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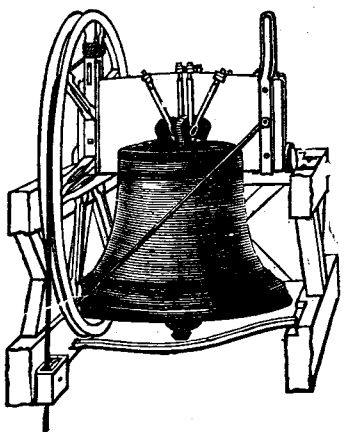

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Annual Dinner.

In response to the notice given in your valuable paper, between thirty and forty members journeyed down to Southgate, a quiet, but charming little rural village, about nine miles out of town, to the north of London. The day was a lovely one, and September could not possibly provide better weather for the occasion. At about 4.30, the bells commenced to speak out to a good touch of Grandsire Triples, followed by a long course of Treble Bob Major, tenors parted, other touches of Stedman and Grandsire followed, ringing being kept up with great spirit during the day till the dinner gong boomed out all was ready, the time being six o'clock, as announced, precise. It should, however, be added that those not handling the ropes, betook themselves to the cricket field, and here scored a double object, that of criticising a match in progress, and passing an opinion on the grand toned ring of bells which are such as not every tower can boast. The Society's newly elected Master, Mr. H. S. Thomas, and Mr. W. H. D. Porter, took sides in the match, and were successful in removing several batsmen from the wickets by making some excellent catches. The dinner was the next best thing to catch, and soon a goodly company assembled in the large dining hall. Grace having been said, business operations were commenced, to the tune of knife and fork, the repast being provided by the host of "The Cherry Tree," Inn, Southgate. The composition of the peal comprised the usual three courses, and was performed as usual in the old method, the time occupied being about 1 hr. 20 mins. The Chairman said grace after meat, and gave "The Queen," which, as usual, received a loyal response. The toast of the evening followed—"The prosperity of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths," which was well responded to by Mr. John Rogers. He said he had been a member about twenty-five years, and each year created greater attachment. The society had a long and distinguished and unbroken line of records, containing some brilliant achievements, and he concluded by asking his friend and comrade Mr. G. Newson, to give "The 12,000 Treble Bob Royal," a new song set to the tune "Merrily the bells ring, O," composed by Mr. Rogers. Mr. George Marriott, in response to a call, gave with good effect, "Fiddlers All." Mr. W. Hoverd was present, but rather unlike himself, showing traces of a recent severe illness; we hope he will be careful during the coming winter. Mr. H. Hopkins then gave with his usual effect a song most appropriately entitled "There's another little row downstairs." "The Health of Conductors" then followed, and the names of Mr. Baron, Mr. Nelson, received attention, and these gentlemen duly responded. Mr. Leon Willshire, the able conductor of the Birchington band, Quex Park, Isle of Thanet, who with Mr. P. J. Bristow, secretary of the local society, and Mr. E. Tibble, who was there elected a member, also responded to this toast. Mr. Sally then gave the company his song entitled "When we're up, we're up, &c.," and Mr. A. G. Thomas followed with "Our sailor friend," and Mr. J. J. Bristow responded to the toast of "The Visitors." The Health of "Old Steeplekeepers," brought Mr. Mansfield on his feet, with suitable response, with hear, hear, from Messrs. Sorato, More and our homely friend, Mr. Lamb. Mr. W. Coppage giving the song for steeplekeepers, being entitled "Butter and Cheese and all," with the inevitable rejoinder, Mr. Baron will oblige, gentlemen, and he did so with "Boys together." Mr. Dains gave "The Health of the Chairman." He was also deputed to express the inability of the late Master, Mr. A. H. Gardom, to be present, having been at the last moment called away on pressing business, but his mind was there, although personally absent. The secretary thought the society was rather successful latterly in the selection of a Master, while awarding hearty thanks to the predecessor, the members had made an excellent selection in Mr. Thomas, a gentleman whom all members know and esteem, and who he was sure would ably preside over all business matters during his term of office. Musical honours followed, and Mr. Thomas responded by saying that whatever he took in hand he did his utmost to carry out, and should make no exception during the next twelve months. After that he gave a new song entitled "She tickled, He giggled, He tickled, She giggled." It was here noticed that the hand of the clock was pointing to the time when the last London train would be ready to carry gentlemen to town, and without more ado, "Auld Lang Syne," was performed with usual emphasis, and "God save the Queen," concluded, and it only remains to thank Mr. W. H. D. Porter for his attention and display of abilities and talents at the piano, by which means that gentleman materially contributed to the enjoyment of the company generally.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The Quarterly Meeting, in connection with the above Association, will be held at Wednesbury, on Saturday, September 25th. Ringing to commence at 2.30 at the parish church.

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A VISIT TO THE BORDERS.

On Sunday, September 12th, a number of ringers from Ipswich and Witnesham, visited several parishes lving on the Essex and Suffolk borders, where they were met with a thorough welcome from clergymen and local ringers. The first place visited was East Bergholt, which is of especial interest as the parish contains the unique feature of having a very fine peal of five bells, tenor 30 cwt., which are hung in a frame that stands on the ground in the Churchyard, in a kind of lattice out-house, and are without wheels and ropes, being rung by the stocks, the ringers standing on the bell frame, not a very pleasant or safe amusement an outsider can very well imagine. It is a great pity that these bells cannot be mounted in the beautiful tower which now stands unfinished, covered with ivy, &c., and to all appearances, has done so for centuries. The local reason and legend for this state of affairs being: That the tower could not be finished from the circumstance of a portion of the tower that was built during the day was pulled down by some unseen power at night. This story, of course, might do for centuries ago, but not for the present age. The real cause seems to be rather shrouded in mystery, but one thing is certain, that here is a fine work for an energetic clergyman to undertake, and get the tower built and the bells hung, with the addition of three more to make up the octave, and judging from appearances, it might be done. The next place visited was Hegham, which has a light ring of six, also some very good ringers, who joined the visitors, and tapped off a 720 of Bob Minor in good style, the band standing as follows: C. Ablitt, 1; T. Sadler, 2; W. Ranson, 3; H. Bowell, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Smith, 6. The local band then accompanied the visitors to Stratford St. Mary, where another 720 was brought round, through the kind permission of the Rev. Brewster, who is fortunate in having such a fine church and ring of bells. The addition of two trebles here would make them second to none of their weight. The next move was to the fine old tower of Dedham, where another 720 was rung on the front six, the 7th and 8th not being allowed to be rung on account of the state of the bells, but as there is an energetic clergyman here this may soon be altered. The present state seems to be brought about by the architect dabbling in bell affairs, which circumstance will perhaps teach those in authority to employ a competent bell-hanger in the future. Some short touches were afterwards rung, when good-bye was said to Dedham, and the party returned home, calling at Stratford St. Mary again, and ringing another 720 in excellent style. G. Wickes, 1; Thomas Sadler, 2; W. Smith, 3; H. Bowell, 4; J. Smith, 5; C. Ablitt, 6. After which the ringers separated, and the Ipswich contingent started homewards well pleased, having met with the greatest of kindness from all parties concerned, and desire to return thanks through the medium of "The Bell News," hoping to pay another visit some future time. Mr. W. Watson rung the 4th at Dedham, and Mr. J. Smith, of Hegham, conducted the ringing.

