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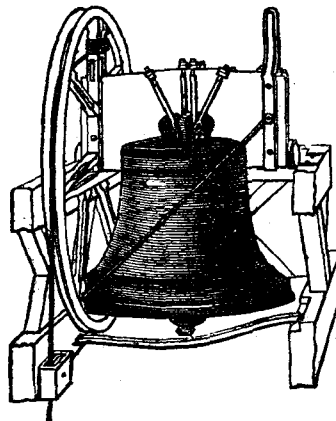
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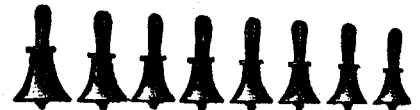
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At a Committee Meeting of the above Society, held at the Head Quarters, Bradford, on Thursday, December 3rd, which was attended by ten members of the Executive out of a possible fifteen, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

"That this Committee places on record the great and inestimable services rendered to the Yorkshire Association by their late President, JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON, Esq. It acknowledges with thankfulness Mr. Snowdon's indomitable zeal and energy in building up the Association, which will ever be a monument to his perseverance and abilities."

"That this Committee, while recording the incalculable loss it has suffered by the death of its devoted and beloved President, tenders to Mr. Snowdon's family its heartfelt sympathy with them in their bereavement, and trusts that it will in some measure tend to alleviate their sorrow by knowing how deeply he was esteemed by his brother-ringers, not only in our County Association, but throughout the whole country."

"That these resolutions be entered in the Minute-Book of the Association, and an engrossed copy be sent to Mr. Snowdon's family."

Also "That the Hon. Sec. (Mr. W. Whitaker), and the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Robert Tuke), be requested to wait on William Snowdon, Esq., brother of the late President, asking him to take the office of President during the unexpired term of the office."

In accordance with the last resolution Messrs. Whitaker and Tuke waited on Mr. William Snowdon, on Friday, the 11th inst., and after a thorough consideration of the matter, and taking fully into account the responsibilities of the office, Mr. Wm. Snowdon accepted the Presidency for the remainder of his late brother's term, which expires on July 31st, 1887, expressing himself gratified at the unanimous manner in which the Committee had passed the resolution. He assured them that he would endeavour, to the best of his ability, to fulfil the duties of his office, and to continue the work on the same lines as his late brother would have desired.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LATE J. W. SNOWDON, ESQ.

THE COMMITTEE of the Yorkshire Association have made arrangements whereby they can supply photographs of their late President at the following rates: Large size, 12 inches by 10 inches, cut mounts on cardboard, ready for framing, to fit frame about 18 inches by 15 inches, 5s. each; cabinet size, 1s. 6d. each; carte de visite size, 1s. each. The photos are very good ones, and can be had from W. Whitaker, Hon. Secretary, 3 Hilary Street, Leeds, or Robert Tuke, Hon. Treasurer, Marlbro' Road, Manningham, Bradford.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, DERBY.

At the first peal supper of this Society, held a few weeks ago, Mr. Shardlow, the sexton, expressed his desire to present the company with something in remembrance of their first peal, but being prevented that time by some unavoidable delay, he at last had the opportunity of fulfilling his promise on Sunday last, December 13th, being his 55th birthday. On several previous occasions he has marked the event by providing a supper, in the shape of a leg of mutton, but this time he has extended his usual generosity beyond that limit, by presenting each one with a silver scarf pin in the shape of a bell, and bearing their initials, and the first 5040 by the St. Andrew's Society. The Secretary, on rising said it was his duty, at the request of all the ringers present, to express their sincere thanks to their worthy and esteemed sexton, who had beyond doubt been the means of the first peal being rung, by the kind manner in which he has always endeavoured to draw them on. He should also like to congratulate him on the able manner in which he rang, notwithstanding his age and being his first peal, and he hoped that this, is only the first of many which they would ring together. Mr. Shardlow, in responding, said he had always taken great pleasure in what he had done and should continue to do for the Society, and whatever lay in his power to promote such an interesting art as change-ringing.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

On Wednesday morning, 9th instant, nine members of the Ancient Society of College Youths started at nine o'clock from Waterloo Station. The weather turned out extremely fine and frosty, and after a most delightful ride, arrived shortly after 12 o'clock at Sherborne. Through the kindness of the Churchwardens, E. G. Dorling, Esq., and F. Lucas, Esq., an excellent dinner was provided, and a walk about the town first indulged in. The grand old Abbey was next visited, the sight of which greatly interested a few of the party who are reported to be of an antiquarian turn of mind; the Early English and Gothic arches, stained glass windows, and an exceptionally good specimen of a groined roof—intersected lattice stonework, embossed at the joints with ornamental roses, painted different colours. The tower is massive and squatty, and the journey to the belfry may be what some people would call dangerous, it being necessary to make a circuit of the roof of the south transept. The top of the tower is reached by a circular iron staircase among the bells, and the ringing chamber is such as will not allow the slightest ray of daylight to penetrate. Service, which was very impressive was held, and after this was over and the many visitors had withdrawn from the tower, the following ringers started for Holt's Original, which resulted in excellent ringing, 1204 changes in 50 minutes, when the attempt had to be abandoned:—J. Pettit (conductor), 1: C. F. Winny, 2; R. French, 3; E. E. Clarke, 4; E. Gibbs, 5; F. E. Dawe, 6; J. M. Hayes, 7; E. Horrex and W. D. Smith, 8. This is a magnificent peal, the tenor weighing 48 cwt. in B flat. All appear to go very well, except the 7th (here called the "Lady Bell," which is not satisfactory, she being a long-waisted bell, and great credit is due to Mr. Hayes for the very manful manner in which he endeavoured to ring it for the peal. Some short touches were then accomplished, including six courses of Stedman Triples; and the tenor and sixth men having changed places, some "firing" took place, the openings being in "Queens," "Whittingtons," and "rounds," followed by three leads of Treble Bob Major as a finish. At tea Mr. Gifford, of Salisbury, joined the party, and afterwards all returned safely to London, except Mr. Dawe, who had started a little earlier for Devonshire. The ringers take this opportunity of tendering their most sincere thanks to the Churchwardens (Messrs. Dorling and Lucas) for their kindness and hospitality.

