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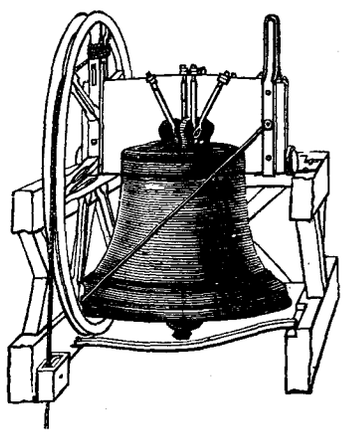
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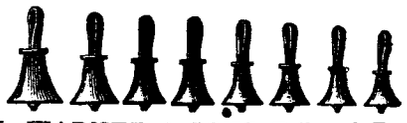
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SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

Saturday last, the eve of All Saints, witnessed the dedication of two new bells in the parish church of Spalding. After the customary evensong, the clergy and those assembled adjourned to the belfry, where an appropriate service was held. The ringers, standing to their bells, which were raised, rang a few rounds, and the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Moore, delivered an interesting address on the parish church steeple and its bells. We give the substance of the Canon's address:

Bells have been used in religious services from the earliest periods of history. In the second book in the Bible, Exodus xxviii. 33-35, bells are ordered to be attached to the garment of the officiating priest "when he goeth into the holy place before the Lord, and when he cometh out"—more than three thousand years ago. These were small golden bells, worn as ornaments as well as for sacred use. For more than three thousand years then, we learn from inspired authority that the sound of bells has been connected with the solemn worship of God. Bells such as are now used in our churches in England, are historically known to have been used fifteen hundred years for the same purpose for which we use them now. From being first used about the year A.D. 400, in Campania, they were called "Campanæ:" the towers in which they hang are still called Campaniles, and the science of ringing is called Campanology. This art of ringing in changes or peals is peculiar to England. The accomplishment is rarely attempted on the continent, or in any foreign country. The first peal that was ever rung in England is said to have been rung in the grand central tower of Croyland Abbey; not in the present tower where the bells hang now, but in the tower one solitary chevron arch of which remains, spanning the width of the east end of the ruined nave. This peal was rung more than 1000 years ago. Whether it was then called by the venerable name of "Grandsire Bob" history does not record. It is well known, however, that each bell in the chamber had its own proper name, such as Guthlac, Bartholomew, Bettelin, Turketul, Tatwin, Pega, and Bega, historic names connected with the Abbey: Saints, Patrons, Abbots, and benefactors.

Passing on to the bells in our own tower, I think we must conclude that at one time connected with this church a heavier peal once hung in a more substantial tower than the present one. From very heavy foundations which I have seen exposed at the west end of the north aisle of the nave, I believe the original tower stood on that spot. When this church was first built, one of the conditions imposed by the Prior and convent (who undertook to remove the church from the market-place to its present site if the inhabitants would contribute £100 and the old material) was that the parish church should have only two bells, at a cost of not more than £20. These most probably would be in the gable over the west end of the nave. Why I believe there must have been a heavy peal in an Early English tower is that (1) the foundations of such a tower still exist; (2) that in the present tower, which is Perpendicular, that is of the date of 1420, there is an Early English string-course which belonged to an earlier tower worked into the base of this tower; (3) that the present tower was never constructed to carry a heavier peal than the present, and that (4) a heavier peal did once hang in a tower in this church; for at the latter end of the reign of Richard II., about 480 years ago, the inmates of the Abbey were so exercised by the ringing of the bells in this parish church, that proceedings at law were instituted by Prior John III. de Spalding to abate the annoyance by an injunction. Appeal was made both to the king and the Pope of Rome. The dispute was ultimately settled in 1401 by the arbitration of Henry de Beaufort, Bishop of Lincoln. As the Abbey stood on the other side of the Welland river, at the back of the houses now occupied by Mr. Waite and Mr. Asling, it could scarcely be supposed that the interruption of the services in the Abbey, and the repose of the monks at that distance, by bells of the calibre of the present peal, would be so intolerable as to evoke litigation.

Between 1401 and 1733, the date upon the 5th bell in our tower, it seems probable that the number of bells was reduced by the arbitration of Prior John to two, according to the arrangement concluded between the authorities in the abbey and the townsfolk in 1284, for only the 4th and the 7th bells bear dates earlier than 1733. The 4th bell bears the inscription: "Omnia fiant ad Gloriam Dei, 1629." The 7th: "James Wilsby and John Homan Ch. Wa. 1648." It is not improbable, however, that the accompaniments of the Reformation in 1534, or the consequences of the Rebellion in 1649 swept away the bells of the Church into the pockets of their respective promoters, or into the furnaces that were kindled by their followers. On the 5th bell is cast "Omnia fiant ad Gloriam Dei. Dei soli. Anno Dom. 1733." On the 6th bell, "Omnia fiant ad Gloriam Dei. Gloria Patri, Filio et Spiritiu Sancto. A.D. 1744." On the 3rd bell is "Thomas Osborne, Fecit, Downham, Norfolk 1801." And on the 8th bell is recorded, "Thomas Osborne, fecit, Maurice Johnson, D.D., Minister, Thos. Maples, Wm. Law, churchwardens." This bell was given by Dr. Johnson. Upwards of 80 years elapsed and the first bell of the present peal records "To God and the Church on the celebration of the Golden Wedding day of Ashley Maples and his wife Harriett, by their ten surviving children 15th July 1885," and the 1st bell bearing the coat of the present vicar, Canon Edwd. Moore, and his wife Elizabeth nèe Stephenson: (Argent an engrailed chevron sable between 3 moor cocks proper, impaling gules, on a bend ermine, 3 leopards faces proper.) "E.M. Vicar. R.M. Sexton." The last two bells with their fittings cost more than £150.

The last named two bells are the most recent among the numerous and costly gifts to the Church in this town. In 1866, Spalding had only one church and six bells consecrated to the services of the Church of England; it has now four churches and 19 bells to announce to the inhabitants that Divine Service demands their attendance.

Within the recollection of middle-aged inhabitants the public Sunday Services of the Church of England in this parish were only two; they are now thirteen or more: SS. Mary and Nicolas, 4; St. Peter's, 2; St. John Baptist, 4; St. Paul, 3. The administration of Holy Communion monthly was only once; there are now eighteen or more administrations monthly: SS. Mary and Nicholas, 6; St. Peter's, 2; S. John Baptist, 8; St. Paul's, 2.

To all these calls and opportunities have we responded? The fast and festival are all the same to too many of us. The call to prayer and praise, to confession, repentance and thanksgiving we heed not. The passing bell and the funeral bell elicit neither prayer, reflection nor thought. Let us give heed to our ways. Let us use our privileges, and so let us draw in the wandering sheep who are enviously talking about disestablishment.

By the present addition the parish of Spalding possesses two peals of eight bells, the other being that of St. Paul. The following day, (Sunday), All Saints' Day, the bells were much appreciated by the parishioners. For Matins, 168 Grandsire Triples were rung. Both before and after Evensong several plain courses were rung.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 9th, being Martinmas, the Wolstanton company intend holding their Annual Outing at Leek, Staffordshire, and to make an attempt for a peal. Any member of the Association wishing to spend the day with them will be gladly welcome.

A WORD MORE ABOUT "USES."

By Auditor Tantum.

The costliness of a ring of bells, and the greatness of the sum of money sunk in its purchase, are matters which, when once the bells have been paid for, pass entirely into oblivion. Even the village ring of six, with its tenor of 12 cwts., represents in round numbers some £450, while a ring of twelve, with tenor of 41 cwts., means an expenditure of say £2000. The annual interest on such sums at 4 per cent. is no trifling amount, and unless the bells are properly used, may be said to be wasted. It is a fact that as a rule the bells of a church cost far more than the organ. Now it is not generally known, but it is nevertheless the case, that by means of a pneumatic chiming apparatus, the bells can be brought under the control of the organist, and there is no reason why they should not be chimed by means of a little row of keys in the console (or keyboard) of the organ itself, and used in the very midst of the services of the church, either combined with the organ or alternately with that instrument. As the hammers used would be "outside hammers," they would not in any way interfere with the ringing of the bells, and the motive power for raising the hammers would be the compressed air supplied by the bellows of the organ. Many readers may think that this is a fanciful and utterly impracticable notion, but I have just been reading of a new cathedral in America on Long Island, New York, which has a chime of thirteen bells in the tower, all of which can be played on by the organist at his ordinary post. I am sure that if any parson (who desires, in this manner, to utilize the costly "loud cymbals" which hang in his steeple), will apply to my friend, Mr. T. C. Lewis, organ builder, Brixton, will very soon supply him with the requisite machinery.