T. S.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday last, the bell-ringers of St. Leonard's Church, Walton-le-Dale, Lancashire, and of All Saints' Church, Higher Walton (the latter accompanied by their junior brethren) and a few friends journeyed by waggonette to the little village of Goosnargh. Arrangements had been made beforehand to have a short stay at Broughton Church for a few touches on the beautiful bells there; but on arriving there a funeral ceremony was about to be performed, which prevented the ringers from enjoying a pull on this new set of bells. On arriving at Goosnargh, after a pleasant drive, the party were met by the genial and good-natured "father" of the local ringers there (Mr. W. Clarkson), who had made all things ready and in good order for the convenience of the visitors. Ringing was at once commenced by the senior ringers of Higher Walton, touches of Oxford Treble Bob, New London, College Single, and was kept up by the various bands until "tea time" was called, and an adjournment was then made to mine host of the "Buhsell Arms," where a good substantial knife and fork tea was done justice to. Tea over, ringing was again indulged in by a mixed band, including the veteran ringer aforesaid (Mr. W. Clarkson), after which the remainder of the evening (up to the time of starting for home) wns spent in conviviality. The return journey was commenced about 10.30, a pleasant drive home, interspersed with harmony, terminating an afternoon of perfect enjoyment to all who had the pleasure to partake of it.

H. D.

NEW CLOCK AT BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

A very large clock has just been erected upon the parish church, Burnley, Lancashire, which shows time on two illuminated dials each 6 feet across, chimes the Westminster quarters and strikes the hours upon a large bell. It is fitted with all the latest improvements so as to keep perfectly accurate time. The work has been carried out by the celebrated firm of John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

ILFORD, ESSEX.—DEFECTIVE CONDITION OF THE TOWER.

Doubtless many of our readers will remember that in recording a 720 of Bob Minor rang at St. Mary's, Ilford, last May, that it was intimated that the tower was in a dangerous condition, and that shortly there would be no alternative but to suspend the practices. We believe it was entirely through the paragraph which appeared in our columns, that the attention of the authorities was called to the matter, for shortly after the tower was examined by a professional gentleman, who has reported that the entire structure is, to use a common expression, "all to pieces," and its downfall long since has only been prevented by the soundness of the material used in its erection twenty years ago. There can be but little doubt that in order to make it thoroughly sound, entire rebuilding is absolutely necessary. We understand, however, that the authorities are recommended by another professional gentleman to support the present walls (eighteen inches), by an additional brickwork of the same thickness. Whatever is done, it is to be hoped that there will not be any second attempt at "Jerry building." Of course under such an unfavourable report ringing was at once stopped, and the annoucement that such is the case has been received among the members of the Essex Association with regret, for those acquainted with the local band had watched the tact and skill they had displayed in gaining a preliminary knowledge of the science, and there could be no doubt but having the advantage of so light a peal for practice—if properly restored—they would have become a talented band. It is to be hoped that the suspension may not be of a long duration, but that the desire of the inhabitants to hear again what would prove if rehung upon a modern principle in a properly constructed tower, a good musical ring, may lead to sufficient liberality to make a speedy and complete restoration.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.—DEATH OF A RINGER.

It is with a feeling of deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. John Wade, jun., who for several years was one of the company at the above place. He passed away on Monday morning, September 6th, after a long and painful affliction. He had rung ten peals of 5000 and upwards, the first being a 5040 of Grandsire Triples on March 5th, 1875. On July 29th, 1879, 5040 of Grandsire Triples; August 10th, 1880, 5280 Kent Treble Bob Major; September 21st, 1880, 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major; March 1st, 1881, 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major; May 31st, 1881, 5144 Kent Treble Bob Major; September 20th, 1881, 5120 Oxford Treble Bob Major; November 22nd, 1881, 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major; February 14th, 1882, 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major. December 12th, 1882, 5184 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. He would have rung many more peals, but had to stand out, owing to not being well enough to take part in them. The funeral took place on Saturday, September 11th, and the coffin bore the following inscription:—

John W. Wade.
Died September 6th, 188[illegible]
Aged 36 years.

Owing to the harvest, the usual muffled peal had to be postponed till Friday, September 17th, when the company met and rang with the bells muffled, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1120 changes. W. Oxer, 1; H. Eagling, 2; G. Edwards, 3; R. Hutton, 4; C. Everett, 5; W. Nudds, 6; J. Woods, 7; J. Mordey (conductor), 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Second Quarterly Meeting will be held at Loughborough, on Saturday, October 9th, 1886, full particulars of which will appear in our next issue.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*
5, *St. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.*

The ringers of St. Mary's, Chepstow, wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the churchwardens of St. Mary's, for their generous gift of the 12 sweetly toned handbells lately purchased. The bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank, and are in B natural, size 16, and do credit to that firm. The ringers on Saturday celebrated the event by ringing a few lapped courses of Bob Triples, and also some 6-scores of Bob Doubles, and hope to give a better account of their abilities later on.

LITTLE HEATH HARVEST FESTIVAL.—In reporting the above the *Essex Times* says "Mr. E. Vinen presided at the organ with his usual ability, and materially contributed to the success of the services by his masterly execution. On the Sunday evening his services were again invaluable."

CAMPANOLOGY SEVENTY YEARS AGO.

Mr. C. W. Holdich, "a ringer for more than 50 years," writes from Peterboro' suggesting the reprinting from the *Mercury* of June 7, 1816, of a letter on campanology, which he believes would interest many of our readers. "The ringers of Nottingham, Boston, and Newark," says Mr. Holdich, "would see what their fathers did." And he adds, "There has always been a doubt whether the *whole* peal on eight bells was ever rung. The letter in question tends to confirm that it was." The letter, *verbatim et literatim*, is as follows:—

"I read in your last week's paper with a very great deal of satisfaction, an account of Holt's celebrated peal of 'Grandsire Triples,' consisting of 5040 changes, having been rung at Newark on the 16th inst, in three hours and thirty-five minutes, by a Society of Gentlemen of that town, nothing of the kind having been attempted *there* for more than 40 years: I say, it gave me peculiar pleasure to be informed that this noble exercise, both for the body and mind, has been revived in that town, and I will also allow, has stamped infinite credit, for its accurate performance, upon the gentlemen who undertook and completed the arduous task; yet, I must beg leave to caution them, as they are juvenile performers, not to be too much elated on the occasion, as if the thing was almost unprecedented—bnt to attend to a recital of a few, amongst many other in my recollection, of remarkable exertions, both physical and mental, in this ingenious art. And first, then, as to bodily labour: In the month of April, 1761, *fourteen men only* rang a complete peal of "Bob Major," 40,320 changes, upon the eight bells, at Leeds, in Kent, in a little less than *twenty-eight hours!* being the only attempt of the kind upon record. On Shrove Tuesday, 1775, a Society at Nottingham rang, upon the ten bells at St. Mary's there, *eleven thousand three hundred and forty* 'Grandsire Cators!' The time very near *seven hours and a half!* The late Wm D. Crofts, a solicitor, of that place, ringing the whole time the *ninth bell*, which is considerably heavier than the seventh at Newark: Francis Draper, who rang the eighth at the same time, is still living. And on the eighth of February, 1773, Holt's peal of 5040 changes, as at Newark, was rang at Boston (it is true in less time than at the former place), when the *eighth* bell, the cover, was rang by one Mark Mathers *alone*, he being then 78 years of age. Boston bells are about the same weight as those at Newark. Thus far for physical exertion. Now for a specimen or two of mental energies:—In the year 1788, a person rang BLINDFOLD, at the first attempt, the fifth bell, at Bingham (the number is six), through 720 changes of 'College Single Bob'—the time half an hour; and the truth of this being questioned, a deputation of ringers from Nottingham went to Bingham to ascertain the fact, when a wager being proposed and accepted, the same extraordinary feat was again performed, in excellent style, in the presence of the Nottingham gentlemen. The same person also, in a peal of Grandsire upon five hand-bells (120 changes), rang the whole hunt and half ditto completely through at one and the same time!

