manual labour connected with ringing. Bellringing ought to be a great pleasure, not hard work. If any band of ringers were desirous of ringing on their bells at any time, he should be pleased to grant them

permission, for he should like to hear more peals rung in Darlaston than there had been of late years.

Mr. CARTER proposed "Success to the St. Lawrence Society." He said he was very proud to see that the younger members had got on so well in such a short time. The society had been re-formed a short time only, but the present instructors had been doing their utmost to improve the younger ones. They were acting very differently from the late tower keeper, who, when seeing a young ringer getting on, was wont to tell him to his face that he was "getting on too fast," and ultimately refused him admission to the tower. The aspirants of that day were not to be disheartened by such conduct, though compelled to walk to Walsall, a distance of three miles, to learn to ring. After a time, the tower keeper being removed, one of these who was so discouraged, was allowed to call a peal on the bells on October 20th, and very proud he was in doing so, Darlaston being his native place. The speaker then proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and hoped he would live long and always enjoy his present office, and often be able to come amongst his brother ringers.

The CHAIRMAN, in responding, thanked the company for the kind manner in which the toast of his health had been proposed and received. He said that he hoped it would not be the last time that he should preside at a similar gathering. He then proposed "The Health of Mr. J. Carter" who had first learned to ring at that place, and had succeeded in performing some extraordinary feats at different places both upon handbells and tower, in defiance of all obstacles. Anytime Mr. Carter wanted the use of the bells, he had only to write to him, and the request would gladly be given.

Mr. CARTER thanked the chairman and his brother-strings for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health, and hoped to be with them again on many a future occasion. He then proposed "The Health of the Editor of 'THE BELL NEWS,' and Success to that paper," and hoped the members would see their way to subscribe for a greater number weekly than they did at present, having in view the great good done through its agency.

The proceedings of the evening were interspersed with songs, a good touch of Grandsire Triples, and courses of Grandsire Triples, Major, and Caters; also tunes by the St. Lawrence society on the handbells. Thanks were accorded to the host and hostess for the manner in which they had added to the enjoyment of the company.

THE MERSHAM (KENT) SOCIETY.

The annual outing of this society took place on Saturday last, November 15th, the bells of the churches in and around Tunbridge being selected by the members as fresh ground on which to try their skill, and leave to ring being obtained through the Rector of Mersham, the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen. The members started by an early train to Tunbridge, thence going to Hadlow by road. A substantial breakfast was here partaken of, which had been kindly provided by the Rector (Rev. —. Moneypenny). A move was then made to the belfry, where everything being in readiness, a touch of Bob Major was rung by E. Ruck, jun., 1; J. Harrison, 2; E. Ruck, sen. (conductor), 3; Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, 4; D. Paine, 5; G. Paine, 6; F. Finn, 7; G. Finn, jun., 8. A touch of Grandsire Triples was then rung (W. Jay ringing the 4th), and the bells being in good order (tenor 15 cwt.) other short touches followed. East Peckham was then visited, where are six bells in good order (tenor 16½ cwt.) and a 720 each of Plain Bob and Treble Bob Minor were rung. At the kind invitation of C. Poyle, Esq., the company made their way to Speldhurst, and the weather being delightful the walk was much enjoyed. On arriving at the village, which has a good band of ringers, the bells were heard to perfection. C. Poyle, Esq. gave the visitors a hearty welcome, and conducted them to an inn, where he had caused to be provided an excellent dinner, at which he presided, and to which the Speldhurst company were also invited. The repast being over, a few kindly remarks were addressed to the company by the Chairman, who expressed his confidence in the great good now being done by the Association. The Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen responded. A visit was then made to the church, which is a beautiful structure, and so orderly kept. The local company now rang a 6-score of Doubles—that being the qualification to entitle them to full membership of the Association—and they then rang another 6-score, both of which were extremely well struck. Ringing was kept up with spirit till the time drew near for the return journey, and on the way home Tunbridge was visited, where the party rang touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Ruck, sen., but the bells going so badly, good enjoyable ringing was out of the question. Home was reached about 9.30, with uncommon satisfaction at the day's proceedings. The Mersham company wish, through the medium of this paper, to return their thanks to Rev. —. Moneypenny, C. Poyle, Esq. and Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, who so largely contributed to the pleasure of the day; and they also thank the clergy for the use of the towers, and the steeple-keepers for their kind attention.

FRIENDLY MEETING OF RINGERS AT BARKING, ESSEX.

ON Saturday, November 15th, ringers from Woolwich paid a visit to this tower, with their venerable friend Mr. Bright, who looks up well in his old age. They arrived early, and rang several touches of Grandsire Triples, including a quarter-peal. The ringers were H. Bright, H. Harman, J. C. Harvey, W. H. Harvey, F. W. Thornton, Messrs. Freeman, and E. Richards. Conducted by Messrs. Harvey and Freeman. There was also another band that appeared upon the scene to ring an Essex Association peal, which was arranged, but through a misunderstanding in arrangements, it was not attempted in order to make things pleasant all round. The following touches were rung: 447 Grandsire Triples, 504, and three courses of Stedman Triples, and a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (tenors apart). R. Sewell, A. J. Perkins, A. Pye, H. Randall, G. Pearl, S. Hayes, W. J. Aldridge, A. Whight, and A. Deards. The Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major were conducted by A. J. Perkins, and the Stedman Triples by H. Randall. The ringers afterwards adjourned to the meeting house, where some tunes were rung by five of the Barking handbell band, in good style. Touches of Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples, and a course of Grandsire Caters were also rung.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, LIVERPOOL.

ON Saturday, November 15th, eight members of this Society paid a visit to Prescott, Lancashire. On arriving at the church the ringing-room was entered, and a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major started for, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing 3104 changes, in 1 hr. 55 mins., owing to the 7th slipping rope. Richard Williams, 1; Thomas Hammond, 2; William Woodhead, 3; Henry Meadows, 4; William Booth, 5; Edwin Booth, 6; Edward Foster, 7; Robert Williams (conductor), 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Afterwards a touch of Stedman Triples was rung. The company then, by the kind invitation of the Prescott captain, Thomas Byron, adjourned to his father's house, and partook of a good substantial knife and fork tea. The inner man having been satisfied, several courses of Triples, Major, and Caters were rung on the handbells, intermixed with songs and speeches by the Prescott Premier, J. Walker. The company returned by the 10.40 p.m. train, highly pleased with their outing.

WORCESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ON Saturday, November 8th, a Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Chaddesley Corbett, near Kidderminster, when a very good number from the following places attended: Malvern, Bromsgrove, Dudley, Netherton, Kidderminster, Bellbroughton, Brierley Hill, Chaddesley Corbett, Wolverley, Cookley, etc. The meeting was presided over by the Master, Mr. Jno. Perks, Malvern. The business of this association was transacted in the usual way, and a sum for repairs done to the Evesham bells was borne by the Association. The bells of the above church where the meeting was held were kindly lent to the members of the association by the vicar, the Rev. F. A. Marriott. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by mixed companies, also several touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor, on the back six. Votes of thanks were passed at the meeting to the Vicar for the use of the tower and bells, also to Mr. E. Corbett in obtaining the use of the schoolroom, and the meeting then terminated.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING of the above Association will be held at Epsom (by the kind permission of the vicar), this day, Saturday, November 22nd. The tower will be opened for ringing from 4 till 9 p.m.

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HOLY TRINITY, HULL.

The following are the inscriptions upon the bells of Holy Trinity church, Hull.