We have also received the following from another correspondent:—

The bells were opened on Wednesday by the College Youths. They have been rehung in a new frame by J. Warner and Sons, and the four largest bells are hung with Goslin's patent stocks and hangings, and the whole of the bells (eight in number) are mounted upon Goslin's bearings, which are not let into the woodwork, so that the frame is left to its full strength in the top rails. The tenor is 48 cwt., and is easily rung by two men. The "go" of the bells was good all round, excepting, to a small degree, the 7th, which is a very old and long bell, hardly suitable for scientific ringing. It is left intact, with its old cannons, which stand very high, necessitating a very deep stock, which militates against the sound being brought out, and the setting of the bell. The architect and the committee highly approve of the manner in which the work was carried out by Messrs. Warner and Sons, and of the system adopted for hanging. The frame stands entirely free from the tower, so that there is ample space for freely passing round the frame, between the frame and the walls. When all the bells were being rung, there did not appear to be the slightest vibration in the tower, and hardly any perceptible in the frame. It is strongly tied together by massive wrought ironwork, where the strain is thrown in ringing. The College Youths gave a variety of changes and touches during the day, and the local ringers rung in rounds for the service.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROTHWELL BRANCH.

The following is the ringing done by this branch at Holy Trinity Church during the month of November: November 1st, 240 of Duke of York, 240 of New London Pleasure, 240 of Violet; November 7th, 720 of College Pleasure, 720 of Arnold's Victory; November 8th, 240 of Duke of York; 240 of Oxford Treble Bob, 240 of Arnold's Victory, 240 of New London Pleasure, 720 of Arnold's Victory, 384 of Oxford Treble Bob; November 10th, 720 of London Scholars' Pleasure, 360 of Duke of York; November 15th, 360 of New London Pleasure, 360 of Duke of York, 96 of New London Pleasure; November 22nd, 720 of Arnold's Victory, 720 of Violet, 360 of Duke of York, 720 of Arnold's Victory; November 23rd, 720 of College Pleasure, 720 of London Scholars' Pleasure; November 27th, 120 of City Delight, *720 of City Delight; November 29th, 240 of College Pleasure, 720 of London Scholars' Pleasure. *First 720 of City Delight by all.

Our correspondent who reported the attempt at a peal on the 5th inst., at St. George's, Camberwell, omitted to say the bells were rang half-muffled, in deep respect to the memory of the late Jasper W. Snowdon, Esq.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A DISTRICT MEETING was held on Monday, December 7th, at Dorking, which was fairly well attended. Tea was served at the Church room and a new band was elected, consisting of the Capej ringers, who will be a useful accession to the Guild, as they are proficient six-bell ringers. At six o'clock practice commenced in St. Martin's belfry, which was continued till nine o'clock. The bells and belfry are in excellent order, and the tone of this fine ring (tenor 25 cwt.) was much admired. During the evening touches of Grandsire, Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Triples were brought round in good style, including a 378 of Grandsire Triples, in 14 mins. C. Want, 1; H. Wood, 2; H. Newnham, 3; E. Jordan, 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; E. Hull, 6; S. Brooker, 7; G. Holden, 8. And a 518 in the same method, in 21 mins. H. Newnham, 1; G. H. Barnett, 2; E. Jordan, 3; H. Boxall, sen., 4; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 5; G. Williams, 6; S. Brooker, 7; J. Lisney, 8. During the practice, some considerable merriment was caused at the conclusion of one of the touches, by one of the ringers taking the bit between his teeth in the last six strides of the course in his eagerness to get into rounds, the result being that when the bells came round, he found himself at the wrong end of the stick. The Rev. E. A. Chichester, Vicar of Dorking, kindly looked in at the tea and in the belfry, and seemed much interested with what was going on. We hope when next the Guild visits Dorking to find him handling his rope. The Guild wish to thank the Dorking people for the kind welcome they received on Monday last.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the fact that it is inconvenient for the ringers of Wisbech, to meet their brethren on New Year's Day, the place of meeting is changed with the sanction of the committee, and by the kind invitation of the Vicar, will take place at Mildenhall, Suffolk, on January 1st, 1886. Members of the Association intending to be present, are requested to send in their names without delay to the Hon. Sec.
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A NOTICE on another column sets forth the fact that the next number of this paper will consist of twenty-four pages, being twice its ordinary size. To meet the additional expense of this temporary enlargement, it has, after mature deliberation, been decided to charge an extra penny per copy. Our readers will not, we are sure, begrudge this little addition to their weekly subscription. The proprietors of every other journal, of whatever nature, when their pages exceed the usual amount, invariably increase the charge per copy to their readers, who regard it as a matter of course. We hope, then, that the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" will estimate their journal in the same manner, and not demur to pay extra for a double number. Following the example of past years, we shall print an extra number of copies, and we shall confide in our friends so purchasing them, that we shall not suffer loss by having a quantity left on our hands. We may as well point out that we shall publish next week a day earlier than usual, and that we must receive everything intended for insertion not later than Wednesday morning next.

In Memoriam.

JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON.

Join one and all, in prayerful bond of love,
A form we all held dear is called away;
Summoned to God's own presence up above,
Parted from us, who fain would had him stay.
Earth's course-ends o'er, no more of toil or strife,
Rung are the changes of his peal of life.

What, tho' the world his loss may never feel,
His memory dear to us will e'er remain;
In him a master's lost, who could reveal
The mysteries of our science, make them plain;
From ancient gloom, he hidden treasures brought
Into the light of modern day, to show
Each one of us new beauties in the Art
Loved so by him, he loved so to impart
Direct to us, that we might perfect grow.

Shall we who say we loved him then give way?
No! Let us follow in the path he trod.
Oh brothers! let us strive more day by day,
With help Divine, to live more near our God.
Deeds let us do to raise our noble Art,
Our motto be to emulate, and then,
Never shall Snowdon be forgot of men.

Hull.

R. C.

O Death! O Death! what hast thou done,
By thy tremendous power?
Thou'st often from the bosom torn,
The sweet, the much lov'd flower.

Some dreadful ravages thou'st made,
Within the peaceful home,
How soon the vigorous body laid
Within the silent tomb.

O yes; when the command is given,
Thou'lt quickly force thy way,
Nor for one moment be forbidden,
Till thou has grasped thy prey.

O, thou has robbed us of a friend,
A brother-ringer dear,
Thou soon his useful life did end,
Our cries thou would'st not hear.

But now he's gone. O how he toiled;
Alas! his pen is dry.
And though his rope's for ever coiled
May his labours never die.

We know thou has the body slain,
And laid it in the dust;
We hope in peace his soul may gain
A place among the just.

Leeds.

W. WALKER.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE, DURHAM.—OPENING OF A PEAL OF SIX, TENOR 14 CWT.

The Dedication Service has been fixed for Saturday, December 19th, (this day), at 6.30 p.m. Change-ringing Members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and their friends are invited to this opening, and will be provided with meat tea at 5 o'clock.