AN OLD CAMPANILOGIAN.

The paragraph referred to appeared in the *Mercury* of May, 1816:—"We are informed that the amateurs in the science of Change Ringing had a gratifying treat at Newark on Thursday the 16th inst., by hearing Holt's difficult peal of 5040 changes, or grandsire triples, excellently well rung in 3 hours and 35 minutes—an effort which has not been attempted in that place during the last 40 years.—The regularity of the striking, like the admirable tone of the bells, could scarcely be surpassed.

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13	3	1	5th ..	Thomas Burrell
15	1	11	6th ..	John Young
20	1	7	7th ..	Sam. Brown, conductor
28	1	7	Tenor ..	W. Calvert and Jas. Corby

Other able ringers were precluded by the limits of the peal. It is worthy of remark, that the day selected for this performance was the anniversary of the casting of two of the larger bells, 103 years since. Those unacquainted with the principle of calculation to which Holt's peal affords scope, and upon which this manly exercise is founded, may appreciate in some degree the proficiency such a successful undertaking requires, when it is considered that a single lapse or error in 40,320 vibrations, would inevitably defeat the arduous task: nor will it escape the curious observer, that the manual exertions of the ringers repeated the evolution of the bells upon their several axes of their entire weight (about 12,000 lbs.) in varied succession 5040 times without rest or intermission; in executing which, the unceasing claim upon their mental energies must exceed that of their bodily labour. The ringers and their friends afterwards dined at Mr. Gregory's, the Black Swan, and the day (which will be memorable to them from having effectually rescued the belfry from the long existing reproach of 'Good bells ill run') was concluded in the most happy and convivial manner."—*Stamford Mercury.*

TOUCHES OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES FOR YOUNG CONDUCTORS.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

A number of ringers having written to me for short touches in the above method, I shall endeavour through the medium of your valuable paper to publish some of the most musical touches, so that my young friends may have their choice. I shall write them out by the course-ends, so that their qualities may be seen at a glance, and to simplify the matter, I shall also endeavour to explain the meaning of the different terms used. And by carefully following the instructions here given, I have no doubt but that benefit will accrue to some. I will now commence with a touch of 112 by the course-ends and also in full, viz., the lead ends.

112.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 3

3 2 4 5 7 6 – –
2 3 4 5 6 7 – –

112

2 3 4 5 6 7

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

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

The marks – under the figures 1 and 3 at the touch by the course-ends, my readers will find by referring to the lead-ends of the same touch written out in full that a bob is called the first lead, then a plain lead, bob at the third lead, then another plain lead, which will complete the first course-end, viz., 324576, then repeating the above will complete the touch. I trust that I make myself fully understood by my readers. Here is another touch of 224, which is called in the following manner:

224

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 3 4

5 4 3 2 7 6 – s –

Repeated.

A bob the first lead, then a plain lead, single the third lead, bob the fourth lead, and then four plain leads, when the course-end 543 76 will come up, then repeat the calling once. It will now be seen by this time that the courses do not contain the same number of leads, some having only three leads, others more. There cannot be more than four plain leads after the last call marked before the course-end comes. Now having explained the meaning of the marks or calls at the course-ends, I will pass to another feature, viz., the music. The tittums position is considered the best that can be got which is 6,7, behind, with the fifth in fourth's place, or a 7,5,6 at course-ends, the 5,6,7 coursing down one after the other, then comes the home position, that is 5,6,7 course-end. Then again the next best music is the handstroke position the course-end is 7,6, with the 5th in 4th's place or the 6,5,7's. Then again we have the Queen's position, which is 4,6 behind, the music of this position is added to greatly by the 2nd dodging in 4-5, which produces a 2,4,6 behind. Some like the Whittingtons position, which is 3,4,6 behind, and it is certainly very pretty. What is meant by the set changes is Queen's 13572468, Tittums 15263748, and Whittington 12753468, I mention these having been asked to. Having now I think sufficiently explained the meaning of the different terms used, I will proceed with my self-allotted task, viz., touches, both handstroke and back-stroke.

97.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3

4 3 5 2 6 7 s s
3 2 5 4 7 6 s –

112.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 3

3 2 4 5 7 6 – –
2 3 4 5 6 7 – –

126.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 3

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

140.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3

3 4 5 2 6 7 s –
5 4 2 3 6 7 s s
2 3 4 5 6 7 – s

153.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3

3 4 5 2 6 7 s –
4 3 5 2 7 6 – –
3 2 5 4 7 6 – –

167.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3

3 5 4 2 7 6 s –
4 3 5 2 7 6 – –
3 2 5 4 7 6 – –

168.

2 3 4 5 6 7

3 4 2 5 6 7 –

Twice repeated.

167.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3

5 3 4 2 6 7 s
4 5 3 2 6 7 – –
3 2 5 4 7 6 s s

168.

2 3 4 5 6 7 2 4

3 5 7 2 4 6 s s

Twice repeated.

Queens & tittums.

111.

2 3 4 5 6 7 2 3

4 5 3 2 7 6 s s
3 2 5 4 7 6 – s

125.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 4

5 3 6 2 4 7 – –
3 2 5 4 7 6 – s

139.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 4

3 4 2 5 6 7 –
3 2 5 4 7 6 s s s

153.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3

3 4 5 2 6 7 s –
4 2 5 3 7 6 s –
3 2 5 4 7 6 s

154.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4

5 3 4 2 6 7 s
4 2 3 5 6 7 – s
2 3 4 5 6 7 –

168.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2

4 2 3 5 6 7 – –

Twice repeated.

168.

2 3 4 5 6 7 2 3

3 5 4 2 6 7 – –

Twice repeated.