THE SOCIETY AT SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

The Annual Dinner of this recently-established society was held on Wednesday evening last, at the "King's Head Inn," Southover, Lewes. The proceedings commenced with a peal on the bells, but unfortunately after they had proceeded a short time, the rope of one of the bells broke, and put an end to it. At the dinner, Mr. W. Gates, churchwarden, occupied the chair, and Mr. J. Burton, the vice-chair. There was a good attendance of members, and a first rate dinner was served by Mrs. Goldsmith, the hostess. After dinner had been attended to, the chairman gave the usual loyal toasts. He also proposed "Success to the Southover Society," and remarked that he was pleased to think that the society was at present in a very favourable position, and he hoped that it would continue to be so.

Mr. Richardson, the secretary, responded, and in reference to the subject of change-ringing, he said several of the younger members had arranged to commence it immediately, and they hoped to be successful.

Mr. J. Goldsmith, of Croydon, then proposed the health of the rector, (Rev. W. G. Richardson), amd churchwardens, and he was sure they always did what they could to further the interests of the ringers. Being a native of Lewes, he took an interest in the society, and he hoped it would continue to be prosperous. Mr. Gates responded, and said that the Rector and Churchwardens never forgot ringers. In order to encourage change-ringing, he offered £2 to the society if they succeeded in getting through a peal of Grandsire Triples by two years from that date. The other toasts were, "The Secretary," "Mr. Burfield," "The Visitors," and "The Hostess." During the evening several songs were sung by the members, one greatly appreciated being given by Mr. Burfield, who is eighty-four years of age, and who has always shown the greatest interest in ringing.

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

On Tuesday, October 27th, the above Society, accompanied by the Rev. S. Churchill, paid a visit to Wells. Leaving Bath by the Midland Railway at 9.10 a.m. for Masburgh, they arrived at Wells about 11.15, after a breezy but very pleasant walk of about four miles over the Mendip Hills. They were met by some of the local ringers, who conducted them to the tower of St. Cuthbert's, and after an hour's ringing they adjourned for luncheon. The Rev. T. D. Bernard, M.A., Canon of Wells, and President of the Society, afterwards accompanied them over the old Cathedral, describing the various points of interest and antiquity. At 3 p.m. they attended the service in the Cathedral, after which they ascended to the belfry and rang for about an hour. At 5.30 p.m. they and the local company were entertained to an excellent tea, at the Red Lion Coffee House, which was very kindly provided by the Rev. President, who with his family sat down with them. Tea over, and the usual votes of thanks, etc., to the Rev. T. D. Bernard and local ringers, after a few hasty touches, and a six-score on the handbells, they had to hurry for their return walk to Masbury, arriving in Bath about 9 p.m., having had a very enjoyable outing.

SOME RECENT CORRESPONDENCE.

READERS of "THE BELL NEWS" cannot fail to be interested in the correspondence which appears from time to time respecting various matters in connection with the Exercise, and no doubt occasionally wonder how it happens that various articles and letters dealing with real or imaginary evils are either allowed to remain unnoticed, or are replied to in a spirit only calculated to stifle enquiry and avoid discussion.

Many readers must have been pleased to see Mr. Muskett's reply to "Mr. Author of Thumbnail Sketches," because it shews that prominent men really have got something to say in reply—tardy though that reply may be. But what does Mr. Muskett's reply amount to? Shortly this:—What business is it of yours? I and some friends, have tried to teach, but Charley Sloper went abroad, and Sam Black's funeral was coming on, so we don't mean to try again, and as "Mr. Author's letters do no good, let him mind his own business. Now perhaps "Mr. Author" considers that it is his business; and surely one good result of his sketches is Mr. Muskett's "retort courteous," unsatisfactory though it be. Possibly the teaching of Mr. Muskett and his friends was not carried on (from a business man's point of view) under the most efficient system—the ability of the teachers being unquestionable—otherwise the disappearance of Messrs. Sloper and Black would never have upset all their plans. The following week "Little Jim" quietly suggests that Mr. Muskett does not like to hear the plain truth. Then comes "Old Sheff," who indulges in some picturesque metaphor about deadly shots from great guns, blowing off thumb-nails and penetrating hearts, etc., but does not bring a single new idea to bear upon the matters complained of. Lastly appears Mr. J. R. Jerram's picture of what happened years ago, when "a youngster would creep cautiously into a belfry hardly knowing whether he would receive a welcome or be kicked out. If admitted, he would sit by and watch the ringing, it might be for some years, without so much as the chance of being asked to try and handle a bell, and if he ever became a ringer it was only by a slow process and by dint of great perseverance." See also Mr. Jerram's letter on page 629 of last volume. Not one word does he say in condemnation of such a disgraceful state of affairs, nor of approval of the efforts of more generous-minded people who desire to alter such contemptible ways; nor does he say whether he was one of the ringers who allowed a young man to sit in a tower, "it might be for some years, without so much as the chance of being asked to try," and took no step to prevent his time being so deplorably wasted; and does Mr. Jerram mean to tell the public and the Exercise that people who have no real taste for ringing ever submit to have it "crammed into them?" Mr. Jerram really seems to imply that what he describes is the correct thing, inasmuch as here and there young bands have attempted to run before they could walk, and that a very good way to test a young man's aptitude for ringing is to keep him looking on for a few years before allowing him to make a start. How much better would it have been if some of these correspondents had been in a position to flatly contradict "Mr. Author" on some of the points upon which he has written. For instance why does not one of your irate correspondents reply to the sketch of 22nd November, 1884, the last paragraph of sketch of 24th January, 1885, the first article of 2nd of May, the sketch of the 16th of May, the letter of "Looker-on" of the 6th June, and others. "London Ringer," on the 23rd of May does very temperately refer to the preceeding week's sketch, and I think the latter half of his sixth paragraph and the whole of the last are the most sensible that appeared for some time. I opine if the instructors were to be properly paid, the learners would be too anxious to have their money's worth out of them, to dwindle away in the manner alluded to by several correspondents. Let teaching be as remunerative to an instructor as ringing. Those who are most anxious to learn will surely be willing to pay a fee, and save their time—such young men as those who have been kept looking on for a few years for instance.

On the 18th July some remarks of mine on Sunday Ringing, and also a query as to what the London Societies were doing to practically and systematically teach the art to beginners, or to promote it, appeared in this paper. That question was asked in all good faith but the only result of it has been to get poor unfortunate Mr. Strange's heart made a target for deadly shots from great guns. Now in "A Brief Look Out," "O. K." notices my letter, and suggests that as the subject of Sunday ringing is also one of Belfry Reform, it should be left for a National Association to deal with, and proceeds to give some arguments against it; but as he practically endorses my views, I do not further refer to his clear-sighted communication than to respectfully submit that his arguments are rather weak.

On March 7th, Mr. Jerram contributed a very practical and sensible article on the old theme of Belfry Reform, and on the 28th of the same month, Geo. F. Attree replies very forcibly to it. Of course we all understand how pleased a wandering band of ringers, who do all the paid work, would be to see a company attached to each church in their town, more especially if such attached band were composed of earnest and intelligent young men. On April 4th, Mr. Jerram replied to Mr. Attree, but does not suggest anything new. "Churchman" the following week administers a rub to a good many. On July 25th, Alexander Hurst makes some common sense suggestions, the carrying out of which would indeed reform many places. Next week comes Mr. Jerram again to the front, stating four points on which reform is needed, viz., in the use of the bells, in the ringers, in the belfry arrangements, and in the manner of ringing; but on only one of those points does he make any suggestion, and that suggestion is—what? That arrangements should be made to have the bells rung upon seven occasions during the year (which occasions no doubt the wandering band would be on the look out for), two only of those being Sundays. A likely way to encourage the study of the art of change-ringing in a district.