G. J. CLARKSON.

BARRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.—An accident of an alarming character occurred on Friday last in the belfry. While the junior ringers were at practice under the superintendence of the Vicar, one of the ropes became twisted round his neck, when he was carried off his feet by the wing of the bell, finally falling insensible to the ground. A fatal result was at first apprehended, but this was by God's mercy averted, and the Vicar is recovering as rapidly as after so terrible a shock to the system could be expected.—*Local Paper.*

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5248.

By HENRY DAINS.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
3	2	6	5	4	-	I	2	
3	6	5	2	4		I	2	
3	5	2	6	4		I	2	
6	2	5	3	4	I	-	2	

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

This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By the late W. HARRISON, *Mottram*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
3	5	2	6	4	-			
6	3	5	4	2	-		2	
4	6	3	2	5	-		2	
6	5	3	2	4	I		2	
5	4	3	2	6	I		2	
4	2	3	5	6	I	-		

Twice repeated.

First rung by the Yorkshire Association, on Saturday, November 14th, 1885, at Drighlington, Yorks. Conducted by J. H. Hardcastle.

A DATE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR.

1885.

By JAMES HEWETT.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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

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

4 3 6 5 2 W M H

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

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

These three courses three times repeated produce 4 6 2 5 3, then another course with a bob in the wrong and a bob in the middle, and the bells will come round at hand by 7 8 laying still.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By JOHN JAGGAR, *Burton-on-Trent*.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

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

Repeated.

This peal contains the 4th twenty-two times, and the 6th twenty-four times in 6th's place, and is the first obtained with these properties in this number of changes.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

6384.

By J. J. PARKER, *Farnham Royal*.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 6

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

Twice repeated. This peal has the 5th and 6th twelve times each way in 5-6.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By GEORGE H. HARDY, *Earlsheaton*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR.

6000.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham*.

2 3 4 5 6

6	2	3	5	4	7th in two.
5	2	3	6	4	8th in three.
3	6	2	5	4	8th in two.
2	5	6	3	4	8th in two.
6	3	5	2	4	8th in two.
2	3	5	6	4	8th in three.
5	6	3	2	4	8th in two.
3	2	6	5	4	8th in two.
5	2	6	3	4	8th in three.
6	3	2	5	4	8th in two.
5	3	2	6	4	8th in three.
2	6	3	5	4	8th in two.
3	5	6	2	4	8th in two.
6	2	5	3	4	8th in two.
3	2	5	6	4	8th in three.
5	6	2	3	4	8th in two.

Four times repeated. 8th in three instead of 8th in two in the fourth course of either part will reduce it to 5088.

The 5008 was rung at Hanbury, Worcestershire, September 27th, 1885, the second part being cut short. Conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By H. JOHNSON, *Birmingham*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

Repeated.

Rung on Thursday, November 6th, at the parish church, Eccles, Lancashire, conducted by A. Percival Heywood Esq., of Duffield.

A DATE TOUCH OF UNION TRIPLES.

1885.

By JOSIAH WATHEN, *Tewkesbury*.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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

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

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

The last part twice repeated.

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A. SQUIRES.—Let us see it.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1885.

WE are now passing through the period of short days and long evenings—a time when ringers can best afford leisure for the study and practice of their favourite amusement. And never, perhaps, was the ringing world more busy than at the present moment. From many quarters come sounds of Double Norwich, and even of Superlative Surprise. Nay more, in addition to these, which are still in all their freshness, there are whisperings of "Cambridge" in the air. But our present object is not with any of these. We are not thinking of anything so difficult. Our eye is fixed on a plain and easy, but most delightful method, and one that we would earnestly

recommend to the attention of the Exercise. It will well repay any attention that may be given it, and the only wonder is that it has so long been suffered to "waste its sweetness on the desert air." We allude to ALBION. We resolutely refuse to denominate it "Surprise," that is at least if "Surprise" be taken to denote a crank method. In the compass of this article we can only just mention one or two salient points in this really beautiful method, and our remarks will be chiefly applicable to Major. Albion is a Treble Bob method. The rule for pricking it is most simple. Fifth's and sixth's places are made while the treble is in 1-2 and 3-4; third's and fourth's when she is in 5-6 and 7-8. At her whole pull lead second's place is made, and fourth's instead of second's at a bob. There is no "slow hunt." All the bells work the whole way up and down in every treble lead. There are snapping leads all through, and three dodges at all the treble leads. The tenors are parted only for one lead in each course. The above points, it will be seen, ensure the best possible music throughout. The bells in 5-6 and 7-8 are not affected by bobs. Nor is this all. We have scarcely come to the best of this wonderful method yet. For ease and simplicity of composition, provided that the tenors be not separated or reversed, it is unsurpassed. If the tenors are kept together and the lead-ends are true, the whole is true. The lead-ends and bob-leads are identical with those of Plain Bob. Hence, with the tenors together, the whole composition and proof of Albion Major are identical with those of Plain Bob Major, with this difference only, that any composition in the latter becomes double the length when transformed into the former. It will thus be apparent that its capabilities are unrivalled. We are far from wishing to run down our dear old friend Kent Treble Bob, but when set side by side with Albion, we are driven to confess that it scarcely has a leg left to stand withal. We heartily commend Albion to the attention which it deserves.

WE have pleasure in drawing the attention of our readers to an announcement in another column that photographs of the late Mr. SNOWDON are now ready. The portrait is an excellent one, and the artist seems to have caught Mr. SNOWDON in one of his happiest moods. The pleasant smile curling about the mouth, and the searching gaze, which were so familiar to all who knew him, are here "to the life." For any one who had the good fortune of Mr. SNOWDON's acquaintance, to see this likeness, we are sure, will be an irresistible desire to become possessed of one. We have no doubt that the Committee of the Yorkshire Association—who deserve credit for their promptitude in this matter—will receive a large number of orders; and that ere long the walls of many a ringer's home, and many a resort, will be graced with this likeness of him whose name and features will be by this means made familiar to coming generations of ringers, who will thus learn to know and esteem him as one who did so great a work in connection with our noble Art.

The Metropolis.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 12, 1885, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM BARON Treble.	*NEWLAND ALDERMAN .. 6.
CHARLES E. MALIM 2.	HENRY HOPKINS 7.
JOHN ROGERS 3.	HENRY S. THOMAS 8.
WILLIAM COPPAGE 4.	HENRY DAINS 9.
HENRY SWAIN 5.	JOHN MANSFIELD Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and Conducted by W. BARON.

* First peal of Caters.