168.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4

4 5 3 2 6 7 – s
5 3 4 2 6 7 –
2 3 4 5 6 7 s

153.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4

3 4 5 2 6 7 s –
4 5 3 2 6 7 –
3 2 5 4 7 6 s s

195.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 4

4 2 3 5 6 7 – –
3 1 2 5 6 7 – –
3 2 5 4 7 6 s s s

209.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3

3 4 5 2 6 7 s –
4 2 5 3 6 7 – –
2 3 5 4 6 7 – –
3 2 5 4 7 6 – –

209.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3

3 4 5 2 6 7 s –
2 4 5 3 6 7 s
4 3 5 2 7 6 s –
3 2 5 4 7 6 – –

223.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3

3 2 4 5 7 6 – –
2 5 4 3 7 6 – –
4 2 5 3 7 6 – –
3 2 5 4 7 6 s

224.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 3 4

4 3 5 2 6 7 s s
3 5 2 4 6 7 s –
5 2 4 3 6 7 s –
4 2 3 5 6 7 s s
2 3 4 5 6 7 –

224.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 3 4

4 3 5 2 6 7 s s
3 5 2 4 6 7 s –
5 2 4 3 6 7 s –
4 2 3 5 6 7 s s
2 3 4 5 6 7 –

265.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3

4 3 5 2 6 7 s –
3 5 2 4 6 7 s –
5 2 4 3 6 7 s –
4 2 3 5 6 7 s s
2 3 4 5 6 7 –

265.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3

4 3 5 2 6 7 s s
3 5 2 4 6 7 – –
5 2 4 3 6 7 s
2 3 5 4 6 7 – –
3 2 5 4 7 6 – –

209.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3

3 4 5 2 6 7 s –
4 2 5 3 6 7 – –
2 3 5 4 6 7 – –
3 2 5 4 7 6 – –

210.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4 7

3 5 4 2 6 7 – –
5 4 2 3 7 6 – – – –
2 3 4 5 6 7 s s

224.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 3 4

2 3 4 5 7 6 – – s

Repeated

265.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3

3 4 5 2 6 7 s –
4 2 5 3 6 7 – –
5 2 4 3 7 6 s –
4 3 5 2 7 6 s –
3 2 5 4 7 6 – –

266.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4

3 4 5 2 6 7 s –
4 2 5 3 6 7 – –
5 4 2 3 6 7 – –
4 3 2 5 6 7 – –
2 3 4 5 6 7 s

321.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3

3 4 5 2 6 7 s –
4 2 5 3 6 7 – –
2 3 5 4 6 7 – –
5 3 2 4 6 7
3 4 5 2 7 6 s –
4 2 5 3 7 6 – –
2 3 5 4 7 6 s

Three 5-6-7's & 5-7-6's at hand.

324.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4

4 3 5 2 6 7 s s
3 2 5 4 6 7 – –
2 5 3 4 6 7 –
5 3 2 4 6 7 –
3 4 2 5 6 7 – –
2 3 4 5 6 7 – –

335.

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

5 3 2 7 6 4 – s – –
2 5 3 6 4 7 – – – –
3 2 5 4 7 6 – – – –

Queens and tittums at hand.

336.

2 3 4 5 6 7 1 4 6 7

3 5 7 2 4 6 – – – –

Twice repeated.

Queens and tittums.

336.

2 3 4 5 6 7 2 3 5 8

3 5 7 2 4 6 – – – –

Twice repeated.

Queens and tittums.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1886.

The Metropolis.

PUTNEY, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 18, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

BENJAMIN E. BATTRUM	*Treble.*	JOHN M. HAYES	5.
JAMES W. DRIVER	2.	*RICHARD T. WOODLEY	6.
GEORGE T. MCLAUGHLIN	3.	CHALLIS F. WINNY	7.
WALTER BIDWELL*	4.	SAMUEL HOW	*Tenor.*

Conducted by BENJAMIN E. BATTRUM.

*First peal with a bob bell. This was the conductor's (who is 20 years of age) first attempt at calling, and he rang his first peal on September 28th, 1885.

The Provinces.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

Farewell Peal.

On Thursday, September 9, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

S. WILKINSON*	*Treble.*	S. BURTON	5.
REV. W. W. C. BAKER	2.	J. HICKMAN	6.
A. R. PEET	3.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUNR., ESQ.	7.
H. W. ABBOTT	4.	*J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN., ESQ.

*First peal. The above was rung as a farewell peal to Messrs. Wilkinson and Peet, who are now on their way to Australia.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 14, 1886, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

CHARLES CASH	*Treble.*	*ALFRED CROSS	6.
THOMAS THORPE†	2.	*WILLIAM J. SEVIER	7.
THOMAS G. DOWNS	3.	JAMES THORPE	8.
JOHN E. POLLITT	4.	A. EDWARD WREAKS	9.
GEORGE E. TURNER	5.	JAMES PARKINSON	*Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. C. Cash hails from Eccles, the rest are of the Cathedral company.

BURTON-ON TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, September 14, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

JOHN JAGGAR	*Treble.*	HARRY WAKLEY	5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE	2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY	3.	THOMAS HOLMES	7.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW	4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY	*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

This is a two-part peal, and is the first peal in two equal parts ever rung in this method.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 16, 1886, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HEBER DERBYSHIRE	*Treble.*	FREDK. DERBYSHIRE	5.
GEORGE LEA	2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE	6.
JAMES H. RIDYARD	3.	JOHN BAGULEY	7.
JOSEPH DERBYSHIRE	4.	RICHARD RIDYARD	*Tenor.*

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

The above are of the Local Company. This is the first peal of Major on the bells, and the first peal in the method by all except the brothers Ridyard; also the first peal conducted by Richard Ridyard.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at Birstall, on Saturday, October 2nd, by the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Kemp. A short service will be held in the parish church at 4.30, when the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, Berks., and Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, will preach a special sermon to the members of the Association. At 5.30 the Birstall Branch will entertain the Association to a knife and fork tea in the Church schools. The Committee respectfully urge all members to be present at the service in the Church. W. WHITAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 16, 1886, *in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVE'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

THOMAS THORPE .. .. ..*Treble.*	JAMES THORPE .. .. .. 5.
JAMES BARRATT .. .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER.. .. 6.
THOMAS YATES .. .. .. 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIMSHAW .. .. 4.	SAMUEL WEST .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

Messrs. Barratt, Yates and Grimshaw are of the local company, the rest hail from Manchester.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

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

On Friday, September 17, *in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL GRETTON .. ..*Treble.*	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 2.	JOHN JAGGAR .. .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 3.	THOMAS HOLMES .. .. 7.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by W. WAKLEY.

This is a one-part peal, and contains the 4th twelve course-ends, and the 6th nine course-ends in 6th's place.

STALYBRIDGE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1886, *in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HEAP.. .. .. ..*Treble.*	JAMES BARRETT.. .. .. 5.
HUGH SHAW.. .. .. .. 2.	SANUEL WOOD .. .. .. 6.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN .. .. 3.	JOHN THORP .. .. .. 7.
A. E. HOLME .. .. .. 4.	GEORGE LONGDEN .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed and conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1886, *in Three Hours,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

F. GARMAN .. ..*Treble.*	T. ANDREWS .. .. .. 5.
W. SHORT .. .. 2.	H. CHANDLER .. .. .. 6.
W. WADEY .. .. 3.	H. BURSTOW .. .. .. 7.
H. COOK .. .. 4.	H. WOOD.. .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by H. BURSTOW.

This is the first time this peal is supposed to have been rung.

PATTINGHAM, NR. WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 18, *in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN JAGGAR .. .. ..*Treble.*	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 2.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 3.	THOMAS HOLMES .. .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. .. 4.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW ..*Tenor.*

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

This is a one-part peal, containing the 4th and 6th respectively twelve and nine course-ends in 6th's place, and it is now rung for the first time.