I hope this well-meant review will not lay me open to the charge of dictating to any one. It is penned in the very reverse of a dictatorial spirit, the object of the writer being only to induce those who view with indifference the fact that what was good enough years ago is, in the opinion of many modern men, not suitable for the present day, to consider whether there are not many ways in which they might by a little energy, and organisation adapted to the requirements of the present day, make the acquisition of the art less toilsome to those who will give time and attention to its study. "Imparted knowledge doth not decrease from wisdom's store." There is no necessity to sit upon any writer who alludes to defective organisation. If wrong, he can be courteously corrected; and if right he ought to be complimented for calling attention to a state of affairs which is predjudicial to the interests of young earnest ringers.

ORGANIST.

HEMPSTEAD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

ON Thursday evenidg, October 29th, a meeting took place at the tower of the parish, the bells having been augmented from five to six, and all rehung in excellent style by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London. The rev. the rector of the parish has had this augmentation carried out at his sole expense.

At 5.30 the bells were raised in peal by the Quedgeley company, and finding them to go well several 6-scores were rung in very good style. At 6.30, the members of the well-known St. Lawence's society arrived, having been engaged by the rector to open the bells, and, they having rung, recorded their opinion of the satisfactory manner in which the alterations had been effected, and all being pleased with the musical peal after being tuned, they being sadly out of tune previously. H. Mitchell was called upon to conduct the first touch of Kent Treble Minor, 240 changes, and afterwards a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 30 mins. J. Baldwin, 1; J. Yeates, 2; A. A. Waite, 3; Wm. Sevier, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; R. A. Barratt (conductor), 6. And three 6-scores of Stedman. A. A. Waite (conductor), 3; J. Merchant (St. Nicholas), 6. A 720 of Bob Minor was then rung, in 27 mins. J. Baldwin, 1; J. Yeates, 2; Wm. Sevier, 3; R. A. Barrett, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in G. The company then adjourned to the rectory, where, by the kindness of the rector, they were entertained to an excellent supper. The rector then made a few remarks upon change-ringing, and Mr. Barrett explained the principles of the art, and hoped within a short time to hear of the present musical peal being increased to eight. Hempstead Church being situate on a hill, the bells may be heard for many miles round, and they having for the last year and ten months stood idle, the parishioners are very delighted to hear them once again. The rector is doing all in his power to help the local company as much as possible. The Barnwood society thanked the Rev. —. Dawson for his kindness during the evening, and then returned home very pleased with the proceedings.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING was held at Ashford on Monday, November 2nd. At the committee meeting, the bands of St. George's, Gravesend, Swanscombe, and Frindsbury, were admitted to the Association. Some good touches of Grandsire were rung at Ashford, Wye, and Mersham. Every preparation had been made to welcome the members to Aldington, than which no parish deserves better of the Society, on the score of good ringing as well as devotion to the cause, and it is much to be regretted that none of the bands found their way there, though the means of conveyance were provided.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Association are requested to note that the meeting arranged to take place at Bewdley, on Saturday, November 14th, will be postponed for a week, owing to unforeseen circumstances.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

A HOLIDAY RINGING TOUR.

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The next morning, Mr. Holden had arranged a treat for us, his partner, Mr. Wild, taking us over one of the most valuable and most interesting collections of old English furniture and antiquities of all sorts, that is gathered together in England. Some of the old armour and weapons were exceedingly interesting, and the prices that had been offered for some of the old presses, etc., astonished us greatly. Mr. Holden presented us with a copy of the bell fund balance sheet, which reflects great credit upon him as the leader in the movement to have the peal augmented to eight, and also upon the other ringers who appear to have loyally supported him. As no doubt it will be remembered, the cost of the two new bells was entirely defrayed by subscriptions and concerts, etc., carried on by the ringers. After making a call upon Mr. J. J. Brierley, and inspecting a photograph of William Harrison, and a model of his gravestone, it was time to make for the station, where several of our friends saw us off for Wakefield, at which place we had arranged to attempt a peal of Treble Bob Royal with some of our Leeds friends, and some of the local band. Having to change at Mirfield, we found we had an hour to spare, which we utilised to good purpose by fortifying the inner man against the attacks of hunger during the anticipated three hours and a half of "sweet Treble Bob." On arriving at Wakefield, we were met by Mr. West, of Leeds, who quickly conducted us to the rendezvous near the church, where we found the rest of the band waiting. No time was lost in ascending the noble tower, which struck us as being the finest by far which it had ever been our good fortune to see, and the fine peal of ten, tenor 30 cwt., was quickly raised. While the bells were being oiled, etc., we had a few minutes to examine the peal boards, which recorded one or two first class performances. The only peal we had previously practised Royal upon is the only peal of ten which we have in the two dioceses of Durham and Northumberland, namely, at North Shields, tenor 19 cwt., and owing to the scarcity of ringers in our neighbourhood, it is very seldom that the ten are all going. It was therefore with some little nervousness that we set to work, and we fear that for the first course or so, we somewhat interfered with the regularity of the striking for which Yorkshiremen are so justly renowned. We were not long however in setting to the collar, and went on all right for an hour and a half, when a miscall brought matters to a standstill. The following were the band who attempted the peal: H. Hubbard, 1; J. West, 2; W. Story, 3; R. S. Story, 4; M. Tomlinson, 5; John Hollis, 6; W. Firth, 7; T. Osmond, 8; T. Moorhouse, 9; R. Binns, 10. Tenor 32 cwt.; and we have to tender them our hearty thanks for so kindly meeting us. After ringing the bells down with the assistance of a new treble man, we adjourned to the adjacent meeting-house, and enjoyed some very good handbell ringing in the same room where Mr. Binns informed us Mr. Dawe vowed "he would never be happy again." After securing a photograph of the church, we took the next train for Leeds, where the evening was spent in the company of Mr. Tomlinson. Sunday morning saw us at the parish church, in good time to get a good practice at Stedman Caters, witn a view to a date touch in the evening. However, a number of ringers turning up from Mirfield, an attempt was made at Treble Bob Maximus, which ended disastrously through the tenth being overturned. A short touch of Stedman Caters then followed, after which we attended the service, being fortunate in getting a good seat for hearing the singing, although the preacher was invisible as far as we were concerned. For evening service we met in good time to attempt the date touch which had been arranged for, and which had been composed by Mr. T. Lockwood since the morning, but unfortunately our inexperience in Stedman Caters on a heavy peal brought it to grief, and then there was only time before service for a touch of 1083. T. West, 1; W. Pawson, 2; W. Story, 3: M. Tomlinson, 4; W. Walker, 5; H. Hubbard, 6; R. S. Story, 7; T. Lockwood (conductor), 8; Joseph Hutchinson, 9; R. Binns, 10. Tenor 36 cwt. in C. The rest of the evening was spent in the society of the ringers, and it was with reluctant hearts that we bade them farewell and shook hands. We have to thank them one and all for the kind manner in which they received us, and for their exertions to make our visit pleasant, in which they completely succeeded.