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3rd.—"Let distant hills return their lays 1727."
4th.—"Thou air with measured tremour shake, 1727."
5th.—"Earth at the solemn sound awake, 1727."
6th.—"Lester and Pack of London Fecit. Richd. Bell and Robt. Ramse: Ch. Wardens: 1759."
7th.—"Rev. John Healy Bromby, Vicar. James Harrison, Founder. William Horncastle, and John Yeoman, Church Wardens, 1802."
Tenor.—"William Mason, Vicar. Joseph Dell. Daniel Bridges, Church. Wardens. Thomas Lester of London made me, 1747."

Inscription on the frame:—

"Mr. William Thompson } John and Richard Williams of Kingston, in North-
Mr. Richard Thompson } ampton Shier in the year of our Lord made this
Church Wardens." } frame, 1727."

R. B. R.

THE SAINT JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

At the meeting held on the 17th inst., notice was given that the following proposition would be submitted to the Company at their next meeting, Monday, December 1st, viz.: "That it is advisable that the headquarters of the Company shall be removed from the 'Shakespeare Head,' Wych Street, to some other house."

As this is a proposition which affects most London ringers more or less, it is hoped that as many members will attend as possible, so that the matter may be settled in the manner most agreeable to the majority of the company.

THE SCIENCE IN BRISTOL.

ON Monday, November 17th, the company of St. Andrew's ringers were met at the Clifton parish church by the Ancient Society of St. James's change ringers, and several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on these beautiful bells; after which an adjournment was made to the Clifton Coffee Tavern, where a combined meeting of the members of both companies was held; present: W. Bessell (in the chair), Messrs. W. Hill, W. H. Thomas, H. J. Nicholls, A. H. Rogers, W. H. Bartram, C. H. Arnold, F. Clark and A. Bendall, all of the society of St. Andrew's; and Messrs. R. Knill, C. Thomas, C. Waters, L. G. Hill, H. Schusler, H. S. Bray, T. Salter and J. Brain, of the society of St. James's. After some very telling remarks from Mr. W. H. Thomas, who introduced the business of the meeting, it was proposed by him and seconded by Mr. W. H. Bartram—That the company of St. Andrew's (Clifton) ringers, become honorary members of the Ancient Society of St. James's change-ringers. It was further proposed by Mr. W. H. Thomas, and seconded by Mr. R. Knill, that the society be called "The United Society of St. James and St. Andrew's Change-ringers." Both these resolutions were carried unanimously, and we may hope that the science of change-ringing will be placed on a much more satisfactory footing than it has occupied in the ancient city of Bristol for some years past. We may mention that the Ancient Society of St. James's change-ringers, and the Society of Union Youths, were amalgamated some thirty or forty years ago, so that we have reason to congratulate the St. Andrew's ringers on having united themselves with so ancient a society.

In Memoriam.

GEORGE STOCKHAM.

As we are about to go to press, intelligence reaches us of the demise of one of the most conspicuous ringers of a past generation, one whom was regarded with feelings of respect almost amounting to veneration, by the whole ringing community of twenty or thirty years ago. There are very few ringers who read these lines who will forget, upon their visit to one of the most popular meeting places in London—St. Clement Danes—the appearance of the unostentatious individual who so ably for many years filled the office of Steeplekeeper at that church. His urbanity and self-denial were certainly worthy of imitation by all who filled such a post. No matter what was asked for, a touch, a peal, or anything out of the regular order, George Stockham never denied a request when put to him properly. In his day St. Clement's was the trysting-place for the most celebrated among the London Exercise. The men who had made their mark were generally to be found there on a practice-night, and several prominent London ringers of the present day can trace their earliest connection with ringing in company with George Stockham at St. Clement's.

We have not been able to ascertain the particulars of the veteran's death, or to obtain the usual information which should accompany a notice of this description. We can only point to one or two features of the deceased's career that is actually known to us. Mr. Stockham was for many years before the community as a handbell founder, but age and infirmity had compelled him to relinquish this business. He had taken part in nearly all the principal performances of the College Youths and the St. James's Society which were done in his day: the long peal of Grandsire Caters at Fulham, and the long peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, among the number. For many years he was Treasurer to the St. James's Society, from among the members of which his retirement was as deeply regretted as his death will be deplored. "A man of wide renown," always ready and willing to call a peal "for any young and rising band" is the character sketched of him by one of his contemporaries.

One by one these veterans leave us. Gradually we lose sight of those whose names but a few years ago were as familiar in our mouths as household words, at any rate so far as the ringing Exercise is concerned. Their deeds, however, live in the estimation of their successors; their fame is inscribed upon records well nigh imperishable. The kindly and genial bearing of the subject of this brief memoir is a pattern which it would be well if many of our rising young men of the present day would copy.

PEALS OF TEN THOUSAND CHANGES.

By JASPER W. SNOWDON.

IN the list of peals of not less than 10,000 changes, which appeared in these columns in July, 1883, the five following peals were omitted. These five bring the number of such peals, of which I have now given particulars, up to 102. A friend informs me that a 10,080 of Bob Major was rung at Long Crendon, Bucks, some years ago, but I regret to say that I have not been able to ascertain anything about this peal. To show the difficulty that there is, in some cases only I am glad to say, in obtaining such information, I may mention that I first wrote to the present conductor, who is also clerk to the parish, asking for particulars of the peal. Receiving no answer, I then wrote to the Vicar, but, although I believe that in both cases I enclosed

a stamped envelope for a reply, I have not heard a word from either of those gentlemen. With the hope of receiving particulars of this peal, I have for several months delayed the insertion of this list of omissions. Can any one supply me with any information concerning this Long Crendon peal?

In the original list of peals in these columns the following mistakes occur: No 44.—This peal was rung in 1807; No. 81.—This peal was rung at Christ Church, Bristol, on March 14th, 1837, in 5 hrs. 54 mins., tenor 21 cwt; No. 82 was conducted by James Wood, and the weight of the tenor in this and the following peal (No. 83), should be 28 cwt.; Nos. 95 and 96.—These peals were rung at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch.

Besides these peals of 10,000 changes, one has since been rung in hand, but as this list is only intended to record peals rung on the tower bells, it is not entered below.