WEST BROMWICH.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ACRHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 18, 1886, *in Two Hours, Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. THURSTON'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM ROCK SMALL ..*Treble.*	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 5.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. .. 2.	*JOSEPH LAWTON .. .. 6.
JOHN ASTBURY .. .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HALLSWORTH .. 7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 4.	CHARLES PRICE .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. This is the first peal rung in the method by this Association. Messrs. Hallsworth, Lawton and Astbury hail from Walsall; Smith, Darlaston, Reynolds, from Aston; and the rest from West Bromwich.

CARSHALTON.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 20, 1886, *in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt. in Ab.

JOHN PLOWMAN .. .. ..*Treble.*	†A. B. CARPENTER, ESQ. .. 5.
EDGAR BENNETT* .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM STATES .. .. 6.
URBAN HOLMAN* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. 7.
THOMAS VERRALL* .. .. 4.	JAMES W. TRAPPITT.. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. BURKIN.

*First peal of Union. †First peal of Union with a bob bell. Messrs. Holman, Verral, States, and Dr. Carpenter hail from Croydon; the rest belong to Beddington.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, HERTS. AND ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS, AND THE ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, September 21, 1886, *in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 30 cwt. Eb.

TOM GRANT .. ..*Treble.*	†W. BATTLE .. .. .. 5.
JOHN C. MITCHELL* .. .. 2.	*EBENEZER HULKS .. .. 6.
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3.	NEWMAN N. HILLS .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 4.	*HENRY L. WADDINGTON..*Tenor.*

Conducted by NEWMAN NORWOOD HILLS.

*First peal. †First peal inside. This is the first peal by the Cathedral Society, which was established January 1st, 1884. All the above with one exception were taught change-ringing by the conductor.

Date Touches.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, September 19th, for early service in the morning, being the Harvest Festival, a date touch (1886 changes), being 446 of Bob Minor (eleven bobs and two singles), and a 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob with nine bobs each, in 1 hour 7 mins. H. Chapman, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; T. Foote, 3; M. Warwick, 4; S. Cullip, 5; J. Hills, 6. Tenor 7 cwt. in B. Also on Monday, September 20th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1886 changes), in 1 hour 17 mins. F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Allen, 3; S. Cullip, 4; T. Foote, 5; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 6; J. Hills, 7; H. Chapman, 8. Tenor 27 cwt. in D. The above was rung on the occasion of a River Fête at Bedford, and also on Mr. F. Keech attaining his 33rd birthday, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, September 19th, for Divine service, a date touch (1886 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hour 10 mins., containing the Queens, tittums, and the twelve 7-4's and 7-6's. A. Hobday, 1; O. James, 2; W. James, 3; T. Allbutt, 4; G. Morris, 5; W. Rea, 6; G. Hayward (composer and conductor), 7; G. Bourne, 8. All members of the Worcester and adjoining District Association, except the ringers of the treble and third.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Tuesday, September 14th, at the parish church, a date touch (1886 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. in the following

methods: 120 of New London Pleasure, 50 of Grandsire Doubles, 60 of Bob Doubles, 216 of Bob Minor, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains (conductor), 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Harvey, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. J. Piper, 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, September 16th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). S. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; T. Foote, 3; H. Chapman, 4; M. Warwick (conductor), 5; J. Hills, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. Also a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Chapman, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. M. Smith, 3; J. Hills, 4; M. Warwick, 5; T. Foote, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (taken from the Clavis), S. Cullip, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Chapman, 6. And on Sunday, September 19th, for Divine service in the morning, a 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; T. Foote, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. Cullip, 5; J. Hills, 6. Also for Divine service in the evening, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), J. Hills, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; S. Cullip, 5; H. Chapman, 6. And a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). S. Cullip, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Chapman, 6. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, September 13th, at St. Paul's belfry, for practice, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. W. Clarke 1-2; T. Foote, 3; J. Hills, 4; H. Chapman, 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all and at the first attempt.

BROMHAM (Beds.)—On Saturday, September 18th, at St. Owen's church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; T. Foote, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; W. Allen, 4; W. Biggs, 5; J. Hills, 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). H. Chapman, 1; F. Keech, 2; F. M. Smith, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Allen, 6. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles), J. Hills, 1; *F. M. Smith, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; H. Chapman, 4; *W. Biggs, 5; *W. Allen, 6. *First 720 in the method, also on the bells.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

BROMSGROVE.—On Saturday evening, September 18th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2,500 changes, in 1 hour 34 mins., it came to grief through a change course occurring. A. Hobday, 1; W. Rea (conductor), 2; W. James, 3; E. Crump, 4; T. Allbutt, 5; G. Bourne, 6; G. Hayward, 7; O. James, 8.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On September 7th, at SS. Mary and Nicolas, a 720 of London Singles. R. Skeef, 1; C. Neaverson, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; R. Mackman, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; G. Skeef, 6. Also on September 12th, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. And on September 14th a 2310 of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 24 mins. R. Jarvis, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; G. Skeef, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; J. W. Jarvis, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturdry evening, 720 of Bob Minor, 8 bobs and 10 singles. B. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Tuesday, September 14th, at the parish church, being the occasion of the marriage of A. V. Prior, Esq., with the Countess Witton, five of the local company, assisted by Mr. G. Livermore (of Waterford Cathedral, Ireland), rang a 504 and several other touches of Kent Treble Bob, and in the evening a 720 of Bob Minor and 216 of Oxford Treble Bob. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains (conductor), 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Harvey, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. J. Piper, 6. Also on Sunday, for afternoon service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains (conductor), 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Lincoln (Writtle, first 720 in the method), 4; A. Turban, 5; W. Harvey, 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Sunday, September 19th, at St. Andrew's church, for Divine service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; J. W. Thompson, 2; H. C. Woodward, 3; W. B. Midgley, 4; T. Alton, 5; G. Mottashaw (conductor), 6; C. E. Hart, 7; C. Sidley, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in Eb.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 19th, at St. Paul's church, for Divine service in the morning, a 720 of Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), in 25½ mins. And for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 25½ mins., the band standing as before. On Monday evening, September 20th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles), in 25 mins. J. Brookes, 1; A. Potter, 2; J. Worthington (conductor) 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 21st, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. C. Byde, 1; R. Moss, 2; G. Woodiss, 3; T. Cooley, 4; G. Gray, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6; also 360 of Cambridge Surprise, G. Woodiss, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Byde, 3; T. Cooley, 4; T. Strutt, 5; S. Frost, 6.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 19th, at St. Mary's church, for service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 25 mins. G. Byde, 1; Burtonshaw, 2; G. C. Scowen, 3; Cooley, 4; C. Byde, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Burtonshaw hails from Mitcham; G. C. Scowen from Hadleigh, Suffolk; the rest are the local company