WALWORTH, SURREY.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Friday, December 11, 1885, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

BENJAMIN E. BATTRUM .. Treble.	RICHARD FRENCH 5.
WILLIAM JONES 2.	ARTHUR HAYWARD 6.
JOSEPH BARRY 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7.
HENRY LANGDON 4.	*HENRY W. FLOWER Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD FRENCH.

The above was rung as an introductory peal to the new Rector, the Rev. James H. Hazell, M.A. * First peal.

The Provinces.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 10, 1885, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN FOSDIKE Treble.	EDWARD SHERWOOD 5.
WILLIAM WARD 2.	ALFRED ACFIELD, JUN. .. 6.
JAMES T. HOWARD 3.	CHARLES WARD 7.
W. P. GARRETT 4.	PETO MEADOWS Tenor.

Conducted by PETO MEADOWS.

E. Sherwood and J. T. Howard hail from Wickham Market; A. Acfield, W. P. Garrett, and W. Ward from Ufford; C. Ward and Peto Meadows from Melton.

MARGATE.—THE QUEX PARK BAND,
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, AND
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1885, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S 10-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

C. WILLSHIRE Treble.	T. B. REED 5.
L. WILLSHIRE 2.	J. J. BRISTOW 6.
P. A. REED 3.	G. WILLSHIRE 7.
T. B. REED, JUN. 4.	F. CARROWAY Tenor.

Conducted by LEON WILLSHIRE.

This is the first peal rung on the bells since January, 1824, which was rung by a mixed band of Quex Park and College Youths. Great credit is due to F. Carroway for the plucky way in which he rung the tenor through single-handed, this being his first peal, and there is no record of the tenor being rung through a complete peal by one man before.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the next District Meeting will be held at Chichester during the month of January.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

ERITH, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 12, 1885, in Three Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE HAYES* Treble.	*BENJAMIN SPUNNER 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	FREDERICK FRENCH 6.
WILLIAM MARTIN* 3.	*WILLIAM HARPER 7.
FREDERICK HAYES* 4.	JOHN GARARD Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK FRENCH.

G. Hayes, F. Hayes, and W. Martin were elected members of the College Youths before starting for the peal. G. Conyard hails from Crayford; F. French from Bexley; J. Garard belongs to Erith; the rest are members of St. George's, Gravesend. * First peal.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE ALL SAINTS' JUNIOR SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 12, 1885, in Six Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,176 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

SAMUEL HARROP Treble.	CHARLES BROOKE 5.
DANIEL JAMES 2.	JOSEPH MALONEY 6.
WILLIAM HARROP 3.	SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN. .. 7.
HENRY COOPER 4.	JOHN PYE, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON, of Mottram, and
Conducted by SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN.

This is the longest peal ever rung in Glossop. The average age of the above band is only twenty-two years.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—READING BRANCH.

On Saturday, December 12, 1885, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	†WM. J. WILLIAMS 5.
ALFD. C. FUSSELL 2.	†HENRY EGBY 6.
WM. H. FUSSELL 3.	†WILLIAM NEWELL 7.
JAMES POTTER* 4.	*GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed by WM. SHIPWAY, and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This is the longest peal on the bells, also the first in this method. This is the first peal in the method by all the band excepting those marked *. † First peal of Major. The company wish to thank the Rev. A. H. Drummond for granting permission to ring.

ROTHERHAM.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 14, 1885, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT ST. ANN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5105 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE BRIGGS Treble.	TOM LEE 6.
CHAS. HY. HATTERSLEY .. 2.	JOHN HALE 7.
F. COATES 3.	WALTER COATES 8.
JOB ATHEY 4.	ALFRED RODGERS 9.
THOMAS WHITWORTH .. 5.	WILLIAM HURST Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED. COATES.

CHELTENHAM.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 14, 1885, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt.

J. BELCHER Treble.	H. KARN 5.
W. MORRIS 2.	W. T. PATES 6.
F. E. WARD, ESQ. 3.	F. MUSTY 7.
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 4.	G. H. PHILLOTT, ESQ. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM ESTCOURT, of Painswick, and
Conducted by J. BELCHER.

UPTON ST. LEONARD'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE UPTON ST. LEONARD'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, December 14, 1885, in Three Hours and Five-and- $\frac{1}{4}$ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in F.

H. G. GARDNER† Treble.	*WM. SEVIER 5.
J. YATES* 2.	†J. BALDWIN 6.
H. MITCHELL 3.	A. A. WAITE 7.
G. MILES* 4.	R. A. BARRETT Tenor.

Conducted by H. G. GARDNER.

†College Youth. †Cumberland Youth. *First peal in the method. The above was rung to commemorate William Sevier's 21st birthday, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

Miscellaneous.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

CAMBERWELL (Surrey).—On Saturday, December 12th, at St. George's church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but it had to be abandoned after ringing about 4500 changes in 2 hrs. 28 mins. owing to illness near the church. F. G. Newman (conductor), 1; J. Barry, 2; A. E. Church, 3; H. J. Davies, 4; H. Langdon, 5; R. French, 6; W. H. George, 7; E. Rogers, 8. Tenor 14 cwt.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CONSETT.—On Wednesday, December 9th, a 720 of Bob Minor. Z. Scott (Winlaton), 1; W. Siddoway (Winlaton), 2; W. Baxter (Jarrow), 3; J. Rossiter (North Shields), 4; R. W. Wignell (North Shields), 5; F. Lees (Newcastle), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Lees, 1; R. Alcock, 2; W. Stephenson, 3; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6. All of this latter band except F. Lees, hail from Stockton.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Monday, December 14th, at St. Hilda's church, 1344 of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. H. Blakiston, 1; R. Alcock, 2; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 3; W. Stephenson, 4; T. Burdon, 5; T. W. Waller, 6; T. Stephenson, 7; W. Newton, 8.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Wednesday, November 25th, by members of the local company, a 720 of Court Bob. On Sunday, November 29th, a 720 of St. Simon's. On Wednesday, December 2nd, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. On Sunday, December 6th, a 720 of Woodbine. On Monday, December 7th, a 720 of Violet. On Sunday, December 13th, a 720 of York Surprise.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD.—Recently, the St. Lawrence's Society rang 720 changes of Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 26 mins. H. Barnes, 1; J. Yates, 2; G. Miles, 3; Wm. Sevier, 3; H. Mitchell (composer and conductor), 5; A. A. Waite, 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

MAISMORE (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, December 6th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. Wm. Brunsdon (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Baldwin, 2; Wm. Sevier, 3; H. G. Gardner, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; R. A. Barrett (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in G.