On Monday morning, September 21st, my brother R. S. Story and I parted company at Leeds Station, he returning home by the nine o'clock express, and I proceeding to Manchester by the nine train. I had arranged with my friends at Glossop to meet them at the handbell contest at Belle Vue Gardens, Manchester, so on arrival at Manchester I proceeded to Belle Vue, and having made a thorough inspection of all the various exhibits to be seen in this wonderful place of entertainment, I duly met my friends in the large hall where the handbell contest was proceeding. This contest is well worth a visit, the marvellous precision with which difficult and classical pieces of music are performed is a great treat. After the contest was concluded, we went outside and saw the grand display of fireworks which takes place on the picture island in the lake. The picture represents in a wonderful manner, Khartoum, and the fireworks produce the effect of the storming and repulsing at the siege. We shall also not forget soon our row on the lake in the afternoon. We were fortunate in getting ashore without any damage, although we had a few collisions. In the gardens we had the pleasure of meeting and being introduced to many ringers of note, including some long peal men. We returned by the last train to Glossop, where we arrived about midnight, after as merry a day as we have ever spent. The next morning after breakfast, our worthy friend, Mr. John Pye, senr., arrived to be our guide in a good stretch over some of the neighbouring hills, and we set off, a party of four, including Mr. James Sellars, and Mr. Russell, a relative of Mr. Pye. We proceeded past Whitfield Church, and up the opposite hill with some good views noticed *en passant*, and arrived at an old farm-house, where we found an old farmer collecting bedding for cattle. Here we refreshed ourselves with a raw egg apiece, and those who were not members of the abstaining branch of the Church of England Temperance Society partook of some home-brewed ale, which was declared A1. We then continued our course to the top of the hill, and in crossing the moor on the top had the good fortune to pick up a very plump grouse just freshly shot. We had intended returning for dinner, but the exhilarating air and beautiful scenery seemed to have banished all such thoughts from our minds, and we went on till we were in sight of Marple Bridge, where there is a railway station, at which we expected we should get a train home, but on arrival we found we should have a long time to wait, so we set off and walked back to Glossop by the road round the foot of the hill over which we had come. We had just comfortable time for tea and a little rest ere we had to start for a peal of Oxford at Old Glossop Church (All Saints'), which was duly brought round in 3 hrs. and three mins., being the peal twice tried for the previous week. It is very pleasing to find such young men getting on so well in the art; we should think the average age of the ringers in this peal was not over twenty-one. The nevt day (Wednesday), we walked over to Ashton, Mr. John Pye, jun. having kindly made arrangements for a peal there. It was intended to ring Stedman Triples, but unfortunately, we assembled one short, one of the number not being able to get away from work in time. However we had the pleasure of ringing a peal of Treble Bob with some of those who have proved their prowess in this method by ringing the longest length. We need not say that we felt greatly honoured in ringing with these gentlemen, although at first we felt rather nervous in the presence of those whom from a distance we had so long admired.

On Thursday we drove to Staleybridge, where we had the pleasure of ringing a peal of Treble Bob. In returning we had an amusing recontre with a partially inebriated farmer, whom we left in a somewhat more sober condition, owing to the exertions to which we constrained him. On Friday afternoon, we walked across to Hyde, in not very pleasant weather, and proceeded to the "Cheshire Cheese," where Mr. Thomas Wilde looked in while we were having tea. After concluding our meal we proceeded with Mr. Wilde to St George's Church, where we had the pleasure of ringing our first peal as a member of the United Counties' Association, to which honour we were duly elected before starting the peal. Unfortunately we had not time after the peal was completed to stay and have the usual friendly chat with our new made friends, as our train departed too soon. We were indebted to one of the ringers who took part in the peal, for escorting us at a good pace to the station, at which we just arrived in time to catch the train had it been punctual. Of course as we had hurried, the train was quarter of an hour late, which we should have enjoyed spending with our friends at Hyde. On arrival at Glossop we found a telegram awaiting us requesting our attendance the following afternoon at business, so we had to give up the plan which had been arranged to ring a 7000 at Glossop on Saturday afternoon, and instead of doing so, we proceeded by morning train home, arriving at "canny" Newcastle at 4.30 p.m., to find that our position in life had been a little improved, owing to the promotion of one of our seniors. Although regretting missing the peal at Glossop, we were glad that the reason for coming home was no unfortunate one.

In conclusion, we must offer our heartfelt thanks to all ringers and others who have made our holiday such a pleasant and successful one. To the Leeds, and Holbeck, Huddersfield, Glossop (old and new), Saddleworth, Wakefield, Ashton, Stalybridge, and Hyde companies, we are indebted for their kindness in making up bands to ring peals, and to Mr. John Pye, senr., for his kindness in shewing us over some fine country. To Mr. James Sellars, for his kind attention and guidance in all our plans, and to Mr. John Pye, jun., for his kindness in arranging for a whole week's ringing. We can certainly recommend any ringer who wants a good enjoyable holiday, to visit these places where we have been, as we have everywhere been most cordially and pleasantly received. In conclusion, we beg to say, that if any of our friends find it convenient to visit us, we shall be only too glad to do our best so far as lies in our power, to reciprocate the kindness so freely received at their hands.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1885.

The Metropolis.

HIGHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1885, *in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT ST. ANN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14⅝ cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON ..	*Treble.*	THOMAS TITCHENER.. ..	5.
JAMES PAGE..	2.	JOHN WOODS	6.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT	3.	GEORGE HARVEY	7.
THOMAS GLEED	4.	EDWARD CHAPMAN ..	*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

The peal has the 6th the extent in all positions and home the last thirteen course-ends. See Snowdon's *Treatise*, part ii., p. 88. J. Woods hails from Kenninghall.

The Provinces.

ECCLESFIELD, NEAR SHEFFIELD.

Birthday Peal.

On Tuesday, October 27, 1885, *in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,*

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

HENRY STRINGER ..	*Treble.*	*TOM TURTON	5.
WILLIAM TURTON	2.	*FRED TURTON	6.
SAMUEL HEMMINGFIELD*..	3.	GEORGE SHAW	7.
EDMUND HEMMINGFIELD ..	4.	*JOSEPH SORBY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE SHAW.

* First peal. This peal was rung to commemorate the 90th birthday of William Smith, Esq., of Barnes Hall.

GLODWICK, NEAR OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

Muffled Peal.

On Tuesday, October 27, 1885, *in Three Hours,*

AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD GUEST	*Treble.*	ALBERT CLEGG..	5.
GEORGE DUNKERLEY.. ..	2.	JAMES T. KERSHAW ..	6.
GEORGE H. BEEVER	3.	SAMUEL STOTT	7.
JAMES RILEY	4.	CLEMENT DRONSFIELD	*Tenor.*

Composed by the late WILLIAM EVERSFIELD, and Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

The above was rung out of respect to the late Lord Bishop of Manchester.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, October 29, 1885, *in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,*

AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

REV. JAMES H. FISH..	*Treble.*	JOHN JAGGAR	5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE ..	2.	HARRY WAKLEY	6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY	3.	THOMAS HOLMES	7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN..	4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY ..	*Tenor.*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, is a one-part peal, with the 4th twelve and the 6th nine course-ends in sixth's place, without the 2nd ever being there. It is published in Snowdon's "Surprise Methods" in "THE BELL NEWS," vol. iv., p. 225, being the second peal in the second column.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1885, *in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S 10-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

GEORGE PERRY	*Treble.*	*DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ..	5.
THOMAS STEWARD	2.	*ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ..	6.
FREDERICK MEE..	3.	*PETO MEADOWS..	7.
CHARLES MEE	4.	†GEORGE ROWE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

† First peal. * First peal in the method. Messrs. Steward and C. Mee hail from Ipswich; Perry from Helmingham; D. G. and A. S. Wightman from Cretingham; Meadows from Brandeston; and G. Rowe belongs to Debenham. The above company take this opportunity of thanking the vicar and churchwardens for granting permission to ring.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ALL HALLOWS' (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY AND THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

Birthday Peal.

On Saturday, October 31, 1885, *in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5151 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS C. GROVE* ..	*Treble.*	†GEORGE B. LUCAS	5.
JAMES LANGRAN†‡	2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN	6.
SAMUEL GEO. BOWER ..	3.	HENRY A. BARNETT ..	7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ..	4.	†WM. PYE-ENGLISH ..	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN.

* First peal. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. † First peal of Major. This is the first peal called by the conductor, and was rung on All Hallows' eve, being also the anniversary of the augmentation of the bells from six to eight, and being the 24th birthday of T. C. Grove, his fellow-ringers wish him many happy returns of the day.

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORD ASSOCIATION AND THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Welcome Home & Birthday Peal.

On Saturday, October 31, 1885, *in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH CULL	*Treble.*	WILLIAM A. ALPS	5.
JASPER G. CRAWLEY	2.	STEPHEN KNIGHT	6.
MATTHEW ELLSMORE ..	3.	HERBERT BAKER	7.
WILLIAM A. TYLER*.. ..	4.	HENRY J. TUCKER ..	*Tenor.*

Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

The above peal was rung to welcome home Reginald A. Smith, Esq., of "Goldings," near Hertford, It was also rung on the 22nd birthday of the conductor, and is taken from the *Clavis.* * First peal in the method.

SPARE COPIES WANTED.—Mr. F. E. Ward, of 438, High Street, Cheltenham, is anxious to become possessed of copies of "THE BELL NEWS" for the following dates: 29.7.82—19.1.84—2.2.84—9.2.84.