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, September 20th, at All Saints church, 1080 of Grandsire Caters. F. Owen, 1; W. Powell, 2; H. Pheasant, 3; W. Jenkins, 4; G. Cleal, 5; J. Horton, 6; H. Wilkes (conductor), 7; W. Page, 8; T. Gwynn, 9; T. Malin, 10. Also a course of Stedman Triples by Gwynn, Powell, Horton, Wilkes, C. J. Rice, Cleal, Page and Malin.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, September 14th, on account of the marriage of Miss Ellis, of the Monks, Balcombe, the following was rang: 720 of Oxford Bob—T. Streeter, 1; A. Stoner, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6; also 720 of Warnham Court Bob, R. Streeter, 1; A. Stoner, 2; J. Gasson, 3; H. Meads, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6; 720 Plain Bob, T. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; E. Streeter, 4; H. Meads, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6; 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, T. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6; also 360 of College Single Bob Minor, R. Streeter, 1; *A. Stoner, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6; finishing up with three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, J. Whittingdon, 1; R. Streeter, 2; E. Streeter, 3; R. Bourn, 4; J. Gasson (conductor), 5; J. Cheeseman, 6. On Thursday 16th, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, A. Stoner, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; H. Meads, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6; also on Sunday, 16th inst., being the Harvest Thanksgiving Day, 720 of Oxford Bob for morning service, T. Streeter, 1; A. Stoner, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6; also, in the evening, 720 of Plain Bob, R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; J. Gasson, 3; H. Meads, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. *First attempt with a bob bell in the method.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, September 14th, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; W. Sadler, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6. Also on September 21st, at St. Michael's Church, for practice, a 720 College Single Minor in 25 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On September 16th, 120 of Grandsire and 120 of Bob Doubles. J. Poplett, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor) 5. 120 Bob Doubles, Fred. Sanders, 1; F. Arnold, 2; R. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5.

BURLEY (Near Birmingham).—On Thursday, September 19th, at St. Matthias' church, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 minutes. R. F. Lunn, 1: J. Bennert, 2; J. W. Atkinson (first 720 in the method), 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; J. Brittain, 5; H. Lindsay (conductor), 6. Also for Divine service, on Sunday evening, September 19th, a 480 in the same method, with eight bobs and two singles. R. F. Lunn, 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; J. W. Atkinson, 3; *G. H. Hoyle, 4; *W. E. Kershaw, 5; H. Lindsay (conductor), 6. *Longest touch in the method.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Wednesday, 15th inst., at St. Peter's church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 20 mins. W. W. Scott, 1; *T. Warren, 2; †J. Kettle, 3-4; G. Dent (conductor), 5-6. *First 720. †Totally blind.

CLENT (Worcestershire),—On Tuesday the 14th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. M. Thilvock, 1; W. Boughton, 2; C. Boughton, 3; F. Cartwright, 4; W. Huxley, 5; H. Martin (conductor, 6. This is the first 720 by Messrs. Boughton and Cartwright.

DISS (Norfolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Wednesday, 15th inst., at the house of Mr. W. Ireland, a plain course of Stedman, Grandsire

Bob Triples, and Treble Bob Triples, Grandsire Major, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Major, W Ireland, 1-2; J. Souter, 3-4; J Smith, 2-6; J. Rudd, 7-8.

EXETER (Devon).—On Sunday, September 19th, at St. Sidwell's church, before service in the morning, 293 of Grandsire Triples, in 27 mins. T. Townsend, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; E. Shepherd 4; W. Mundy, 5; E Pitt (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; C. Carter, 8. Also for Divine service in the evening 1050 of Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. T. Townsend, 1; E. Shepherd (conductor), 2; E. Pitt, 3; A. Shepherd, 4; W. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; C Carter (first 1050), 8. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, September 11th, 392 of Grandsire Triples. E. Pitt, 1-2; E. Shepherd, 3-4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5-6; A. Shepherd, 7-8. And on September 18th 280 in the same method. E. Pitt, 1-2; F. Shepherd, 3-4; E. Shepherd, 5-6; A. Shepherd, 7-8.

HARBORNE (Near Birmingham).—On Friday, September 19th, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. *A. Roberts, 1; *W Pennitt, 2; J. Day, 3; A. Thomas (conductor), 4; H. Bradley, 5; T. Gibbs, 6. This 720 contains a call every treble lead, and was composed by Mr. Henry Johnson, senr., and first called by him on the 11th November, 1829, at St. John's Deritend, Birmingham. Quite unexpectedly, the above named gentleman paid us a visit on Friday last, and expressed himself well pleased with hearing the first 720 rung by the society, the more so as it was one of his own composition. *First 720.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, September 12th, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. T Titchener, 1; T. Gleed, 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 6.

LITTLE HEATH (Essex).—On Sunday evening, September 12th previous to Harvest Thanksgiving Services, in addition to several 120's of Grandsire Doubles, a 120 of Stedman Doubles. A. Porter, 1; B. Keeble, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; E. Vinen, 4; J. Pye, 5.

MELBOURNE (Australia),—On Tuesday evening, June 22nd, at St James' Cathedral, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-six bobs and twenty-two singles), in 27 mins. Mr. Crang (Timbury, Somerset), 1; Mr. Shenton (Hillingdon, Middlesex), 2; Mr. Heather (Victoria), 3; Mr. W. Albinson (Stockport, Cheshire), 4; Mr. Guest (Stafford), 5; Mr. Murray (Victoria), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in F♯. Conducted by W. Albinson, who is also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Also on the same evening, 300 of Grandsire Triples, by the same members, assisted by Messrs. Clarke and Kilburn. This society was formed three years ago for the purpose of learning change-ringing and is composed of thirty members, and it is their intention to try and accomplish the 5040. There is only one peal of bells which the society has control over, and that has only been recently augmented from six to eight.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Tuesday evening, Sept 21st. (being the day of the funeral of the Rev. Canon Moses, late vicar of the parish), with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect, 1316 containing the twenty-four 6-7's, in 50 mins. *E. Hughes, 1; *W. Fox 2; C. Wilkinson (first quarter peal with a bob bell), 3; *H. Denman, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; G. H. Johnson, 6; W. Lee, 7; *E Smith, 8. *First quarter peal.

OLD CLEEVE (Somerset).—On Saturday evening, September 18th, at St. Andrew's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins., and several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. E. Hole, 1; Amos Cresser, 2; R. Hole, 3; S. Smith, 4; C. B. Craze (conductor), 5; W. W. Thrush, 6. This is the first 720 on the bells. And on Tuesday evening, September 21st, a few members of the Dunster Guild with Messrs. Smith and Cresser, of the Loughborough Foundry, and the Rev. H. A. Cockey, visited this place, and rang before the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, which was held at 7.30, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. Edw. Hole, 1; Robert Hole, 2; S. Smith, 3; A. Cresser, 4; Rev. J. U. Todd, 5; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 6. Some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were also rung, conducted by C. B. Craze. The service over an interesting presentation was made in the belfry by the Rev. W. W. Herringham, in the name of the Old Cleeve ringers, to the Rev. G. J. Ford, Curate of Old Cleeve, who is leaving the parish. The ropes were then again handled by the Dunster party, standing in the above order, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung, in 26 mins. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

PENZANCE (Cornwall).—At St. Mary's church, for morning service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, September 19th, 1008 of Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. *W. Tyack (London), 1; *J. Symonds (conductor), 2; J. Richards, 3; J. Boase, 4; M. Hicks, 5; J. Hodder, 6; C. Boase, 7; J. Kelynack, 8. This is the greatest length of Triples rung by W. Tyack, also by M. Hicks on a bob bell. *College Youths.