UPTON-ST.-LEONARD'S (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, December 13th, six members of this Association rang a 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Midlecoate, 1; H. Mitchell (conductor), 2; Y. Yates, 3; J. Baldwin, 3; A. A. Waite, 5; H. G. Gardner, 6. Tenor 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in F. This 720 was composed by Mrs. A. A. Waite.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Monday, December 14th, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, 350 of Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; W. Allen (conductor), 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare, 7; W. Kitchener, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday evening, December 5th, at the parish church of S.S. Mary and Eadburgh, a 720 of Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 29 mins. J. Prebble, 1; R. Andrews, 2; A. Beer, 3; A. Tanton, 4; William Fordred, 5; James Andrews (conductor), 6. And on Saturday evening, December 12th, a 720 of Bob Minor, with sixteen bobs and two singles, in 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ mins. J. Prebble, 1; R. Andrews, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Andrews, 4; W. Fordred, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

SPELDHURST (Kent).—On Thursday, December 10th, at the parish church of St. Mary, 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. J. Maynard, 1; B. Winn, 2; J. Baker, 3; F. Still, 4; F. Still, sen., 5; F. Still, jun. (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Thursday, December 10th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 26 mins. F. Cornford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; F. Hayes, 4; W. Harper, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, December 13th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. L. Digweed, 1; John Broom, 2; W. Harper (conductor), 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Hayes, 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—Muffled Peal.—On Saturday, December 12th, at the parish church, the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a mark of respect to the late Jasper W. Snowdon, Esq. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; A. Potter, 4; J. Welsby, 5; J. Brooks, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRAY (Oxon).—On Thursday, December 10th, at St. Michael's parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 30 mins. A. Andrews, 1; A. Fussell, 2; W. Garraway (conductor), 3; W. Wilder, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 29 mins. W. Garraway, 1; A. Andrews, 2; W. Wilder, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; A. C. Fussell (conductor), 6. And a six-score each of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. A. Andrews, 1; A. Fussell, 2; W. Garraway, 3; R. Flaxman, 4; W. Fussell (conductor), 5; H. Barker, 6. Tenor 36 cwt.

CUPDINGTON (Bucks).—On Thursday, December 10th, the local members of the above Guild, rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. J. Frost, sen., 1; G. Warner (conductor), 2; J. Frost, jun., 3; J. Blake, 4; A. Frost, 5; A. Webb, 6. This was the first 720 by the above except the conductor. Tenor 9 cwt. in G. Great praise is due to this young band, they having rung their first 720 of Grandsire Minor in just one year and ten days from the placing of the bells in their tower, and ringing them for the first time, under the tuition of Mr. G. Warner, of Long Crendon.

OXFORD.—Muffled Peals.—On Wednesday, November 25th, at St. Thomas-ye-Martyr, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor, in 25 mins. Job Howes, 1; W. H. Wood, 2; F. A. Castle, 3; H. J. Castle, 4; W. C. Baston, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late J. W. Snowdon, Esq. And on Monday, November 30th, at St. Mary Magdalene, touches of Treble Bob Minor, with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the late J. W. Snowdon, Esq., after the usual whole pull and stand. Job Howes, 1; W. H. Wood, 2; C. Hester, 3; F. A. Castle, 4; A. F. M. Custance, Esq., 5; H. J. Castle, 6. On Saturday, November 28th, at St. Thomas's church, a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 24 mins. W. Cox, 1; W. H. Wood, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; ———, 4; F. Castle, 5; W. J. Washbrook (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, December 1st, at St. Mary Magdalene, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor, in 25 mins. J. Howes, 1; W. H. Wood, 2; F. A. Castle, 3; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 4; C. Hounslow, 5; W. C. Baston, 6. And on Wednesday, December 2nd, at St. Thomas's church, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 22 mins. ———, 1; W. H. Wood, 2; J. Howes, 3; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 4; F. A. Castle, 5; W. C. Baston, 6. And on Sunday, December 14th, at St. Peter's in the East, a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 25 mins. A. Fox, 1; W. Wood, 2; S. Hounslow, 3; W. Baston, 4; F. A. Castle, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. And at All Saints', in the evening, a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 23 mins. A. Fox, 1; T. Payne, 2; F. A. Castle, 3; ———, 4; A. F. M. Custance, Esq., 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On Saturday, November 21st, at St. Mary's Parish Church, being the birthday of the Princess Royal, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. W. Leader, 1; A. Andrews, 2; A. Fussell, 3; W. Wilder, 4; W. Fussell, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6. Muffled Peal.—Also on Wednesday, November 25th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ mins. W. Leader, 1; W. Wilder, 2; T. Udell, 3; W. Fussell, 4; A. Fussell, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. This was rung as a token of respect to the late Jasper W. Snowdon, Esq. And on Tuesday, December 8th, being the practice night, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ mins. W. Leader, 1; A. Fussell, 2; T. Udell, 3; W. Wilder, 4; W. Fussell, 5; R. Flaxman, 6.

WANTAGE (Berks).—On Monday evening, November 30th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 29 mins. G. Gregory, 1; C. Page, 2; F. Money, 3; A. Bunce, 4; H. Smith, 5; F. May (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, December 6th, for afternoon service, 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Gregory, 1; H. Smith, 2; J. Gardner, 3; A. Gregory, 4; A. Bunce, 5; F. May, 6. Also on Sunday, December 13th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ mins. G. Gregory, 1; J. Gardner, 2; F. Money, 3; A. Gregory, 4; A. Bunce, 5; F. May (conductor), 6.

THE ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday evening, November 30th, the local company, with the assistance of two from Heywood, rang 1152 changes of Kent Treble Bob, at the parish church, in 44 mins. J. Millett (Heywood), 1; J. T. Lucas, 2; J. Hoggard, 3; B. Meadowcroft, 4; Geo. Hoyle, 5; A. Hurst, 6; F. Birtwistle, 7; J. Harrison (Heywood), 8. On Monday, December 14th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27½ mins. J. Millett (Heywood), 1; B. Meadowcroft, 2; Jno. Hoggard, 3; Geo. Hoyle, 4; F. Birtwistle, 5; J. Harrison (Heywood), 6. The same evening a 360 of Kent Treble Bob was also rung, the ringers being stationed as above, with the exception that J. T. Lucas rang the treble and J. Millett the 4th. The above were all conducted by F. Birtwistle.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Friday, December 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. Baddeley, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. Wood, 4; J. W. Brough, 5; J. Baddeley (conductor), 6.