No.	Date.	Where rung.	Changes.	Method.	Time.	Tenor in cwt.	Conductor.	Society.	No.
22A.	Feb. 24, 1784.	Lewisham, Kent.	10,080.	Plain Bob Major.	6 : 33.	23	Saml. Manley.	Trinity Yths.	22A.
23A.	Dec. 31, 1787.	Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.	10,192.	" " "	6 : 33.	20	Chas. Ravenscroft.	Local.	23A.
38A.	Dec. 29, 1788.	" " "	12,000.	" " "	7 : 38.	20	" " "	" " "	38A.
38B.	Feb. 15, 1783.	Bromley, Kent.	12,672.	" " "	7 : 48.	20	Wm. Chapman.	Bromley Yths.	38B.
66A.	Mch. 3, 1883.	St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne.	10,464.	Kent T. B. Major.	6 : 14.	20	Samuel Wood.	Ashton.	66A.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association was held on Saturday last, November 15th, at Hampton-in-Arden, Warwickshire, when (though the meeting was not so numerously attended as usual) the facilitation of the business transacted was creditable to all who attended the meeting, which was held for the transaction of business at the "Ring of Bells," the club-house of the Hampton contingent; previous to which ten 6-scores were rung, and also a touch of Minor (a rule of the Association which, it is hoped, will be rescinded at the next general meeting, debarring a 720 being rung at quarterly meetings. In the absence of the President, the Rev. D. H. C. Preedy, Vicar of King's Norton, Mr. C. Barnacle (Mosely), occupied the chair. The Hon. Sec., Mr. John Wright, King's Norton, having read the minutes of the last quarterly meeting, which were duly confirmed, Mr. John Carter, Birmingham, called on the secretary for the address, and allusion to the rules of the Association as announced in "THE BELL NEWS" of the previous week. Mr. Wright, in a lengthy speech, called the attention of the members present to several defects in the rules, notably No. 11, which the speaker said in his visits to the several vicars on whom he had called, caused, he was sorry to say, dissension, but that when he had spoken with the rev. gentlemen the disapprobation had disappeared. Mr. Wright having explained the difficulty under which the Association was formed, to the satisfaction of all he had visited, they felt that if all the districts in the Association would strive to do their duty, the Birmingham and District Association, though one of the youngest, would yet prove one of the strongest of Associations. The president of the Association (said the secretary) was convinced that if the clergy of the district but knew the wishes of the association, namely, promotion of change-ringing and belfry-reform, they would certainly assist us in our holy enterprise. The secretary next exhorted all members, and those present who wished to become members, to remember that when in the belfry they were in the House of God, and also that any music rendered on the bells through them (the ringers), was a tribute to the Giver of all good gifts, and thus in a practical manner shew that they were really in earnest, they then most certainly would prosper; and that unpleasant words of Jack, Tom, or Bill changing course and spoiling the peal would cease. On the motion of Mr. J. Carter, No 11 rule was referred to a committee meeting to be held shortly. Votes of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the secretary for his able address brought the business to a close, after which Mr. Wright being voted to the chair, several songs and recitations, interspersed with tunes and touches on the handbells, brought a most enjoyable half day's gathering to a close.

HEXHAM ABBEY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE 3rd, 5th, and 7th bells of this peal (eight, tenor 21 cwt.), having been re-cast, and the whole peal rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the rector and churchwardens have decided to celebrate the re-opening by inviting the attendance of six and eight-bell change-ringers from Northumberland and Durham. The opening is expected to take place on Thursday, December 4th. Particulars of arrangements will be issued by Mr. Clarkson, of Stockton-on-Tees.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA.

GREAT alterations and improvements have been made at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, during the past few years. The steeple has been repaired and restored at a great expense, a new roof placed on the north aisle, the organ removed, and last, but not least, the repairing and rehanging of the peal of bells. Last year the Vicar's wife, Mrs. G. Thompson, started an appeal to carry out the desired work, and after a year's labour sufficient funds have been raised for the payment of the contract, £111. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk. The whole of the defective timber work has been removed and restored, the bells turned and re-tuned. The peal consists of only five bells, but arrangements have been made for a sixth bell, which it is proposed to add in 1885, and which will cost the sum of £50. Many centuries ago, the care of the church and its bells were evidently in the hands of the Corporation, for the old records we have before us sheweth in 1569 that the sum of six shillings and three-pence was paid for bell-ropes; at the same date the sum of fourpence was paid for keeping the dog white, whilst five-pence was paid for whipping the dogs out of the church. In 1627 John Dourie was paid five shillings for ringing for joy for good news from the Parliament, and in 1573 the bellfounder was sent for from Framlingham, and expenses incurred, amounting to fourteen shillings and eightpence, whilst about the same date twelpence was paid to one, Benedicks, for two chains for the books, evidently to secure the bibles to the desk.

The dates of the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—"A.D. 1622."

2.—"A.D. 1764."

The 3rd bell has been recast by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, and bears the following inscription:—

"1884

Henry Thompson, Vicar.

John Harvey, } Churchwardens,"

John Ing, }

4th.—"A.D. 1764."

Tenor.—"A.D. 1810."

The opening services were held on the 4th inst., the ringers from the neighbouring churches being present. The sermon in the afternoon was preached by the Rev. C. M. Rouse, of Woodbridge, the prayers being read by the Vicar, the Rev. Henry Thompson. The evening sermon was preached by the Rev. B. W. Raven, of Leiston, and the prayers read by the Rev. Aphorpe, Vicar of Farnham. Both services were well attended, and the sum of ten pounds was collected towards the cost of the new bell. Miss Ada Beart very ably presided at the organ, a full choir being present. The ringers dined together at the parish rooms. A very fine peal was rung upon these bells by the Aldeburgh ringers, on the anniversary of the birthday of the Prince of Wales.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ON Tuesday, November 11th, the election of officers took place at "The King's Head," Winchester Street, Southwark, when the following were elected for the ensuing year: *Master*, Mr. J. W. Rowbotham; *Treasurer*, Mr. J. Pettit; *Secretary*, Mr. G. Muskett; *Senior Steward*, Mr. W. H. George; *Junior Steward*, Mr. G. T. McLaughlin; *Auditors*, Mr. E. Horrex and Mr. J. Bird.

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

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1884.

THE number of peals this week has prevented our usual comment from appearing. We are asked to state that the arrangement for the supply of cards, mentioned in our last number, apply to peals only, but as application has been made this week for one or two touches on cards, the writers are informed that they can only be printed as they appear in our columns, not displayed as the peals are done. We hope these arrangements may meet the requirements of those friends who urged us to make them. The payment for a dozen cards is as low as possible.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.
 SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

On Thursday, November 11, 1884, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT E. CHURCH Treble.	WM. H. FUSSELL 5.
WM. JONES 2.	MARTIN MURPHY 6.
EDW. F. STRANGE 3.	RICHARD FRENCH 7.
H. LANGDON 4.	DANIEL NEWTON Tenor.

Conducted by R. FRENCH.

The peal was rung as a mark of respect to the Rev. Burman Cassin, M.A., who became rector of this church seven years ago.

The Provinces.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE BISHOPS STORTFORD SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 8, 1884, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM RICKETT* Treble.	†ALFRED TUCKER 5.
CHARLES MARTIN 2.	HENRY J. TUCKER 6.
WILLIAM H. TUCKER 3.	*HENRY DOUGHTY 7.
GEORGE MARTIN 4.	*JOSEPH SAMPFORD Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

* First Peal. † First peal for nearly 25 years.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.—EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, November 8, 1884, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 TAYLOR'S 6-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOS. WILLOUGHBY* .. Treble.	*THOS. HUNNISETT 5.
H. P. BENNETT 2.	JAMES POTTER 6.
FREDERICK HARDING* .. 3.	THOS. HART 7.
LEONARD HUGGETT 4.	*JOSH. LEWIS Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WM. HARDING.

*First peal.

The last peal previous to the above was rung in January, 1873, by an Eastbourne company, which soon afterwards broke up, and it has only been re-orned a few months (under many difficulties), due to the perseverance of Messrs. Bennett, Huggett, Potter, and Hart.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.

On Thursday, November 13, 1884, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

H. PRIOR† Treble.	JOSEPH TARLING 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE* .. 2.	*REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
H. BAKER* 3.	N. W. TARLING 7.
F. SWORDER 4.	*H. J. TUCKER Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., and Conducted by H. J. TUCKER.

* College Youths. † Cumberland Youth.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

Birthday Peal.

On Thursday, November 13, 1884, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
 Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN PERRY Treble.	ELIJAH CRUMP 6.
GEORGE BOURNE 2.	GEORGE MORRIS 7.
WILLIAM BROOKE 3.	WILLIAM DUFFILL 8.
REUBEN BROOMFIELD .. 4.	WALTER REA 9.
GEORGE HAYWARD 5.	JAMES PARRY Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and Conducted by ELIJAH CRUMP.

The above peal was rung to commemorate the 50th birthday of Mr. Wm. Duffill, the oldest member of the local company, he being a member for upwards of thirty years. The above belong to the Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association, and the Birmingham and District Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ECCLES.