PONTEFRACT (Yorkshire).—On Monday evening, September 20th, at St. Giles church, a quarter-peal (1260 changes), Bob Triples, in 47 mins. J. Smithers, 1; C. Watts, 2; J. Pollard, 3; S. Brook, 4; A. B. Pearson, 5; G. Booth, 6; W. Pearson (conductor), 7; J. Carter, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. This is the first quarter-peal in the method by all.

RIPPLE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 19th, the Deerhurst company visited this place, and rung for afternoon service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. T. Everness, 1; C. Willis, 2; H. Roberts (conductor), 3; C. Roles, 4; G. Willis, 5; J. Bartlett, 6. And three 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. Also after service a 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins. T. Everness, 1; C. Willis, 2; C. Roles, 3; H. Roberts, 4; G. Willis, 5; J. Bartlett (conductor), 6.

SPROUGHTON (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday, September 19th, at the house of Mr. C. Mee, a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal and a course of Grandsire Caters. T. Steward, 1-2; C. Mee, 3-4; J. Motts, 5-6; A. R. Aldham, 7-8; F. Mee, 9-10. Also a course of Stedman Triples. C. Mee, 1-2; A. R. Aldham, 3-4; J. Motts, 5-6; F. Mee, 7-8.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Thursday evening, September 9th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. G. Hayes, 1; T. M. Stedman, 2; F. Hayes, 3; G. Martin, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. T. M. Stedman hails from Capel, Surrey. And on Monday, September 20th, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 27 mins. W. Martin, 1; F. J. Ring (first 720 in the method), 2; G. Hayes (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; F. Hayes, 4; G. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Tuesday evening, September 14th, for practice at All Hallows Church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, thirty-two bobs and two singles, in 27 mins. R. Bagnall, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; T. Grove, 3; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; W. Pye English, 6. Also on Sunday, September 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. A. Hubbard, 1; J. Waghorn, jun., (conductor), 2; H. A. Barnett, 3; T. Langran, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; W. Pye English, 6; J. Waghorn, sen., 7; C. Davidson, 8.

THE BROOK (Lancashire).—On Saturday, the 18th, at St. John the Baptist, eight members of the Liverpool Youths started for a peal of Stedman Triples. Twenty-five courses were rung when "stand" was called, owing to the bad going of the tenor. R. Williams, 1; J. R. Pritchard, 2; T. Hammond, 3; W. Booth, 4; J. Brown, 5; W. Davies, 6; Robert Williams (conductor), 7; R. Diggle, 8. It is a misfortune for a good peal of bells like these to be spoiled owing to the tenor being always out of order; it is to be hoped that the vicar and churchwardens will soon be able to get it put right by a competent man, and especially as a young set is learning.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association will take place on Saturday, October 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton. There will be a service at 3.30 p.m, at which the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Davenport Kelly, M.A., rector of St. Matthew's, Manchester. Tea will be provided in the schoolroom at 5 p.m., tickets 1s. each. The business meeting will be at 6 p.m., when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. All those who intend to be present at the tea are requested to send in their names to Mr. J. Redford, 9, Portugal-street, Bolton (from whom tickets may be obtained), not later than September 25th. Ringers, not being members, who care to attend will be cordially welcomed. The towers of the parish church of St. Peter, as well as those of Holy Trinity, All Saints', and St. George's will be open for ringing after the meeting. Members who have not yet paid their subscription for the past year, are requested to send it as soon as possible to Mr. Redford, in order that the list of members may be complete for insertion in the report.

A. E. HOLME,
J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Braintree (six bells), on Saturday, September 25th. Ringing to commence at 11.30. The towers of Bocking (six bells), two miles from Braintree; Rayne (five bells), two miles; and Stisted (six bells), three miles, will also be open to members, and the schoolroom at Braintree will be open for ringing during the day. Meat Tea at the "Wheatsheaf" Inn, at 5 p.m. Business Meeting immediately after the tea. Tickets sixpence each to members, may be obtained from the Secretary up to Tuesday, September 21st, after which date the price will be one shilling. Return tickets will be issued by the G.E.R. at a single fare and a quarter to members who show at the Booking Office their E.A.C.R. receipts for the present year, provided that they inform the Secretary *before September 21st*, from what station they start. T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*

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."

PRIZE RINGING CONTESTS.

SIR,—I was sorry to see last week in the pages of your paper, a notice of another "Prize Ringing Contest" to take place this time somewhere in Yorkshire, and what is stranger than all, coupled with the name of a gentleman acknowledged to be one of the leading lights of the change-ringing exercise. Your paper professes itself to be conducted as a Church of England newspaper. May I therefore be allowed as a Churchman to entering humble protest against the publication and consequently implied sanction of such notices as the one above referred to. You, by your editorial comment, some weeks ago, on the occasion of a round-ringing prize contest, in a part of the country not perhaps so enlightened upon ringing matters as Yorkshire is, condemn such contests in *toto*. How much more then will those of our fraternity who desire the true advancement of the art of change-ringing, and love it both for its own sake and as a branch of church work, while applauding the emulation general amongst bands of our Yorkshire friends, regret that they should be led to not only countenance and take part in any such performance as a Prize contest, but especially to drag down our beautiful art into the same. Truly the art of change-ringing has had enough already in the past to struggle against in obtaining public recognition, even in our own "Ringing Island," without its modern professors dragging it down. To use your own words Mr. Editor, as near as I can recollect them "Would a prize contest between organists be allowed in the church?" Why, then, should the poor bells be thus desecrated? I hope that you will find space for a few remarks upon this new proposed misapplication of the Exercise. "STAFFORDSHIRE."

FALSE COMPOSITION.

SIR,—The peal of Treble Bob Major by Mr. S. Marsh, is false, the third and fourth course with the tenth and eleventh, the peal will run true by using alternate calling in certain courses, but it takes away the qualities of the peal. I just write this to stop anyone from ringing the peal, as we started for the same at Manchester Cathedral, on Saturday, September 11th, and nearly had the peal, which would have been very unpleasant had we been successful. I had not time to prove it before going, but did so on coming home. S. WOOD.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Will any brother string kindly forward me a Plain Lead, Bob, and a Single of Warnham Court Bob Minor, and the method for ringing it, for the good of a six-bell company, we having no account of it in any book. M. WARWICK.

15, *Princes Street, Bedford.*

BELLS IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. W. H. Fussell's five bell peals, there is a good ring of five at Tingewick, which is about two and a half miles from Buckingham, tenor about 20 cwt. There is about forty or fifty feet to the first floor, but they have iron guides which answer very well, but I think half-pull would be impossible, as 3,4 and 5 have to stand and ring with their faces to the wall. They are in good ringing condition. G. B. LUCAS.

In Memoriam.

THE St. Nicholas band regret to announce the death of an old and respected member—Mr. James Harvey—who passed away on Saturday, September 11th, aged 80 years. Deceased who was well known to many of our ringing friends, was born at Newport, Isle of Wight, and first learnt to ring at Carisbrook Church when quite a boy, his father having been a ringer there for a long period. Later on he removed to Chichester, and was connected with the Cathedral ringers for about fifteen years, his brother-in-law, Mr. Charles Crocker, being at that time one of the ringers He then removed to Brighton, joining the St. Nicholas society in 1858, and for twenty-eight years was a true and valued friend of the members. His remains were conveyed to their resting place in the parochial cemetery on Thursday, September 16th, followed by four representatives of the society, who placed on the coffin a wreath of flowers as a token of respect. In the evening the whole of the members met at St. Nicholas Church, and rang with the bells half-muffled the whole pull and stand, according to the number of years of his age, and a short touch of Grandsire Triples. Many a young beginner will remember his kindly advice and assistance in trying to get them on, and how he used sometimes on an off night visit the tower to help them in their difficulties. Deceased leaves a large number of children and grand-children, and the Brighton society desire to sympathise with them in mourning his loss.