BENGELO (Herts).—On Friday, December 11th, at Holy Trinity Church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two bobs and two singles). T. Barker, 1; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 2; H. Phillips, 3; J. Promfret, 4; W. Bennett, 5; W. Odell, 6. And on Sunday, December 13th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles). T. Barker, 1; W. Odell, 2; H. Phillips, 3; W. Bennett, 4; J. Channer, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. This is H. J. Tucker's 150th 720.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, December 13th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; J. Savill (Rayne), 3; S. Sargent, 4; W. Bearman, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6.

BRISTOL.—*Muffled Peal*.—On Thursday, December 3rd, at St. George's church, 1500 Grandsire Doubles, in 58 mins. M. Sparks (age 13), 1; F. Trout, 2; I. Lacey, 3; J. Brain (conductor), 4; H. Whitelock, 5; Samuel Russell, 6. The above was rung in memory of the late Jasper W. Snowdon.

CALVERLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 13th, for Divine Service in the evening, the following members of the local company rang 544 of London Treble Bob Major in 20 mins, also a plain course in the same method. These are the first touches on the bells in this method. R. Page, 1; W. Child, 2; Ezra Keighley, 3; W. Hollings, 4; J. Page, 5; J. Ross, 6; J. Cordingley (conductor), 7; W. Davison, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt. Composed by Mr. William Sottan-stall, of Sowerby.

CHESTER.—On Saturday, December 12th, six members of the St. Mary's Society attempted a 5040 in seven different methods on six bells, but after ringing 1 hr., and 8 mins. it came to grief owing to a change-course. The following methods were rung: 720 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire, and 450 College Single. William Joinson, 1; Edwin Davies, 2; George Caldwell, 3; John Johnson, 4; Sidney Barton, 5; Thomas J. Bethell (conductor), 6.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, December 14th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 44 mins. W. Foulles, 2; E. Webb, 2; J. Williams, 3; R. Jefferies, 4; C. Bate, 5; R. Packer, 6; J. Kitchener (conductor), 7; W. Kibble, 8.

DATCHWORTH (Herts).—On Saturday, December 12th, eight of the Bengelo company paid a visit to this place, and rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Childs, 1; W. Bennett, 2; J. Pomfret, 3; W. Odell, 4; J. Channer, 5; H. Phillips (conductor), 6. The ringers wish to return thanks to the Rev. J. Wardale, for granting permission to ring, and kindly entertaining them to tea; and to Mr. Dennis for his courtesy towards them.

DISS (Norfolk).—On Tuesday evening, December 8th, the local company rang 1152 changes of Bob Major, in 47 mins. W. Ireland, 1; J. Rudd, 2; W. Matthews, 3; E. Bartrum, 4; C. Webster, 5; B. Francis, 6; A. Hart, 7; J. Soutar, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. Composed and conducted by B. Francis.

EXETER.—On Sunday, December 13th, at St. Sidwell's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. T. Townsend, 1; E. Pitts, 2; W. G. Goss, 3; A. Shepherd, 4; J. Moss, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; F. Shepherd, 7; W. Mundy, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

EWHRST (Surrey).—On Wednesday, December 9th, for practice, the local company rang a 720 of New London Bob Minor, in 29 mins. William Haynes, sen., 1; Fredk. Francis, 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Tidy, 4; A. Baker (conductor), 5; W. Haynes, jun., 6. First 720 in the method by all the band. And on Friday, December 11th, for practice, 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor in 28 mins. W. Haynes, sen., 1; F. Francis, 2; Frank Francis, 3; A. Baker, 4; W. Haynes, jnn., 5; A. Weale (conductor), 6.

GREAT TOTHAM (Essex).—On Friday evening, December 11th, five members of the All Saints' company, Maldon, assisted by Mr. C. Hounslow, of Oxford, visited the above church, and rang a 720 of Cambridge Surprise, in 26 mins. C. Tabor, 1; R. Hutson, 2; T. Mansfield, 3; C. Hounslow, 4; W. Chalk (conductor), 5; W. Mansfield, 6. Tenor 7½ cwt. The above is the first in the method on the bells.

HIGHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, November 30th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor. G. Winny, 1; J. W. Smith, 2; W. Ranson, 3; W. Smith (conductor), 4; G. Ranson (first 720), 5; C. Ablitt, 6. And on Monday evening, December 7th, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Smith, 1; C. Smith (first 720), 2; W. Ranson, 3; J. Levitt, 4; J. W. Smith (conductor), 5; C. Ablitt, 6. Also on handbells, retained in hand, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Levitt, 1-2; W. Smith (conductor), 3-4; J. W. Smith, 5-6. And on Saturday evening, December 12th, two 720's of Bob Minor. G. Winny, 1; J. Levitt, 2; W. Smith, 3; A. Smith (first 720), 4; J. W. Smith (conductor), 5; C. Ablitt, 6. And in the second: G. Winny, 1; W. Smith, 2; W. Ranson, 3; J. Levitt, 4; J. W. Smith (conductor), 5; C. Ablitt, 6.

LINDLEY (Yorkshire).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Sunday evening, December 13th, the Lindley society rang 2154 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 16 mins., as a mark of respect to the late Jasper W. Snowdon, Esq. H. Wilkinson, 1; A. Crosland, 2; E. Ellam, 3; G. W. Schofield, 4; A. Sykes, 5; B. Shaw, 6; C. W. Clegg (conductor), 7; F. Schofield, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt. Composed by A. Sykes. The number of this touch corresponded to the number of weeks the deceased had lived.

LOWER HARDRES (Kent).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, December 12th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. A. Brine, Esq. (conductor), 1-2; *Miss L. Brine, 3; *Miss M. Brine, 4; *Miss Brine, 5; *Miss E. Brine, 6. *First 720. Also on Tuesday, December 15th, a 720 in the same method, standing as before.

MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.—On Friday evening, December 11th, at St. Hilda's church, the local band, assisted by Mr. G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton, rang for the first time, 120 of Bob Doubles, with 7,6,8 covering. R. Burrows, 1; H. McAdams, 2; G. J. Clarkson, 3; J. W. Wood, 4; S. Walker, jun., 5; T. Walker, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; S. Walker, sen., 8. This company has only been in existence since September 29th, and the above is the first 120 ever rung by a Middlesbrough company.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Monday, December 14th, for practice at St. Peter's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles. H. Stubbs, 1; J. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6. This is the first 720 by F. Slade, he knowing nothing of change-ringing two months ago. Also a 360 of Bob Minor, with fifteen bobs and two singles. H. Stubbs, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; N. Martin, 4; B. W. Allen, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And 120 of Bob Doubles. H. Stubbs, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; F. Kirk (first 120), 3; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 4; B. W. Allen, 5; S. Bailey, 6.