On Saturday, November 15, 1884, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S 10-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM CROSSLEY Treble.	CHARLES CASH 5.
JAMES RIDYARD 2.	RICHARD ASHCROFT .. 6.
EDWARD CASH 3.	FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE .. 7.
JOHN WELSBY 4.	WILLIAM ASHCROFT .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CASH.

First peal by J. Welsby, of Walkden.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—WORSLEY.

Birthday Peal.

On Friday, November 14, 1884, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S 10-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

HEBER DERBYSHIRE* .. Treble.	*RICHARD RIDYARD 5.
JAMES H. RIDYARD 2.	*THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
JOSEPH DERBYSHIRE .. 3.	*JOHN BAGULEY 7.
FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE .. 4.	*SAMUEL FRYER Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDYARD.

This peal was rung on the 12th birthday of Lord Brackley. This is the first peal by a local company and the first peal conducted by J. H. Ridyard. * First peal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, November 15, 1884, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHAS. MEETreble.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 5.
ARTHUR ALDHAM 2.	WM. MOTTS 6.
WM. L. CATCHPOLE 3.	JAS. MOTTS 7.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 4.	ROBT. H. BRUNDLETenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and conducted by JAS. MOTTS.
The above is a variation of J. Reeves' peal of 6720. See Snowdon, part ii., page 7.

WHITFIELD, GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.—THE ALL SAINTS'
SENIOR SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 15, 1884, in Three Hours,
AT ST. JAMES'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN LAWTONTreble.	JAMES SELLARS 5.
JOSEPH ROBINSON 2.	SAMUEL KNOTT 6.
JOHN HARROP 3.	WILLIAM SANDHAM 7.
JOSEPH MALONEY 4.	JOHN PYETenor.

Composed by the late JAMES PLATT, of Saddleworth, and
Conducted by JOHN LAWTON.
This is the first peal that has been rung on the bells since they were hung.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.—THE ALL SAINTS' JUNIOR
SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 15, 1884, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH, OLD GLOSSOP,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

SAMUEL HARROPTreble.	CHARLES BROOKE 5.
DANIEL JAMES 2.	ROBERT WINTERBOTTOM .. 6.
WILLIAM HARROP 3.	SAMUEL KNOTT 7.
HENRY COOPER 4.	THOMAS JAMESTenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP of Ashton-under-Lyne, and
Conducted by SAMUEL KNOTT.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.—BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

On Saturday, November 15, 1884, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt. in Eb.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD*Treble.	DANIEL SPRINGHALL 6.
SAMUEL GREENWOOD 2.	EDWARD F. COLE 7.
CHARLES E. MALIM 3.	JOHN PLOWMAN 8.
GEORGE RUSSELL* 4.	GEORGE PELL 9.
EDGAR BENNETT 5.	THOMAS VERRALL*Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and conducted by
EDGAR BENNETT.

Messrs. Greenwood, Pell, Springhall, and Shepherd, hail from Streatham; Cole and Malim from London; Russell and Verrall from Croydon; the rest are local men.
*First peal of Caters. Mr. Russell is 75 years of age.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER.

On Saturday, November 15, 1884, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5201 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

SAMSON KNIGHTTreble.	JOSEPH GRIMSHAW 6.
GEORGE E. TURNER 2.	ALBERT E. WREAKS 7.
JOHN E. POLLITT 3.	GEORGE MEE 8.
SAMUEL WEST 4.	JOHN EACHUS 9.
SAMUEL STOTT* 5.	*THOMAS OGDENTenor.

Composed and conducted by ALBERT E. WREAKS.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Caters rung by the Association. Previous to starting for the peal Messrs. Stott, Mee and Ogden were elected members of the Association. S. Stott hails from Leesfield, near Oldham, the rest belong to Manchester. *First peal of Caters.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, November 15, 1884, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

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

PHILIP BIXBYTreble.	OLIVER GARWOOD 5.
CHARLES HONEYBELL 2.	FREDERICK WELLS 6.
ZACHARIAH SLATER 3.	JOHN SLATER, AGED 70 YEARS 7.
SAMUEL SLATER 4.	FREDK. PAUL ADAMSTenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and conducted by
FREDERICK PAUL ADAMS.

The above peal contains the sixth nine course-ends at home and is now rung for the first time.
P. Bixby belongs to Long Melford, and all the rest hail from Glemsford.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1884, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD SMITHTreble.	J. C. ALLEN 5.
JOHN SMITH 2.	ROBERT WHITING 6.
WILLIAM MATTHEWS 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
FREDERICK ROB. SURRIDGE* 4.	CAPTAIN MOORETenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.
Messrs J. Smith, R. Whiting and Matthews hail from Pulham St. Mary; Messrs. Roope, Allen and Surridge from Pulham Market; Edward Smith from Alburgh, and Captain Moore from Redenhall. *First peal.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,
TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, November 16, 1884, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
T. DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G♯.

JOSEPH JONES*Treble.	WILLIAM MALLIN 5.
THOMAS BENNETT* 2.	JOSEPH FULLWOOD 6.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL† .. 3.	WILLIAM ELLESMORE 7.
THOMAS HORTON† 4.	*HENRY WINFIELDTenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH FULLWOOD.
The above deal was rung at the first attempt, and is supposed to be the only peal rung on these bells for nearly thirty years.
Messrs Jones, Bennett, and Winfield belong to Tipton; Small, Mallin, Horton, Ellsmore and Fullwood hail from Westbromwich.
*First peal. †College Youths.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
GORTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Monday, November 17, 1884, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT BROOKFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES SHAWTreble.	JAMES S. WILDE 5.
RALPH PRICHARD 2.	THOMAS WILDE 6.
JOHN BLAKELEY* 3.	GEORGE LONGDEN 7.
WALTER SLATER 4.	THOMAS DIXONTenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP of Ashton-under-Lyne, and
Conducted by THOMAS DIXON.

*First peal in the method; and the first in the method on these bells.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 17, 1884, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES
Tenor 14 cwt.

DAVID AMOS*Treble.	WILLIAM PRIESTMAN 5.
LEVI MILLER 2.	SAMUEL SPENCER 6.
SAMUEL WALKER 3.	WILLIAM MILLER 7.
FREDERICK MARTIN 4.	*JOHN KAMESTERTenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.
*First peal.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH KIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, November 11th, a date touch of 1884 changes in the following methods: 444 of Plain Bob Minor, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, and 720 of College Single, in 1 hr. 13 mins. James Horrocks (conductor), 1; Thomas Doran, 2; Henry Hayes, 3; James Pickles, 4; William Pattison, 5; Thomas Horrocks, 6. This is the first date touch rung on these bells and the first by this company. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS.—On Sunday evening, November 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church of St. Peter's, a date touch of Stedman Caters, 1884 changes, was rung by the Leeds branch of the above Association, in 1 hr. 20 mins. Thomas West, 1; William Pawson, 2; Harry Lockwood, 3; Peter Snowden, 4; William Walker, 5; Harry Hubbard, 6; Joseph Hutchinson, 7; Tom Lockwood (composer and conductor), 8; Robert Binns, 9; George Fothergill, 10. Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

PONTEFRAC (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, November 16th, six members of the All Saints' company rang a date touch of 1884 changes, in the following methods: 444 of Oxford Treble Bob; 720 of Kent Treble Bob; and a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. Wilcock, 1; J. Brook, 2; R. Brook, 3; J. Pollard, 4; J. Carter, 5; W. Pearson (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt. in F. The 444 of Oxford Treble Bob is the composition of Mr. J. Haigh, sen., of the Woodlesford company.