HULME, LANCASHIRE.

THE ST. PHILIP'S (HULME) AND ECCLES SOCIETIES.

On Saturday, October 31, 1885, *in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN F. WOODS .. .. ..*Treble.*	EDWIN ETTOCK .. .. .. 5.
THOMAS HEAL .. .. .. 2.	CHARLES CASH .. .. .. 6.
THOMAS COLLINGE .. .. 3.	ALFRED EGGINGTON.. .. 7.
EDWARD CASH .. .. .. 4.	ARTHUR WOOD .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by ARTHUR WOOD.

The Messrs. Cash and Mr. Eggington are members of the Eccles Society; the remainder are of the St. Philip's Society.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1885, *in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. CASTLE ..*Treble.*	*HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 5.
REV. F. A. H. DU BOULAY 2.	*H. D. BETTERIDGE, ESQ. 6.
FREDERICK FIELD* .. .. 3.	†HARRY SHEARD.. .. .. 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 4.	†G. TOLLEY.. .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal in any method.

Mr. H. Sheard had never tried Stedman Triples before. Messrs. Castle and Washbrook hail from Oxford; Field and Betteridge belong to Drayton; Holifield and Sheard from Abingdon; Du Boulay and Tolley from Headington.

WALTER BELCHAMP, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, November 1, 1885, *in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

SAMUEL SLATER.. .. ..*Treble.*	ARTHUR PORTER .. .. 5.
ZACHARIAH SLATER .. .. 2.	NELSON HAWKINS .. .. 6.
OLIVER GARWOOD .. .. 3.	JAMES BIRD .. .. .. 7.
PERCY CHAS. S. SCOTT .. 4.	ALFRED PYE .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by ALFRED PYE.

The above is a 5-part composition. Messrs. Pye and Porter hail from Little Heath, Essex; Nelson Hawkins from Bulmer; Percy Scott and James Bird from Long Melford; the rest from Glemsford.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1885, *in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR B. WARD .. ..*Treble.*	GEORGE HINGLEY .. .. 5.
SAMUEL JOHNSON .. .. 2.	HARRY C. WOODWARD .. 6.
WILLIAM HICKLING .. .. 3.	ROBERT JOHNSON .. .. 7.
JOHN HOWE .. .. 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD ..*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ.

This peal has the 6th at home throughout, and the 4th and 7th respectively twenty and twenty-two times in 7th's place.

MANCHESTER.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1885, *in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in E♭.

HARRY HEAP .. .. ..*Treble.*	EDWARD CASH .. .. .. 6.
SAMUEL WEST .. .. .. 2.	THOMAS WILDE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN* .. .. 3.	*A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 8.
CHARLES CASH .. .. .. 4.	JOHN EACHUS .. .. .. 9.
JAMES WOOD .. .. .. 5.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

* First peal in the method. Messrs. Heap, Jakeman, J. and S. Wood hail from Ashton; the brothers Cash from Eccles; T. Wilde from Hyde; A. P. Heywood from Duffield. The rest belong to Manchester.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1885, *in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN F. PENNING .. ..*Treble.*	NATHAN J. PITSTOW.. .. 5.
ARTHUR PORTER.. .. .. 2.	ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. 6.
CHARLES FREEMAN .. .. 3.	ALFRED PYE .. .. .. 7.
GEORGE MARTIN.. .. .. 4.	FREDERICK PITSTOW.. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

The peal, which has the 6th its extent six times each way in 5-6, has never been previously performed. Messrs. Pye and Porter hail from Romford, the rest are local men.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1885, *in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

EDWARD WALLIS.. .. ..*Treble.*	FRANCIS LEES .. .. .. 5.
ROBERT ALCOCK .. .. .. 2.	RICHARD W. WIGNELL .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 3.	THOMAS CLARK.. .. .. 7.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.. 4.	WILLIAM STORY .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. J. B. LATES and Conducted by THOMAS CLARK.

Mr. Alcock belongs to the Stockton-on-Tees society, and this is his first peal. T. Clark hails from Ripon, Yorks; R. W. Wignell from North Shields; the rest belong to Newcastle.

Date Touches.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE.—On Thursday evening, October 29th, at the parish church, a date touch (1885 changes, was rung in 1 hr. 11 mins. G. Usher, 1; E. Lewin, 2; W. Mynard, 3; W. E. Turney, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Bishop of Ely.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, October 26th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1885 changes), in 1 hr. 3 mins. John Prescott, 1; Henry Ellis, 2; George Larkey, 3; George Prescott, 4; William Ellis, 5; William J. Taylor, 6; James Sholicar, 7; William Lloyd, 8. Tenor 25¾ cwt. Composed by J. R. Pritchard of Liverpool, and conducted by James Sholicar, and was rung in commemoration of the coming of age of Lord Skelmersdale.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Thursday, October 29th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), at St. John's Church, in 26 mins. F. Lees, 1; E. Wallis, 2, C L. Routledge, 3; ——— 4; T. Denton, 5; W. Story (conductor), 6. And on Monday, November 2nd, after the Annual meeting at Durham, at the same church a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. R. J. Robson, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; H. Fergusou, 4; G. Atkinson (Winlaton), 4; W. Eggleston, 5; T. Denton, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

RETTENDON.—On Tuesday evening, October 29th, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 23 mins. Rev. H. A. Cockey, 1; J. Turner, 2; J. Johnson (Rayleigh), 3; H. Deal (Rayleigh), 4; E. Moat, 5; W. Jay (conductor), 6.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE.—On Tuesday evening, November 3rd, the Rayleigh and Rettendon companies met at this place, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 22½ mins. A. Wallace (Rayleigh), 1; J. Johnson (Rayleigh), 2; W. Jay (Rettendon), 3; H. Deal (Rayleigh), 4; E. Moat (Rettendon), 5; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 6. Tenor 8 cwt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday evening, November 3rd, six members of the above Association rang a 720 of Oxford Treble

Bob Minor, in 27 mins. *H. Barnes, 1; J. Yeates, 2; G. Miles, 3; Wm. Sevier, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. * First 720. And 192 of Grandsire Minor. H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; J. Baldwin, 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRANDESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 25th, six members of this above Association rang a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob. A. S. Wightman, 1; S. Meadows, 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; P. Meadows, 4; D. G. Wightman, 5; S. Wightman, 6. This is the first 720 in the method ever rung upon the bells. And a 720 of Morning Exercise. S. Meadows, 1; H. Baldry, 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; A. S. Wightman, 4; D. G. Wightman, 5; P. Meadows, 6. On Sunday, November 1st, 360 of Double Court and 360 of College Single. W. Bedingfield, 1; H. Baldry, 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; P. Meadows, 4; D. G. Wightman, 5; S. Wightman, 6. Also 240 of each of the following methods: New London Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Violet Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. W. Walpole, 1; A. S. Wightman, 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; P. Meadows, 4; D. G. Wightman, 5; S. Wightman, 6. All the above were conducted by D. G. Wightman.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, November 3rd, at St. Anne's church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. John S. Leech, 1; John Howard (conductor), 2; John Bardsley, 3; *James A. Thomas, 4; Wm. Wilde, sen., 5; Peter Smith, 6. * First 720 in the method with a bob bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLETON (Berks).—On Friday, October 30th, two single courses, and on Monday, November 2nd, three consecutive courses (672 changes), of Cambridge Surprise Major. J. Avery, 1; E. Holifield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; J. W. Washbrook, 4; W. Bennett, 5; G. Holifield, 6; C. Hounslow, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8.

DORCHESTER (Oxon).—On Saturday, October 24th, five members of the above Guild visited Dorchester, and with three members of the Drayton company attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, but unfortunately after about 3780 changes had been rung in 2 hrs. 30 mins, a mishap occurred with the treble man, and stand had to be called. William Woods, 1; Rev. F. A. H. Du Boulay, 2; Fred Field, 3; H. Castle, 4; Fred Castle, 5; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; Fred Clinch, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. Three of the band had not handled a bell in Stedman before.