RUNCORN (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, December 15th, at All Saints' Church, on the back six, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. S. Hoxworth, 1; J. Large, 2; *J. Gatley, 3; W. Hughes (conductor), 4; J. Dykes, 5; G. W. Hughes, 6. First 720. Messrs. W. and G. W. Hughes hail from Garston; Hoxworth, Gatley, and Dykes, from Runcorn, and J. Large from Widnes. *First 720.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Saturday, December 13th, for Divine Service in the evening, 540 of Grandsire Triples. *A. Bourguin, 1; E. Gower, 2; F. C. Mattison (conductor), 3; J. G. Elliott, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; S. Snelling, 6; J. M. Cooper, 7; H. Sutton, 8. *First attempt at Triples.

STRATFORD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 6th, after Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Bob Minor. G. Winny, 1; W. Smith, 2; W. Ranson, 3; G. Ranson, 4; J. W. Smith (conductor), 5; C. Ablitt, 6.

THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday evening, December 15th, for practice, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Davis, 1; *F. Symes, 2; G. Iles, 3; *T. Alsopp, 4; F. Howell, 5; J. Phillips, 6. Conducted by G. Iles and F. Howell. *Members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

TONG (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, December 13th, for afternoon service at the parish church, 240 each of Oxford, Violet, New London Pleasure, and Duke of York. J. W. Simon, 2; W. H. Stead, 2; W. Bolland (conductor), 3; J. Blackburn, Esq., 4; G. H. Simon, 5; H. Senior, 6. Also 360 of London Scholars' Pleasure, standing as before except the 5th and 6th.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—Recently at St. Peter's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 27 mins. J. Hendy, 1; R. Grimes, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; H. Allen, 4; H. Merishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also a 720 in the same method with nine bobs and six singles, standing as before, R. Grimes, conductor. And a 360 in the same method, with twenty-two singles, Henry Hill, conductor.

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."

LONDON SOCIETIES.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Trappitt, *alias* "Little Jim," I am not quite certain from his letter as to what he challenges me to do or to prove. If he refers to what I have said denying his charge about unfrequent practices in twelve-bell towers, let him answer these questions:—Have not the society met once a month at St. Paul's? Have they not also as a rule met once a fortnight at St. Saviour's (although perhaps occasionally a practice may have been missed at the latter), and has there not generally been a practice at some other twelve-bell steeple during each month in the past year? I am seldom in London, and very rarely happen to be there on a meeting night at the "King's Head?" Otherwise I should be most happy to accept your correspondent's offer to meet him there. Sometimes when persons can meet and talk over any subject quietly, it saves a great deal of "paper warfare," and I am sure Mr. Routh would see everything fair in the matter. I hope that some London member will accept the challenge, and I shall be glad to hear the result. If on the other hand Mr. Trappitt challenges me for what I said about correspondents adopting various *noms de plume* (the writer being the same person all the time), I never said that he had done this, and I will just inform him and the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" generally, what reason I had for making this assertion. Some time ago when I was engaged in some correspondence on Belfry Reform and other matters, I received a letter from a well-known ringer informing me that he was certain that a great many of the letters signed with different *nom de plumes*, had emanated from the same person, among others he said that "Little Jim" was one of the names under which the person he mentioned wrote. A day or two afterwards he found out his mistake, and wrote informing me thereof, but still affirming that a great many other letters had come from the same person. I was also informed by a well-known London ringer, that "Little Jim" was not the person alluded to by the other, and with this I rested satisfied. So much for this matter. As to the refusal to the belfry at Beddington, I am very glad to find that it was not the Vicar, nor the Churchwardens, nor the steeplekeeper, nor anyone in charge of the bells. I am quite satisfied with the explanation given by Mr. Trappitt and Mr. Plowman, as I think all your readers must be. I conclude that the author of the "Church Bells of Surrey" must have applied to the wrong person.

J. R. JERRAM.

SIR,—At its last meeting, the Ancient Society of College Youths' after hearing my explanation, called upon me to withdraw what I have stated in your paper on the subject of its finances. This I of course refused to do, and I was consequently asked to resign my membership of that society. As my statements have also been challenged in your columns, I consider, however, that I have a right to place before your readers the facts on which I founded them, and leave the whole case in their hands for them to form whatever opinion they like on it. If your readers will turn to the society's balance sheet published in a recent issue, they will find that at the date of my letter the accounts shewed a balance of £36 odd (the savings of 250 years). Since then, the yearly audit has taken place, and as a result the sum of £18 additional may now be brought to account. I had no means of knowing that so large (comparatively) a sum would be saved on this year's expenditure, and I fancy a good many of your readers will agree that Mr. Mash's remark, that I must have known the funds to amount to nearly £60, was not justified by the facts. However, I am willing to take the £54, as it stands, and ask your readers if they consider it an adequate balance for a society like the College Youths, even if it were not a fact that the actual requirements of this society at the present moment are greatly in excess of this paltry sum. However, as I have now ceased to be a member, the subject has no further interest for me. I have, as I think, completely justified the only one of my assertions whose correctness was challenged, and it only remains for me to say in the most emphatic terms, that no ringing society in England shall prevent my saying what I believe to be the truth about any subject, and saying it moreover (with your permission), in that most open of all places, the columns of the press.

EDWARD F. STRANGE.

[Correspondence on this subject must now cease.—Ed.]

THE COMPLAINT FROM SUSSEX.

SIR,—In the correspondence column of last week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS" there appeared a letter signed "A Member of the Sussex County Association." As Hon. Sec. of that Association I must decline to answer any anonymous communication, but if the writer of the above mentioned letter will either publish his name or send same by post to me, I will at once prove to him personally, and if he wishes, to

the bell-ringing world generally, through the medium of our paper, that nothing has been done by any branch of the Association that can, by an Englishman, be called "narrow or selfish." And now, Sir, while on this subject, perhaps you will allow me to express a regret, that in common with many of your readers, I have for some months past felt, that so large a proportion of the valuable space allotted to the Exercise should be occupied by correspondence either of a purely local character or by personal squabbles; surely in the interest of the science these petty matters might be settled by reference to the committee of a local association, and the space now wasted used for matters of a more instructive and edifying nature.

8, Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Will any of your readers kindly let me know, through the medium of your columns, which is the most universally adopted method of making a Stedman single on five bells, viz.: the method of the late Mr. Snowdon, or that of Mr. Troyte. By referring to Mr. Snowdon's "Standard Methods in the Art of Change-ringing," published in 1881, page 29, and to Mr. Troyte's book on "Change-ringing," 4th edition, page 43, a disparity will be observed by any gentleman who will trouble to confer a favour on

F. J. GAMLIN.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal at Basingstoke, Hants., should have read "the third time the Original has been rung in the county," since the peal conducted by Mr. Pettitt was rung in 1872. The Rev. F. E. Robinson called it again at Privett on July 7th during the present year.