Miscellaneous.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BATTERSEA (Surrey).—On Saturday, November 8th, at St. Mary's, eight members of the above society attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing fifty-five courses in 2 hrs. 36 mins., it unfortunately came to grief. George Newton (conductor), 1; William H. Fussell, 2; E. F. Cole, 3; Henry Hopkins, 4; Thomas Taylor, 5; Charles Hopkins, 6; William Baron, 7; John Jay, 8. The above was rung to oblige Mr. John Jay, jun., who is on a visit from Brighton.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CAMBERWELL (Surrey).—On Saturday evening, November 15th, at St. George's, eight members of the above Society rang a half-peal of Stedman Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 28 mins. J. Bonney, 1; E. F. Strange, 2; W. Cecil, 3; J. Martin Routh, Esq., 4; H. J. Shade, 5; I. G. Shade (conductor), 6; A. Hayward, 7; J. Monday, 8. This was intended for a 5040, but in consequence of two bells going badly the conductor let them run round instead of calling the single at the half way.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Tuesday, November 11th, at the church of St. John-the-Baptist, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing about 3100 changes, in 1 hr. 45 mins. W. Egglestone, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; W. G. Routledge, 3; W. Bowes, 4; F. Lees, 5; H. Thompson, 6; W. Story, 7; R. S. Story (conductor), 8. And on Monday, November 17th, 336 of Grandsire Triples. H. Ferguson, first touch in the method 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; W. G. Routledge, 3; W. Bowes, 4; F. Lees, 5; W. Story, 6; T. Denton (conductor), 7; R. J. Robson, 8. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Story, 1; W. Bowes, 2; F. Lees, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; T. Denton, 5; W. G. Routledge (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, November 16th, the St. Peter's society (also members of the above Guild), rang for morning service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. *J. Hands, 1; †J. Butler, 2; E. Menday, 3; G. Essex, 4; E. Pottinger, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. And after service in the evening, another 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. E. Menday, 1; J. Butler, 2; G. Essex, 3; E. Pottinger, 4; T. Newman, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. *First 720. †First 720 with a bob bell.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Tuesday evening, November 11th, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. T. C. Truss, 1; H. Rogers, 2; W. A. Garraway (conductor), 3; R. Smith, 4; W. C. Porter, 5; R. Flaxman, 6; E. Rogers, 7; T. Woolford, 8. And a 910 in the same method, in 33 mins. O. Facey, 1; H. Rogers, 2; W. C. Porter, 3; R. Flaxman, 4; R. Smith, 5; G. Wilkins, jun., 6; W. A. Garraway (conductor), 7; T. C. Truss, 8. Tenor 17½ cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH KIRK (Lancashire).—On Sunday, November 9th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 28 mins. James Horrocks (conductor), 1; Thomas Doran, 2; Henry Hayes, 3; James Pickles, 4; William Pattison, 5; Thomas Horrocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Friday, November 14th, at St. Werburgh's church, for practice, a 546 of Grandsire Triples. S. Maskery, 1; *J. Callaghan, 2; A. Taberer, 3; J. Howe, 4; J. Newbold, 3; A. B. Ward (conductor), 6; H. C. Woodward, 7; G. Beeson, 8. Also a 630 of Union Triples. S. Maskery, 1; *J. Callaghan, 2; A. Taberer, 3; J. Howe, 4; J. Newbold, 5; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 6; A. B. Ward, 7; G. Beeson, 8. Composed by F. Bines, of Walthamstow. The above is the first in the method by any of the band. *Member of the Birmingham and District Association. Tenor 17 cwt in E.

ANSTON (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday evening, November 11th, the local company rang for practice, a 720 each of Duke of York, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 18 mins. G. Lidster, 1; R. S. Fox, 2; J. Bland, 3; C. F. Fowler, 4; S. Smith, 5; Thos. Silvester (conductor), 6. This is the longest touch ever rung by any of the company. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

BANSTEAD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, November 11th, at All Saints' church, six of the Benhilton company rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles, in 28 mins. W. Walker, 1; G. Petrie, 2; C. Trendell, 3; James Trendell, 4; H. Bryant, 5; John Trendell (conductor), 6.

BARKING (Essex).—On Saturday, November 15th, a company from Woolwich, Lewisham, and Greenwich, paid a visit to St. Margaret's Church, and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. Edward Freeman, 1; Abraham George Freeman, 2; Henry Harvey, 3; James Charles Harvey (conductor), 4; William Henry Freeman, 5; Edward Richards, 6; Frederick William Thornton, 7; Henry Bright, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. in Eb. Some very good touches of Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were also rung during the evening, with the assistance of several members of the Essex Association who were also on a visit to Barking.

BENNINGTON (Herts).—On Wednesday, November 12th, three courses, being 672 changes, of Superlative Surprise Major. Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 1; T. Page, 2; S. Page, 3; L. Chapman, 4; H. Baker, 5; J. Kitchener, 6; C. Shambrook, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8. A start was afterwards made for a peal of Double Norwich. Some good ringing followed, but at the ninth course end, the conductor called "stand," a shift course having occurred.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, November 13th, at Christ Church, a 360 of Grandsire Minor. E. Yates, 1; R. Barton, 2; W. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; T. Woodward, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. Also 144 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, by the same band, R. Barton (conductor). Tenor 12½ cwt.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Friday, October 31st, at St. Peter's parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Jay, sen., 1; H. Weston, 2; J. Gasson, 3; J. Searle, 4; J. Jay, jun., 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in this method by any of the band, and it is believed to be the first time that any Treble Bob method has been rung in Brighton by a local band. And on Monday, November 10th, on the occasion of the election of Mr. Alderman Reeves to the Mayoralty of the Borough, eight members of the Brighton Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 48 mins. A. Marshall, 1; —, Reeves, 2; J. Searle, 3; J. Jay, sen., 4; C. Golds, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; H. Weston, 7; W. Vernon, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt.

BRISTOL.—Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, November 11th, at the residence of J. Hinton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. S. Cleal, 1-2; H. Porch, 3-4; J. Hinton (conductor), 5-6; G. Townsend, 7-8. Also several courses of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble and Plain Bob Major.

BURNSALL (Yorkshire).—On Monday evening, November 17th, at St. Wilfrid's church, for practice, the local company rang 1680 changes in the following Minor methods: 240 each of Craven Delight, Violet, Oxford Delight, Duke of York, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 2 mins. J. T. Binns, 1; *J. P. Birch, 2; W. Thompson, 3; S. Whiteley, 4; *J. S. Wilkinson, 5; †C. Inman (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. *Members of the Yorkshire Association. †Member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

DEWSBURY (Yorkshire).—Muffled Peal.—On Thursday, November 13th, at All Saints' church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. James Idle, late

sexton, in 26 mins. Herbert Senior, 1; J. W. Simon, 2; Willie Ainley, 3; Oates Wilson, 4; Geo. H. Simon (conductor), 5; Alfred Mitchell, 6. Tenor 14½ cwt.

DENFORD (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, November 15th, at Holy Trinity Church, a 360 of Plain Bob, with 12 singles, W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; E. Mayes, 2; J. Groom, 3; T. Arnold, 4; A. Groom, 5; T. Roberts, 6. And a 720 of College Single, with eighteen bobs and two singles, T. Arnold, 1; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 2; A. Arnold, 3; E. Mayes, 4; A. Groom, 5; T. Roberts, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. Tenor 10 cwt.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Friday, November 14th, at St. Mary's church, the first half of Taylor's 6-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, 1 hr. 29 mins. Simeon Hart, 1; Harry P. Bennett, 2; Thos. Hunnisett, 3; Leonard Huggett (conductor), 4; Fredk. Harding, 5; James Potter, 6; W. H. Fussell, 7; Thos. Lewis, 8. It was intended to attempt a peal, but the band not being able to muster early enough for a 5040, were compelled to stop half-way. Mr. Lewis is a member of the All Saints' company. Our correspondent adds: "We are pleased to be able to state that the Christ Church ringers are making good progress in the art on six bells."

GARBOLDISHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday afternoon, after Divine Service, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a 720 of Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 26 minutes. W. Lebbon (Loughton), 1; Rev. C. L. Kennaway, 2; J. Chinery (Netteswell), 3; J. Bennett (Hopton), 4; E. Bennett (Riddlesworth), (conductor) 5; J. Bennett sen. (Riddlesworth), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

GREAT BROMLEY (Essex).—On Wednesday evening, November 12th, for practice, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. G. Taylor (first 6-score), 1; J. Starling, 2; J. Taylor, 3; S. Bloice, 4; W. Nevard (conductor), 5. And a 6-score of Old Doubles. G. Taylor (first 6-score in the method), 1; G. Howell, 2; J. Starling, 3; S. Bloice, 4; J. Taylor (conductor), 5; W. Nevard, 6. G. Taylor and W. Nevard hail from Great Bentley, the rest belong to the local company.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, October 10th, at St. Martin's church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles, in 25 mins. T. Gleed, 1; G. Thurlow, 2; J. Leach, 3; John Woods (Kenninghall), 4; T. Titchener, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 2nd, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Hannington (conductor), 1; T. Gleed, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; J. Leech, 4; J. Nixon, 5; G. Griffin, 6. After Service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (Gobbett's), with fifteen bobs. J. Hannington (conductor), 1; T. Gleed, 2; J. W. Driver (Fulham), 3; G. Griffin, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; E. Chapman, 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob, with twenty bobs and ten singles. G. Griffin, 1; G. Thurlow, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; J. Leech, 4; T. Titchener, 5; J. Nixon, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northamptonshire).—On Monday, November 17th, for practice, a 360 of Oxford Single, in 15 mins. S. Parker, 1; J. Nut, 2; W. Groome, 3; G. Thompson, 4; W. Hall, 5; W. Parker (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of College Little, in 15 mins. S. Parker, 1; W. Groome, 2; T. Parker, 3; G. Thompson, 4; A. Martin, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Monday, November 17th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; W. Allen, 2; J. Hare, 3; W. A. Tyler (conductor), 4; A. Squires, 5; S. Hare, 6; C. Creasey, 7; J. Foster, 8. Also a 168 in the same method, with H. Buckingham, 1; J. Hare, 2; W. French, 3; W. Kitchener, 8, the rest standing as before. C. Creasey hails from Spalding, Lincolnshire.

HULME (Manchester).—On Monday, November 10th, at St. Philip's church, Hulme, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. H. Wood, 1; T. Heald, 2; E. Ettock, 3; J. F. Woods (conductor), 4; W. J. Hargreaves, 5; J. O'Brien, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all except W. J. Hargreaves. And on Thursday, November 12th, at Holy Trinity church, six members of the St. Philip's society, rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26½ mins., also a 720 of Kent in 28 mins. J. O'Brien, 1; H. Wood, 2; E. Ettock, 3; T. Heald, 4; J. F. Woods, 5; W. J. Hargreaves (conductor), 6.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, November 16th, eight members of the local company rang at St. Peter's pro-Cathedral for Divine Service in the morning, 503 of Grandsire Caters, and after service a 504, the service being attended by the newly elected Mayor, D. Radcliffe, Esq., and corporation, and also the Assize Judges. And for afternoon service a 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major. *Muffled Peal*.—Also for Divine Service in the evening a 593 of Grandsire Caters, with the bells deeply muffled, in memory of the late Joseph Price, late churchwarden, and after service upwards of 700 of Stedman. The following ringers took part during the day: Richard Williams, Robert Williams (conductor), Henry Meadows, Edwin Booth, William Booth, John Moore, John Brown, William Brooks, Edward Foster, William Woodhead, George Helsby, Samuel Gough and William Beddon.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Monday, November 10th, the local company rang two 336's of Bob Major with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late James Perry, who died on the 6th inst., and was buried at Long Melford churchyard on that day. James Bird, 1; Philip Bixby, 2; George Hammond, 3; Saml. Slater (conductor), 4; Owen Read, 5; Percy C. S. Scott, 6; John Slater, 7; Oliver Garwood, 8. Deceased was one of the brethren of Melford Hospital, established in 1573, by Sir William Cardell, Knight. He was also an old Melford ringer, but rang only one peal with the company, which was a 5040 of Bob Major, in the year 1851, when he rang the 5th.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Saturday, November 8th, eight members of the St. Lawrence's society, Reading, attempted Holt's 6-part peal of Grandsire Triples, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, but after ringing 2842 changes in 1 hr. 46 mins., it terminated somewhat abruptly. W. H. Holloway, 1; W. Johnson, 2; E. Bishop, 3; W. R. Pocock, 4; W. Newell, 5; J. E. Willshire, 6; W. J. Williams (conductor), 7; W. Goseltine, 8.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, November 9th, eight members of the SS. Peter and Paul society rung for Divine Service in the evening 714 of Grandsire Triples. Charles Brockwell, 1; L. Drewett, 2; G. Forster, 3; G. Forster, 4; J. Fayers, 5; G. Welling, 6; A. Brockwell (conductor), 7; L. Currell, 8. Also on Wednesday, November 12th, with the bells half muffled, a 1512 of Grandsire Triples, as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. Summerfield. C. Brockwell, jun., 1; L. Drewett, sen., 2; G. Forster, sen., 3; G. Forster, jun., 4; L. Drewett, jun., 5; A. Brockwell (conductor), 6; J. Fayers, 7; L. Currell, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, November 13th, for practice, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with 7 6 8 behind, in 45 mins., 3rd and 5th the observation. G. E. Swain, 1; W. Swain, 2; H. Bacon, 3; *H. Horwood (conductor), 4; T. Lingard, 5; W. Adler, 6; J. J. Mawby, 7; J. Ballard, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E. *Member of the Midland Counties' Association.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, November 11th, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins., with the tenors covering. J. Prescott, 1; W. Taylor (first 720), 2; J. Sholicar, 3; C. Sharples (conductor), 4; G. Prescott, 5; W. Benthams, 6; H. Ellis, 7; W. Lloyd, 8. Tenor 25½ cwt.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Tuesday, November 18th, at the church of St. John-the-Baptist, the local company rang a 720 of Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 30 mins., with the tenors behind. W. Johnson, jun., 1; R. Beeston, 2; H. Plowman, 3; W. Johnson, sen., 4; G. Baker, 5; E. F. Read (conductor), 6; J. Binks, 7; J. Ellington, 8. This is the first 720 by the St. John's company. Tenor 28 cwt.