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL FUND.

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The Eastern Counties' Guild, Spalding, per Mr. Mackman ...	0	6	0
All Saints' Company, Maidstone, per Geo. Pawley	0	2	6
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Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Sheffield	0	5	0
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Mr. Storey, Newcastle-on-Tyne	0	10	6
York Minster Society	0	15	0
C. Pearson, Esq., Whitstone Rectory, Exeter	0	10	0
Chas. Jackson, Hull	0	5	0
Edward Snowdon, Esq., Bradford	1	1	0
Rev. F. G. Sandford, Sheffield	0	5	0
Mr. Thos. Hattersley ,, ...	0	5	6
,, A. Brearley ,, ...	0	3	6
,, D. Brearley ,, ...	0	3	6
,, C. Steer ,, ...	0	2	6
,, Geo. Holmes ,, ...	0	2	0
,, W. Booth ,, ...	0	2	6
The Society of St. Mary's, Woolwich...	0	7	6
The Daresbury Society, Warrington	0	4	6
Mr. M. A. Wood, Bethnal Green	0	2	6
,, H. Burstow, Horsham, Sussex	0	2	6
,, J. J. Brierley, Saddleworth	0	2	6
,, J. Pettitt, Keystone	0	2	6
,, R. Dunkley, Bythorn	0	2	0
All Saints' Society, Sheffield	0	10	6
The Widford Company, Chelmsford, Essex	0	3	0
The St. Nicholas' Company (Arundel)	0	6	0
Geo. Breed, York	0	5	0
The St. Peter's Society, Caversham, Reading	0	12	6
Total	£21	11	0

Contributions will be received by W. WHITAKER, 3, Hillary Street, Leeds, and R. TUKE, Esq., 14, Marlboro' Road, Manningham, Bradford, *Hon. Secs.*, or Mr. WILLIAM MITTON, *Hon. Treasurer*, Bradford Old Bank, Ilkley.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at Market Rasen on Saturday next, October 2nd. Several gentlemen interested in change-ringing are expected to be present, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance of members. The church bells of Market Rasen (six), and Claxby (five), have kindly been placed at the disposal of the Association for the whole of that day. Arrangements will be made for ringers to visit the picturesque village of Claxby. Tea will be provided at Market Rasen at five o'clock, and the meeting will follow immediately after. The Committee will be glad to see any brethren from the East and South Lincolnshire Associations. Societies, unattached members, or brethren of kindred Associations, intending to be present will please communicate at once with the hon. secretary,

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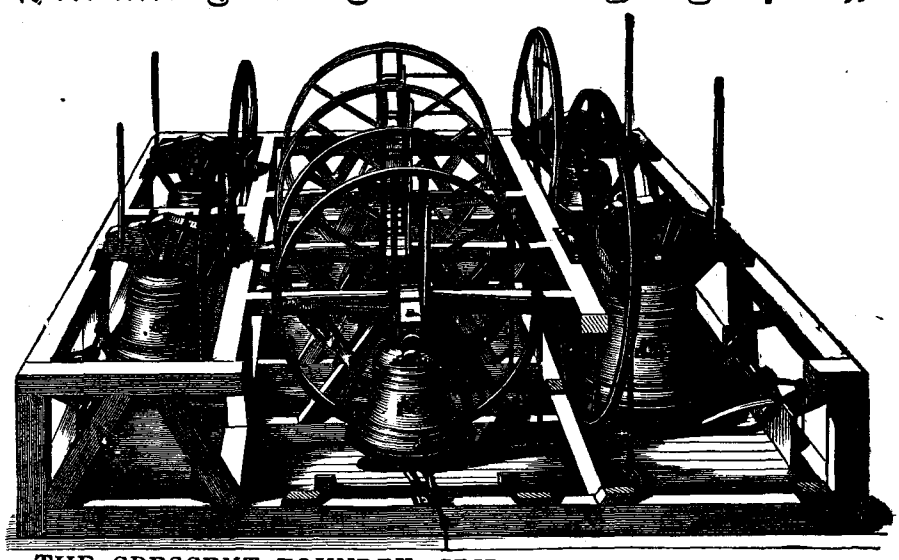

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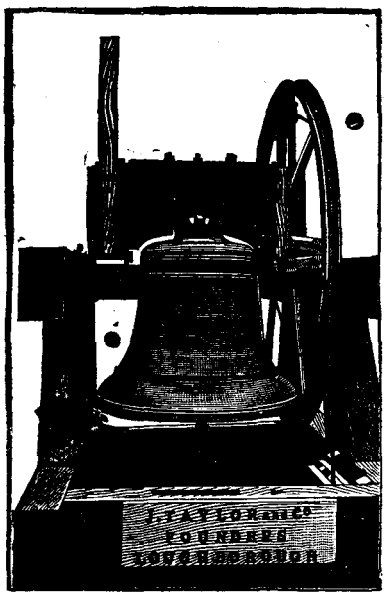

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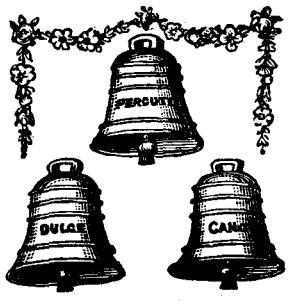

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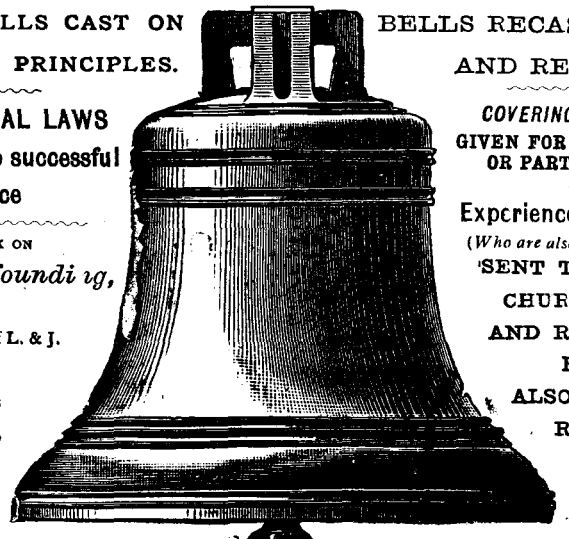

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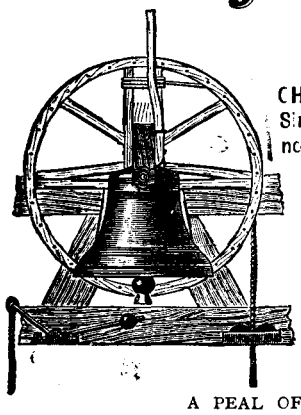

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