KIDLINGTON.—On Saturday, October 24th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, being the first rung by the local company. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1; Henry Judge, 2; Frank Shirley, 3; William Cox, 4; James Franklin, 5; John Baker, 6. This is a very heavy peal of six, tenor considerably over 30 cwt., and it is awful hard work to ring Minor upon them. Time 35 mins.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, October 25th, at St. Mary Magdalen, 360 of Double Court Bob Minor, and for Divine Service in the evening, 360 of Double Court. F. Kirby, 1; F. Castle, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; A. F. M. Custance, 4: W. Baston, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 1st, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. T. Kirby, 1; W. Wood, 2; Job Howes, 3; W. C. Baston, 4; C. Hester, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. And on Monday, November 2nd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. C. Hester, 1; J. Howes, 2; F. Castle, 3; G. H. Griffith, 4; H. Castle, 5; A. F M. Custance, Esq. (conductor), 6.

THE WANSTEAD AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, November 1st, the following members of this Association rang for morning service a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Nunn, sen., 1; W. Smith, 2; H. Nunn, jun., 3; J. Nunn, 4; J. Wincey, 5; T. Scarlett (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, G. Akers ringing the 2nd, H. Nunn, jun. conducting. And after evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor, T. Scarlett conducting.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON.—On Thursday evening, October 22nd, being the Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St. Andrew's Chnrch, the local company rang several touches of Grandsire Minor before and after service. The services were continued on the following Sunday, October 25th, when the company rang for Morning Service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. T. Felton, 1; R. Round, 2: J. Townsend, 3; M. J. Robinson, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. R. Round, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; M. J. Robinson, 4; W. Micklewright (conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6. Also a 360 of Plain Bob Minor in 13 mins. R. Perkins, 1; A. Beddal, 2; A. Whatmore, 3; M. J. Robinson, 4; W. Micklewright (conductor), 5; R. Round, 6. Also on Thursday evening, October 29th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. R. Perkins, 1; A. Beddal, 2; D. Garbett, 3; A. Whatmore, 4; W. Micklewright (conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. Messrs. R. Perkins, A. Beddal, A. Whatmore, and D. Garbett, hail from St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, and Mr. W. Micklewright from St. Thomas's, Dudley.

ABINGDON (Berks).—On Saturday, October 31st, at St. Nicholas' church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 22 mins. W. Sandell, 1; T. Short, 2; F. Castle (Oxford), 3; W. Washbrook (Oxford, conductor), 4; H. Sheard, 5; H. Holifield, 6. This is the first 720 by all the Abingdon men. And on Sunday, November 1st, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins. H. Fruin, 1; H. Holifield, 2; T. Short, 3; J. Brown, 4; H. Sheard (conductor), 5; W. Sandell, 6.

ASHCHURCH (Gloucester).—On Sunday, November 1st, five of the Kemerton local company, with the assistance of E. Wallace, of Ashchurch, rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. Arthur Devereux, 1; Edwin Devereux (conductor), 2; Frank Potter, 3; Henry Payne, 4; Charles Smith, 5; Elijah Wallace, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Thursday, October 15th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, a 630 of Grandsire Triples. T. Webb, 1; Jno. Phillips, (conductor), 2; J. Smith, 3; Robert Jackson, 5; Richard Jackson, 6; J. Roslyn, 7; G. Gentle, 8. This is the longest touch by the Baldock company. And on Sunday, November 1st, for Divine Service in the morning, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently (4-6-8 covering). T. Webb (conductor), 1; A. Squires, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Smith, 4; Richard Jackson, 5; G. Spicer, 6; J. Roslyn, 7; G. Gentle, 8. And for Divine Service in the evening, an attempt was made for a 504 of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief close to the finish. Afterwards a 112 of Grandsire Triples. T. Webb (conductor), 1; Jno. Phillips, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Smith, 4; A. Squires, 5; Richard Jackson, 6; J. Roslyn, 7; G. Gentle, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D. A. Squires hails from Hitchin, Herts.

BATLEY CARR (Yorkshire).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, October 31st, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (12 bobs), and 240 Duke of York (4 bobs). John W. Simon, 1-2; Squire Mitchell, 3-4; George H. Simon (conductor), 5-6.

BENGEO (Herts).—On Friday, October 30th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. Thomas Barker, 1; William Bennett (first 720), 2; Joseph Pomfret, 3; James Channer, 4; William Odell, 5; Henry Phillips (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by the local company.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Friday, October 16th, the Capel society rang for practice a 720 of Stedman's Slow Course Minor, in 25 mins. T. M. Stedman, 1; A. Tidy, 2; R. Jordan, 3; E. Jordan, 4; *A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, October 20th, a 720 of College Exercise. T. M. Stedman, 1; A. Tidy, 2; A. Mills, 3; R. Jordan, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Friday, October 23rd, a 720 of College Pleasure. M. Jenkins, 1; A. Tidy, 2; R. Jordan, 3; E. Jordan, 4; D. Jordan, 5; G. Williams (Reigate; conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 25th, for afternoon service, a 360 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Mills, 1; A. Tidy, 2; R. Jordan, 3; R. Worsfold, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. After service a 720 of Double Oxford Bob. R. Worsfold, 1; A. Tidy, 2; R. Jordan, 3; E. Jordan, 4; *A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And a 720 of College Exercise. R. Worsfold, 1; A. Tidy, 2; R. Jordan, 3; A. Mills, 4; D. Jordan, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 360 of College Pleasure. R. Worsfold, 1; A. Tidy, 2; E. Jordan (conductor), 3; D. Jordan, 4; R. Jordan, 5; A. Mills, 6. And on Tuesday, October 27th, 288 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. M. Stedman, 1; A. Tidy, 2; A. Mills, 3; R. Jordan, 4; G. Williams (Reigate), 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also two plain courses of Superlative Surprise. A. Tidy, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; A. Mills, 4; G. Williams (Reigate), 5; D. Jordan, 6. And on Friday, October 30th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Mills, 1; A. Tidy, 2: *T. M. Stedman, 3; R. Jordan, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Stedman's Slow Course. T. M. Stedman, 1; A. Tidy, 2; R. Jordan, 3; E. Jordan, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—*Muffled Peal.*—On Sunday, October 25th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 28 mins., with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Lord Bishop of Manchester. James Horrocks (conductor), 1; Thomas Doran, 2; Henry Hayes, 3; James Pickles, 4; William Pattison, 5; Thomas Horrocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

DEERHURST (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday evening, October 28th, the local company rang ten 6-scores of Stedman Doubles (each called differently), in 45 mins. G. Willis, 1; C. Willis, 2; H. Roberts, (conductor), 3; C. Roles, 4; J. Bartlett, 5; T. Everness, 6. **This is the longest length in the method by the above company.**

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Sunday, November 1st, at All Saints' church, for morning service, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Siggs, 1; William Siggs, 2; James West, 3; Edward Willoughby, 4; Frederick Harding (conductor), 5; Thomas Lewes, 6. For afternoon service, at Christ Church, 360 Grandsire Minor. Thomas Lewes, 1; Horace Colbran, 2; George Smith, 3; George Howes, 4; Thomas Smith, 5; Frederick Harding (conductor), 6. And for evening service, at All Saints' church, 560 Grandsire Triples. James West, 1; Harry P. Bennett, 2; Frederick W. Harding, 3; Leonard Huggett (conductor), 4; Thomas Willoughby, 5; James Potter, 6; Thomas Hart, 7; Thomas Lewes, 8.

GREAT WALDINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 25th, at St. Lawrence's church, 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 28 mins. Harry Bowers, 1; Arthur Symonds (conductor), 2; Harry Diggins, 3; G. Hammond, 4: Percy Scott, 5; James Bird, 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

LEEK (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, November 3rd, at the parish church for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 28 mins., tenor 18½ cwt. in E. T. Rider, 1; W. Wood, 2; *A. Halton, 3; T. P. Walwyn, 4; T. Turner, 5; W. H. Armitt (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob bell.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY (Kent).—On Sunday, November 1st, F. Grayling, Esq., and Messrs. Snelling, Saddleton, Cooper, Elliott, and Jordan, of the Sittingbourne Society, paid a visit to the abbey of SS. Mary and Sexburgha, and rang for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Samuel Beal, who had been a constant ringer for the past two years and was much respected by a large circle of friends.