RAUNDS (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, November 8th, at St. Peter's church, a 720 of Plain Bob, with sixteen bobs and twenty-six singles. H. Clayton (first 720), 1; E. Mayes, 2; A. Arnold, 3; A. Groom, 4; T. Roberts, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Plain Bob, with nine bobs. H. Clayton, 1; J. Baker (first 360), 2; F. Gilbert, 3; J. Willmott, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of London Single, with nine bobs. H. Clayton, 1; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 2; A. Arnold, 3; E. Mayes, 4; A. Groom, 5; T. Roberts, 6. And on Monday, November 10th, a 360 of College Single, with nine bobs. G. Kirk, 1; A. Coles (first 360 on a bob bell), 2; R. Pendered, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; J. Willmott, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6. And 120 of New London Pleasure. G. Kirk, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; W. Hall, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; H. Stubbs, 6. This is the first 120 in this method by all. And on Monday, November 17th, a 720 of Yorkshire Court, with eighteen bobs and two singles. G. Kirk, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; *A. Arnold, 4; *A. Groom, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. E. Mayes and T. Roberts hail from Ringstead; A. Arnold and A. Groom from Denford; and H. Clayton and J. Baker from Rushden.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, October 22nd, at St. Lawrence's church, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Hill, the daughter of the Mayor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 49 mins. W. H. Holloway, 1; W. Johnson, 2; H. M. Bawden, 3; J. E. Wiltshire, 4; E. Bishop, 5; W. Newell, 6; W. J. Williams (conductor), 7; W. R. Pocock, 8. Also a 559 and 518 in the same method, conducted respectively by Mr. Newell and Mr. E. Bishop. And on Sunday, October 26th, for Divine service in the morning, a 503 of Grandsire Caters, in 23 mins. F. W. Round, 1; W. R. Pocock, 2; W. Johnson, 3; J. E. Willshire, 4; W. H. Holloway, 5; G. Talbot, 6; E. Bishop, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; W. Goseltine, 10. Also on Sunday, November 9th, for Divine Service in the morning, being the Prince of Wales' birthday, a 827 of Grandsire Caters, in 35 mins. F. W. Round, 1; W. R. Pocock, 2; W. Johnson, 3; E. Bishop, 4; W. H. Holloway, 5; G. Talbot, 6; J. Potter (Oxford Diocesan Guild), 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; J. T. Waldron, 10. And for Divine Service in the evening a 1061 of

Grandsire Caters, in 45 mins. F. W. Round, 1; H. M. Bawden, 2; W. Johnson, 3; W. R. Pocock, 4; W. H. Holloway, 5; G. Talbot, 6; W. J. Williams (conductor), 7; W. Goseltine, 8; W. Newell, 9; J. T. Waldron, 10. And after service a 701 of Grandsire Caters, in 28 mins. F. W. Round, 1; H. M. Bawden, 2; W. Johnson, 3; J. E. Willshire, 4; W. R. Pocock, 5; G. Talbot, 6; E. Bishop, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; W. Goseltine, 10. And on Monday, November 10th, being the election of Mayor, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. W. Johnson, 1; H. M. Bawden, 2; J. E. Willshire, 3; G. Talbot, 4; W. H. Holloway, 5; E. Bishop, 6; W. J. Williams (conductor), 7; J. T. Waldron, 8. And in the evening a 1565 of Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 7 mins. F. W. Round, 1; H. M. Bawden, 2; W. Johnson, 3; J. E. Willshire, 4; W. H. Holloway, 5; W. R. Pocock, 6; E. Bishop, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; W. Goseltine, 10.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, November 9th, being the birthday of the Prince of Wales, for early service at the church of SS. Mary and Nicolas, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with the tenor covering. J. Brown, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; J. Wilson, 3; R. Mackman, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; J. W. Jarvis, 6. Also for second service, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. And for Divine Service in the evening a 360 of London Single. G. Harrison, 1; J. Wilson, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; R. Mackman, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; J. Brown (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, November 11th, a 720 of Double Court Bob, and 360 of Kent Treble Bob, the band standing as before. And on Tuesday, November 13th, a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob, and 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Brown, 1; J. Wilson, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; R. Mackman, 4; E. Brown, 5; G. L. Richardson (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 16th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of London Single, conducted by J. S. Wright. Also after service, Holt's 720 of Bob Minor, with twenty-one bobs. J. S. Wright, 1; J. Wilson, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; R. Mackman (conductor), 4; E. Brown, 5; J. Brown, 6.

WALTON (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, November 13th, at St. Mary's parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with thirty-four bobs and two singles, in 28 mins. J. Hurst, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. A. Simpson, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, November 16th, for Divine Service, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Hurst, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. A. Simpson, 5; R. Stockley, 6. And in the evening, 720 of Grandsire Minor, with 38 bobs and 22 singles, in 25½ mins. J. Hurst, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. A. Simpson, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Thursday November 13th (to commemorate the 63rd anniversary of the first peal on the bells, and the 21st birthday of Mr. Frederick W. Thornton), the following members of the Waterloo and St. James's Societies attempted the Rev. C. D. P. Davies's five part peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Mary Magdalene's church, but the peal unfortunately collapsed after ringing 3420 changes, in 2 hrs. Henry Bright, 1; Thomas Taylor, 2; William Weatherstone, 3; Henry Harvey, 4; Frederick W. Thornton, 5; William Henry Freeman, 6; Abraham George Freeman, 7; William John Harris, 8. Conducted by Frederick W. Thornton, of St. Alphege, Greenwich, this being his first attempt at calling a peal.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, November 17th, the Youths of All Saints' rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 53 mins. T. Clements, 1; Nathan Wale, 2; Henry Phesant, 3; Thomas Gwynne, 4; George Hobbs, 5; William Blandford, 6; Henry Wilks, 7; William Webb, 8; Fredk. Owen, 9; Thomas Malim, 10. Composed by Wingfield Meadows and conducted by Henry Phesant. Tenor 21 cwt.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Wednesday evening, November 13th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob, with 22 singles. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; T. Tullett, 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor) 6; and a 720 of Oxford Bob, with 30 bobs and 2 singles. W. Owden, 1; J. Cheesman (Balcombe) 2; F. Streeter, 3; B. Payne, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6; and a 720 of Warnham Court Bob, with 22 singles. T. Illman, 1; F. Streeter, 2; W. Denman, 3; G. Illman, 4; F. Rice, 5; E. Streeter (conductor) 6.

WROTHAM (Kent).—On Friday, November 14th, five members of the West Malling company visited this place and with three of the local company attempted a peal of Bob Major, 5040 changes, but after ringing 4360 changes in 2 hrs. 45 mins., the 4th rope broke, which put an end to ringing. D. Hall, 1; E. Baldock, 2; W. Harding, 3; J. Taylor, 4; A. Moorcraft, 5; C. Taylor, 6; F. Shoobridge, 7; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 8. E. Baldock and A. Moorcraft are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

* * Several Touches which arrived late are unavoidably left over until our next issue.

SS. MARY AND NICOLAS, SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE third meeting of the committee for the provision of two bells to complete the octave in the tower of this church has been held, present: Rev. Canon Moore (chairman), Rev. B. Matthews, Rev. J. L. Gardner, Dr. Morris, Captain Hilliam; Messrs. H. S. Maples, Augustus Maples, W. J. E. Hobson (secretary), F. Pennington, J. Wilmot and R. Mackman. Mr. John Wright attended the meeting and submitted a plan shewing the position of the new bells and the means he proposed to adopt to secure the safety of the tower, he also stated if the work was put into his hands the maximum cost would be £180. Several suggestions were discussed for raising money, amongst which a ball, a dramatic performance, and a conversazione were thought desirable. The following names were then mentioned as having promised subscriptions:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
The Right Hon. and Ven. the Lord Saye and Sele	5	0	0	J. R. Jerram, Esq.	1	1	0
J. W. E. Hobson, Esq.	5	0	0	The Rev. Goe. Carter	1	1	0
Hon. M. E. G. Finch Hatton	2	2	0	Charles Sharpe, Esq.	1	1	0
The Ven. Archdeacon Kaye	2	0	0	C. K. Morris, Esq.	1	1	0
Dr. Morris	3	3	0	Francis Millas, Esq.	1	1	0
H. S. Maples, Esq.	2	2	0	Mrs. Thomas Smith	1	1	0
Augustus Maples, Esq.	2	2	0	Mr. John Wright	1	1	0
W. Lane Claydon, Esq.	1	1	0	SS. Mary and Nicolas' company	1	1	0

The above subscriptions, with those previously, announced together with small sums, bring the total amount promised to the present time to £71 6s. 6d.