W. H. F.

OPENING OF A NEW PEAL OF SIX AT CONSETT, DURHAM.

A special service for the purpose of consecrating the new peal of bells lately placed in the tower of Christ Church, Consett, took place on Wednesday, December 9th. The prime mover in the idea of procuring a peal of bells was Mr. J. T. Potts, formerly of Consett, who promised the Vicar £50 if the bells were hung before the forthcoming Christmas. This offer the Rev. F. Steggall at once accepted, and in a very short time raised a very considerable sum. Subsequently a commission was given to Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, who have supplied a peal of six bells, tenor 17½ cwt., forming a very fine peal. The bells are in excellent tune, and certainly go with incredible ease. Invitations issued to the change-ringing branches of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association brought representatives from Newcastle, North Shields, Jarrow, Stockton, Darlington, and Winton, who with the local men made up a party of about twenty-two at the dinner, provided at the "Queen's Head," and presided over by the Rev. F. Steggall. At the conclusion of the dinner the Rev. Chairman addressed a few words to the company, heartily thanking them for their attendance. The Secretary of the Association, Mr. Clarkson replied, and expressed the thanks of members of the Association for the very hearty reception accorded to them, and suggested that as Consett was now a centre of a district of bells, that the thanks of the Association would take the practical form of rendering the Consett ringers all possible assistance in learning the art of change-ringing. The dedication service was held at 3.30, the Bishop of Durham performing the consecration ceremony in the presence of a large congregation. The Bishop, in the course of his sermon, referred to the bells then being dedicated, and said to those who heard them, they would teach many a lesson and preach many a sermon if they were only willing to learn. They would associate with all the most eventful movements in their lives—the bereaved heart would find expression in their solemn toll, whilst festal occasions would be gladdened by their merry peal. In life and in death they would respond to the truest emotions of the soul. During the offertory a course of Kent Treble Bob was rung. The interest in the bells was shown by the parishioners standing about in groups in the midst of a heavy snowstorm, listening to the ringing.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The usual quarterly meeting of this Association took place at Leyland, on Saturday, December 12th. The attendance of members was not quite so large as was anticipated, nevertheless the meeting was a satisfactory and encouraging one in all respects. Shortly after 2 o'clock the bells were raised by the Leyland company, and during the afternoon and evening there were several 720's of Bob Minor and other touches rung by mixed bands. At 5 o'clock the members adjourned to the schoolroom. The usual business being gone through, it was resolved that the next quarterly meeting should be held at St. Mark's, Preston. Six new members having been enrolled, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells and schoolroom on this occasion.

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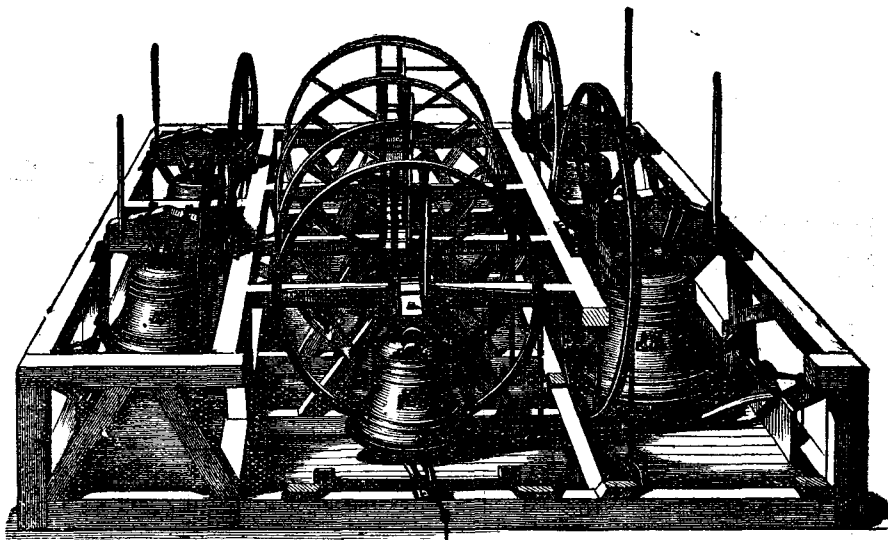
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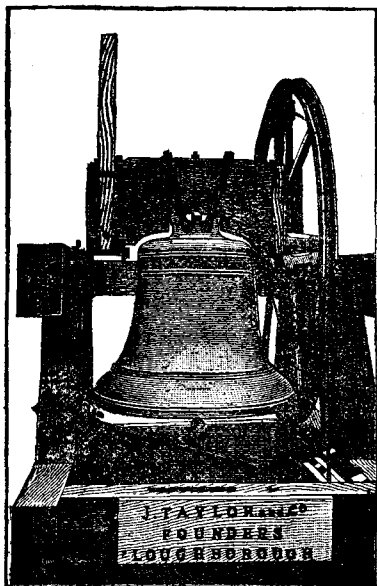
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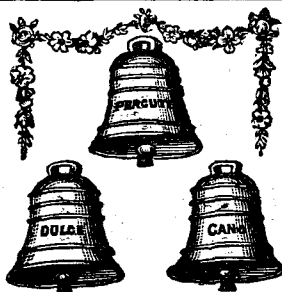
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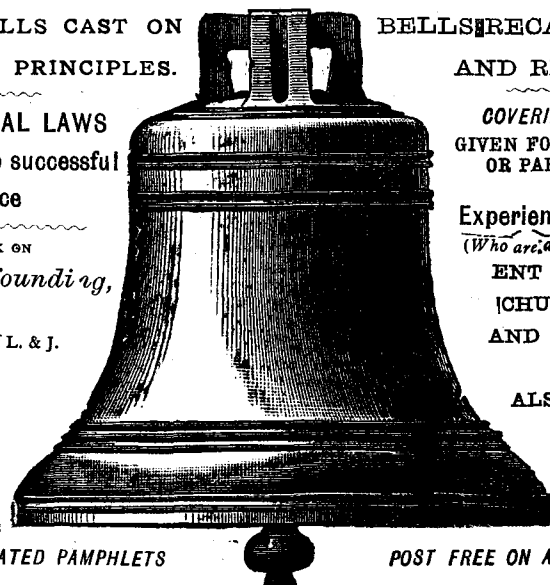
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