PORTWICK (Cheshire).—On Saturday, October 31st, the Witton society rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 27 mins. Samuel Forster (conductor), 1; R. H. Barton (Christ Church, Bootle), 2; Richard Chantler, 3: Thomas Forster, 4; Joseph Bell, 5; Thomas Moore, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

PRESCOT (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, November 1st, for Divine Service, a 518 Grandsire Triples, in 19 mins. James Chesworth, 1; Thos. Byron (conductor), 2; John Renshall, 3; John Case, 4; Jonathan Finney, 5; Thos. Abraham, 6; John Cook, 7; John Moston, 8.

SEDGELEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 1st, for Divine Service in the eveneng, at All Saints' church, being All Saints' day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, was rung by a mixed band, in 47 mins. John Goodman, sen., 1; David Bruce, 2; Robert Schofield, 3; Samuel Bunn, 4; James Screen, 5; Charles Carmell (conductor), 6; John Goodman, jun., 7; William Mills, 8. J. Goodman, sen., J. Goodman, jun., D. Bruce, R. Schofield, and C. Carmell are members of the Birmingham and District Association.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Thurday evening, October 29th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. A. Cornford, 1; G. Martin, 2; F. Hayes, 3; F. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. This 720 was taken from Shipway.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, October 20th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, 192 of Cambridge Surprise. G. Byde, 1; E. F. Strange, 2; C. Byde, 3; J. Parker, 4; A. Garratt, 5; S. Frost, 6. And on Tuesday, October 27th, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (forty-four bobs and four singles), in 27 mins. J. Parker, 1; B. Battrum, 2; C. Byde, 3; R. Reynolds, 4; A. Nicholson, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, and a 6-score of Bob Doubles. W. Gallager, 1; C. Byde, 2; B. Battrum, 2; R. Reynolds, 4; A. Garratt (conductor), 5; W. Maye, 6. And on Sunday, November 1st, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, in 26 mins. E. Byde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Byde, 3; J. Parker, 4; A. Garratt, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.

On Monday, October 26th, at St. Mary's church, 624 changes of Bob Minor (two singles and fourteen bobs), in 20 mins. H. Symonds, (composer and conductor), 1; Wm. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; Wm. Snell, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds, 6. This was rung to commemorate the the 52nd birthday of the local conductor, being the number of months he has now lived. The band were then invited to the "Six Bells" inn, by Mr. H. Symonds, to partake of some refreshment, which they received, and drank to that gentleman's good health, and wished him a long life to hear and ring many a merry peal on the bells. And on Sunday, November 1st, it being All Saints' day, was rung for evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles), in 25 mins. A. Symonds (conductor), 1; Wm. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; H. Smith, 4; Wm. Snell, 5; Jno. Levitt, 6. After service, at the meeting-house of Mr. H. Symonds, on handbells, a 324 of Bob Minor (six singles and eight bobs). H. Symonds, 1; Wm. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; Jno. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds (composer and conductor), 6. This was rung to commemorate the 27th birthday of Mr. J. Moore, being the number of months he has now lived, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day, likewise success in the art.

A YEARS' RECORD OF THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

THE above Society's year, which ends on the 20th of October, has been one of the most successful in the annals of the Society, and shews a considerable increase over last year both in the number and character of its performances. It is thought that the following statistics will be read with interest by many readers of "THE BELL NEWS." During the twelve months ending October 20th, 1885, this Society has rung and brought round 208,506 changes in the following methods: 8582 Grandsire Triples; 26,276 Stedman Triples, including three peals of 5040 each; 95,120 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, including eleven peals, viz.: one of 5008, five of 5024, one of 5040, three of 5056, and one of 5376 changes; 73,472 Superlative Surprise Major, including eight peals, viz.: three of 5056, four of 5088, and one of 6720 changes. Only the peals and touches which have been brought round are included in the above.

CREDITON, DEVON.

OUR readers will no doubt recollect the spirited correspondence which appeared in our paper some time ago relative to prize-ringing at this place. Probably this has been the cause of an awakening amongst the authorities, for an Exeter paper says:—

"The Guild ringers are making most rapid progress. Their practising has been going on almost every evening, and having secured two or three men who have been learners of some years' standing, they have decided to form the nucleus of the general body of ringers. They together were enabled on Sunday to ring several peals in a most creditable manner, to the agreeable surprise of a number of the inhabitants, who began to fear that with the resignation of the old body of ringers campanology was about to die out. It is understood, however, that the services of a professional belonging to the Devonshire Guild will be engaged shortly to come over from Exeter to teach the art of church bell ringing."

THE REIGATE SOCIETY.

ON Saturday, October 24th, several members of this Society paid a visit to London, the churches of St. Clement Danes and St. Margaret's, Westminster, being visited, and several touches in various methods were brought round. They were met at each church by several members of the St. James's Society. After visiting several places of interest the party left by the 9.30 train for Reigate, every one having thoroughly enjoyed himself. The Society beg through the medium of this paper to thank the vicars, steeplekeeper, etc., for the use of the bells at the churches visited. Those who took advantage of the trip were: Messrs. W. Argent, Master; Dewey, Hoad, Fuller, Moses, Howard, Brown, Kenward, Williams, and Webb.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—CAVERSHAM, OXON.

The following ringing has been done by the St. Peter's society during the last few weeks:—September 20th, 720 College Single, 720 Oxford Bob; September 22nd, 720 Yorkshire Court, 720 Plain Bob; September 26th, 720 Grandsire Minor; September 27th, 720 Plain Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 120 Stedman Doubles; September 29th, 720 Plain Bob; October 4th, 360 Plain Bob; October 13th, 360 Oxford Bob, 720 Plain Bob; October 17th, 120 Stedman, 720 Grandsire; October 18th, 360 College Single, 720 Double Court; October 20th, 720 Bob Minor, 480 Grandsire Doubles; October 25th, 720 Oxford Bob; October 27th, 720 Plain Bob. The 720 of Bob Minor rung on October 20th, was rung without a bob being called, by the following: J. Hands, 1; E. Menday, 2; T. Newman, 3; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 4; E. Pottinger, 5; G. Essex, 6. Tenor 17 cwt. In the other touches H. Simmonds, H. Smith, F. Simmonds, and E. Young also took part, the greater part of the conducting being done by T. Newman and Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

ON Saturday, October 17th, eight members of the St. Mary's Society, Eastbourne, attempted Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, at the above church, but after ringing forty-two minutes it unfortunately came to grief. The same result attended a second attempt, in 37 mins. A touch of 518 with one of the local band was afterwards rung. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells; also to the local company for their courtesy.

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.'

Reply To Mr. Strange.

Sir,—In your last week's issue appears a letter from E. F. Strange, complaining of the very loose way in which the business of the College Youths is carried on. In reply, I beg to inform that individual that a yearly balance-sheet is compiled by the two auditors appointed by the society, and entered in a ledger provided for that purpose, to enable any member to inspect the financial position of the company whenever he chooses to do so. E. F. Strange goes so far out of his way as to say what he must know to be an untruth, viz., that the society is in a state of poverty, which I beg to deny, and being one of the society's trustees, can assure the ringing world that now after all demands are paid, we have nearly £60 in hand. I wish to inform that gentleman that the company will know what to do under the tenth rule. George Mash.

The Peal of Treble Bob at Eccles.

Sir,—I notice in "The Bell News" of Saturday last a statement by A. E. Wreaks, in reference to F. P's. letter concerning what should have been a peal at Eccles, in which he says Mr. Walmsley calls his bobs very late, and he (Mr. Wreaks) called a few, thinking he had forgotten to call (very kind of him). Then he says "The only reason I can account for the bells coming round at that place is that a bob w must have been called." I should think there were a good deal of bobs called wrong. He ithen gives two hours forty-nine and a half mins., and not two hours fifty-two mins. as stated. He also gives the number of changes as 4896. It is a mystery how he could tell, as a great portion of the ringing sounded as if it was intended for the 24th of May or cutting of the first sod of the Manchester ship canal. He also says "Your correspondent F. P. is quite mistaken as to the number of changes per minute." I don't know who your correspondent F. P. is, but I can vouch for the time as stated by him being correct, as I counted them at 29, and several times below 28 changes per minute, when I could for blundering and bad striking. I like to see young ringers pushing on in the art, but when they condescend to publish false peals and false time knowingly, for the sake of their names appearing in "The Bell News," it is simply a disgrace to the Exercise, and time to call "stand." J. S.