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."

ANCIENT CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—Your last week's number gives Goring credit for having the earliest dated bell in England, but Kelly's Directory, 1877, states that one of the five at East Ilsley, Berks, is dated 1012, but as an imperfect 6 may easily be taken for an o probably it is a mistake. If therefore "THE BELL NEWS" has not yet reached Ilsley perhaps some of our Wantage or Newbury friends can give you the correct date.

Maidenhead, Berks.

E. ROGERS.

A Muffled Peal.

[From the "Wellingborough News."]

Sad, solemn music, booming o'er the town,
Making the night seem darker, and the graves
More full of sleep; where tall stones sentinel
The dead; and cold stars watch their peaceful rest—
Those sounds! that fall upon the gathering night
Like distant echoes from another world—
O God! the very steeple seems to groan,
And the dank air clings closer to the graves.
And yet the night is falling—and the dead
Are resting in the land that is unknown,
And we are mourning here—but day shall break,
And other sounds o'erfill our fitful hearts;
And, ere the turf is green upon the mound,
The same bells pealing forth rich tones of joy,
Remind us of the soon-forgotten past.

W. T. SAWARD.

A writer in the *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle* says:—

"If the meetings which the Diocesan Bell-ringers hold occasionally in Newcastle are attended with no other good result, they have at least the merit of drawing attention to the condition of the city bells. Our visitors are enthusiastic in their work. They climb the belfrys of the various churches, sound the iron-tongued monsters hanging aloft, and are not slow to point out any serious defects they may find. The ringers have discovered in the course of their annual visit this week that St. Nicholas' bells are shockingly defective, that the bells of All Saints' are ditto, and that two of the bells swung in St. Andrew's have cracked and become useless. It is not creditable to Newcastle that the melody of its chimes should be marred by so many defects, and I agree with Mr. G. J. Clarkson, the secretary of the association, that 'the matter should receive the attention of the Churchmen of this wealthy city.' It is pleasant to learn, however, on the authority of Mr. Clarkson, that there has been an improvement at St. John's, where two new bells have been put up and one of the old ones re-cast. At St. Stephen's, again, a very fine peal has been placed in position. Moreover, the change-ringing societies which have been established throughout the district are developing the taste for campanological performances to a remarkable extent."

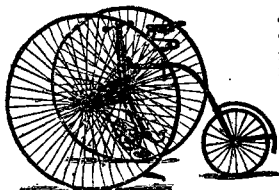
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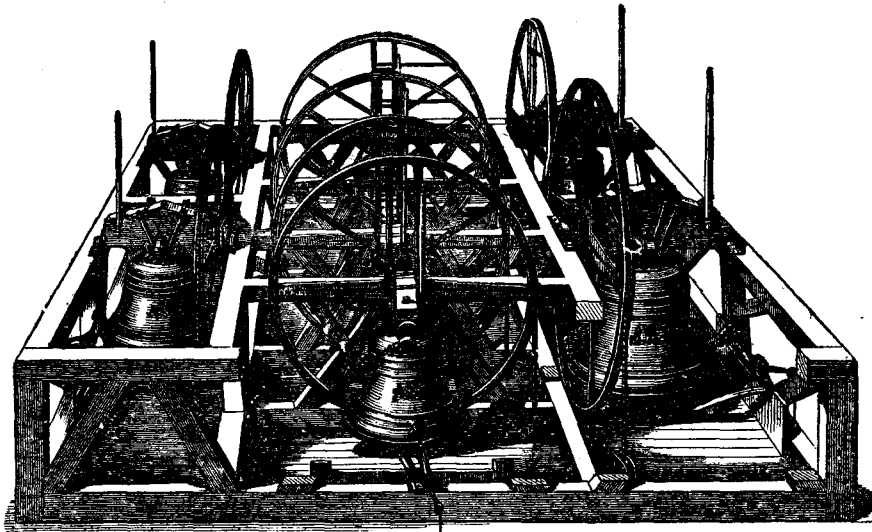
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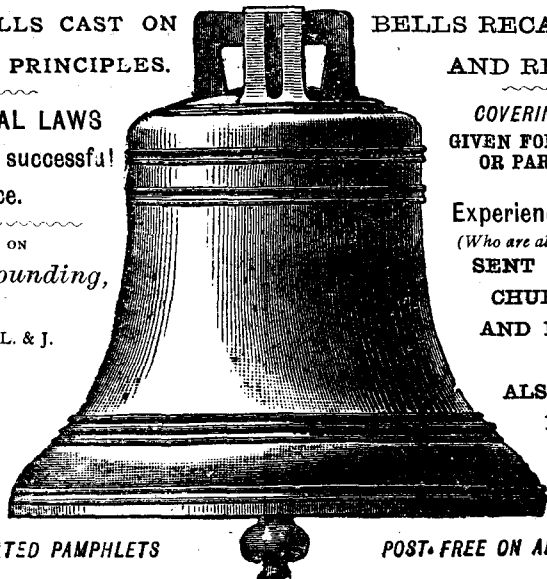
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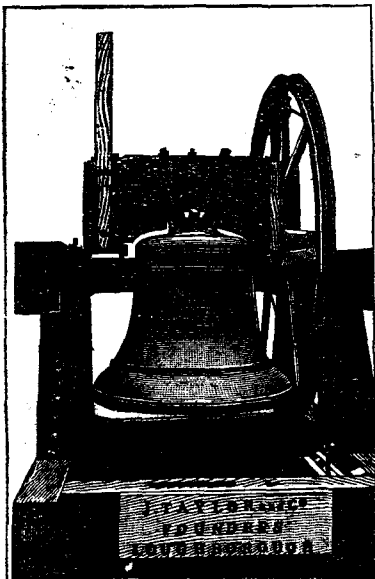
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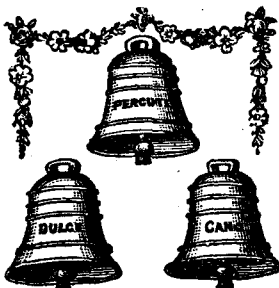
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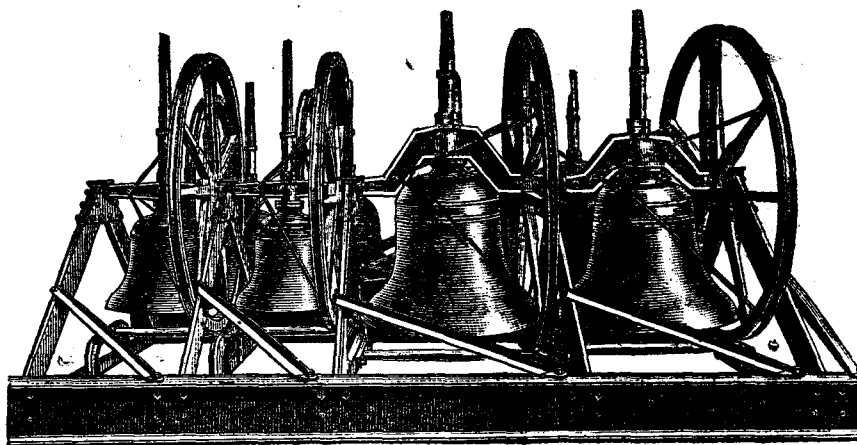
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