A Correction.

Sir,—In reading "The Bell News" of October 31st, I saw an account of a 720 of Bob Minor, rung at Holy Trinity church, Bengeo, Herts, on Friday, October 23rd, said to be conducted by H. Phillips. Now I wish to say that the single was called a lead previous to which it should have been, and would have been made had I not have said "No single, it is a plain lead." Also a 360 of Grandsire Minor was rung, conducted by H. Phillips. Now I wish to say that I had to call the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th bobs in the last part, so if H. Phillips was the conductor, I have done with conducting altogether.

H. J. Tucker.

London Societies.

Sir,—Mr. Strange has very clearly enumerated the evils which now exist in our London Societies, more especially the Ancient Society of College Youths. These, in my opinion, are not one whit exaggerated. He has also suggested certain remedies, all more or less practicable. Now, in the first place, let me also advocate the introduction of an annual subscription, to the amount of say one shilling or eighteen pence. This has proved more than satisfactory in the case of our County and other large Associations; take for instance the Yorkshire, (I am in no way deteriorating from the merits of others), from the able management of whose officers, Mr. Muskett and his colleagues may very profitably take a lesson. While speaking on this head, let me give a word of advice to the members of this company in the approaching election of officers for the coming year. Choose men to conduct the society who have its welfare at heart, and who will use their best endeavours to raise it from its present low estate. And when there has been a good man elected as Master, I say, let him be kept in that position, for three, aye, five years, least of all should there be any silly custom of advancing the senior steward to the post of Master without any reference to his qualifications. Your correspondent also mentions another point. It is the introduction of honorary members not only in the College Youths, but in the coming National Association also, I trust special terms will be made for their admission, chiefly consisting of the clergy and the more influential of the laity. We may well look to them for help in overcoming, at least some of those evils which must be so plainly manifest to all. I have briefly touched upon a few of the points raised by Mr. Strange. All his suggestions are, I think, admirable, though, in the present state of affairs, not all practicable. We cannot expect any sudden change to take place in the organisation of a society, amongst whose members, it seems to me, the first things to be overcome, are their own little jealousies and prejudices. But for all that, I trust the time is not far distant when the London Societies will be, as they should be, such as all ringers, in town or country, may be justly proud of. X. Y. London.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

At Kettering on Tuesday last, were borne to their last resting-place the remains of a much esteemed friend, Henry Starmer, who had attained the age of forty-nine, and who by reason of his knowledge of the campanological art and his intense love for it, was well known to the community of bell-ringers both in Kettering and the surrounding district. There probably is not a church tower for many miles round wherein Henry Starmer at sometime or other has not conducted a peal. His connection with the belfry at Kettering commenced in the year 1855, and in each Christmas eve peal since that time he has taken part. He also rang in the muffled peals for each of the eight ringers who in 1840 had achieved the feat of ringing upon the Kettering bells the famous peal of 5040 changes. At the time of his death and for some years past, he had occupied the post of conductor of the Kettering ringers, who will miss him sadly. When his remains were borne to the grave, they chimed the bells, and in the evening rang muffled peals as a last tribute of respect to their friend and leader.

FESTIVITY AT WORCESTER.

On Wednesday, October 28th, the St. Helen's Junior Society attempted a date touch of Grandsire Triples, to commemorate the 61st birthday of Mr Frederick Owen, but after ringing three quarters of an hour a change-course occurred, and the conductor called "stand." On Thursday, October 29th, the members of the above Society met at the house of Host Shifton, by the kind invitation of Mr. Owen, and sat down to an excellent leg of mutton supper. Mr. T. Brown, Churchwarden occupied the chair, and Mr. Walter Lawrence the vice-chair. After partaking of the good things provided, the handbells were brought into requisition, and with song and sentiment the evening was brought to a close, every one having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. And on Sunday morning, October 1st, at St. Helen's church, an attempt was made to ring a date touch of Grandsire Triples (the composition of Miss Cruwys Sharland, of Tiverton, Devon), but after ringing 1675 changes it unfortunately came to grief. Fredk. Owen, 1; George Cleal, 2; W. Powell, 3; William Johnson, 4; George Hinton, 5; H. Wilks (conductor), 6; W. Page, 7; T. Malim, 8

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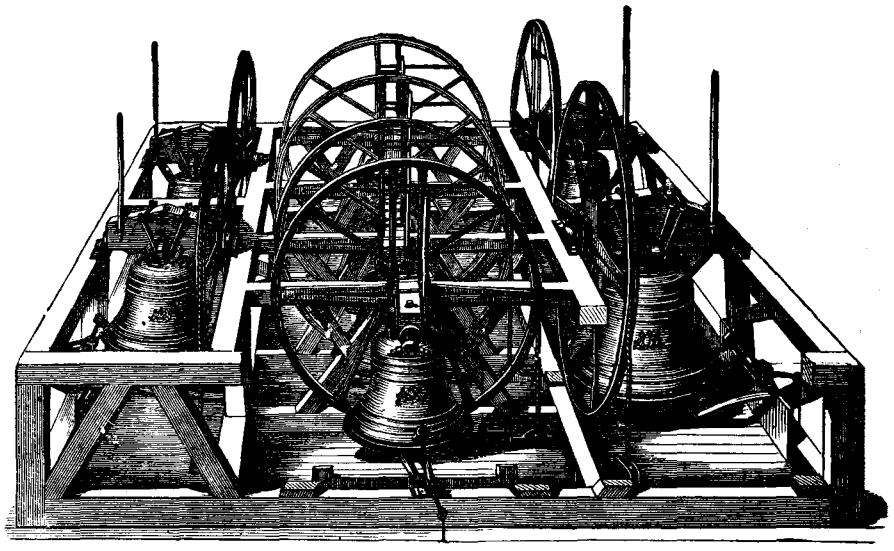
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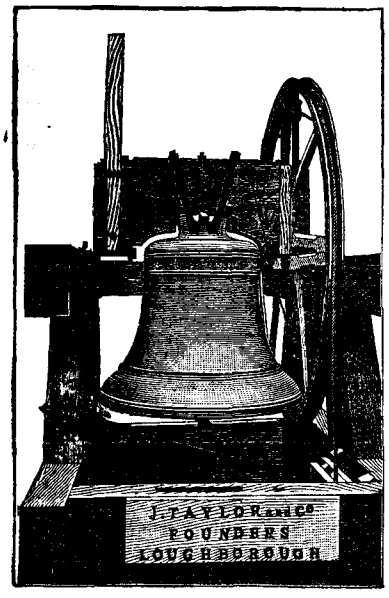
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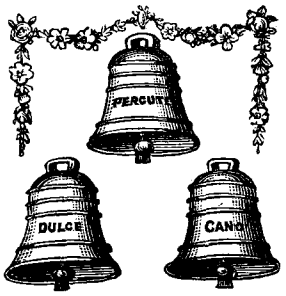
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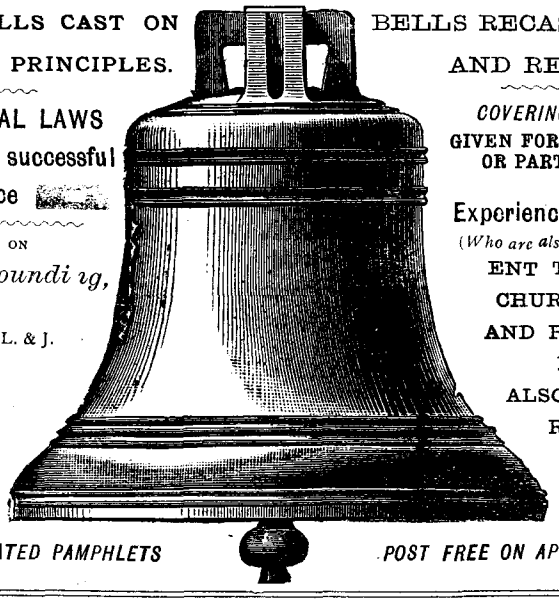


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