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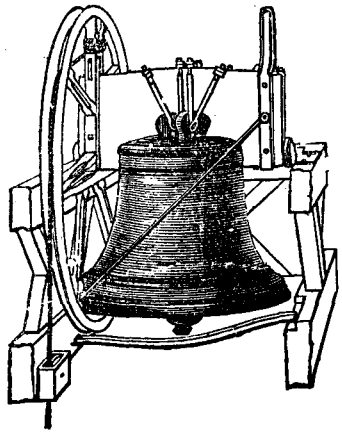
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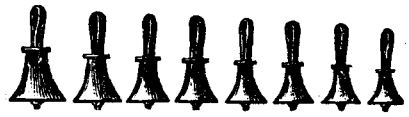
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Treble.—"The gift of Wm. Freeman, Esq. A (a bell) R. 1740."

Second.—"The gift of Wm. Freeman, Esq. of Magdalen College, A (a bell) R. 1739."

Third.—"God save the Queen. A.R. 1712."

Fourth.—"Peace and good neighbourhood. A.R. 1712."

Fifth.—"Recast at the expence of Wm. Freman, Esq. A.R. 1748."

Sixth.—"PRAYSE YE THE LORD. 1623. E.K."

Seventh.—"+ Sum Rosa Pulsata Mundi Katerina Vocata."

(This bell has also three shields, each charged with a chevron between three lave pots). (There is also a medallion charged with two birds on a tree and surrounded by the words "William Ffoundor me fecit.")

Eighth.—"Omnia fiant ad gloriam Dei. Recast by R. Taylor 1828."

Ninth.—"HONOR THE KINGE. 1641."

Tenor.—"LET YOVR HOPE BE IN THE LORD. E.K. 1623."

The eighth bell was by A. Rudhall, in 1712, previous to being recast by Taylor, and was inscribed "Est Campanarum sine me symphonia nulla. A.R. 1712." The peal appears to have been made into eight by Rudhall in that year, and increased to ten in 1740, as the inscriptions on the two trebles testify. The sixth and tenor are by Ellis Knight, of Reading.

Hearne says in his diary in 1733 (there were only eight bells here then) speaking of the visit of the London ringers in that year, before alluded to—"Wednesday, May 16th, in the evening, they (the Londoners) rang the eight bells at Magdalen College, but two or three ropes breaking, they could not proceed above half an hour."

On April 19th, 1742, at Magdalen College, ten thousand changes were started for, but after ringing seven thousand in fine style, the bob-caller by mistake brought the bells round in a little more than four hours.

Coming to the present century I note the following performances :—

"On Friday, April 11th, 1862, was rung on these bells Mr. J. Holt's original peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins., by the following persons :—J. Hine, *Treble*; T. Hill, Second; W. Saunders, Third; C. Hounslow, Fourth; H. Mills, Fifth; R. Young, Sixth; D. Higgins, Seventh; J. Caste, *Tenor*. Conducted by C. Hounslow."

"Art hath no Enemy but Ignorance."

Rung in this tower, Monday, October 8th, 1866, a true peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 5021 changes, with the 5th and 6th behind the 9th, in 3 hrs. 18 mins., by the following persons. A. White, *Treble*; H. Mills, Second; T. Hill, Third; R. Young, Fourth; R. Barrett, Fifth; C. Hounslow, Sixth; F. E. Robinson, Esq., Seventh; H. White, Eighth; F. White, Ninth; H. Pitts, *Tenor*. Conducted by H. White.

Oxford Society of Change-Ringers.—Rung on these bells on Saturday, September 19th, 1868, a Bob-and-Single peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins, by the following members. H. Mills, *Treble*; E. Harrison, Second; C. Hounslow, Third; T. Hill, Fourth; J. Hine, Fifth; W. Saunders, Sixth; J. Rogers, Seventh; H. Pitt, *Tenor*. Conducted by J. Rogers.

"On Wednesday, July 7th, 1869, a peal of Stedman Caters, 5033 changes, in 3 hrs, 14 mins. John Cox (London), *Treble*; John Rogers (Oxford), Second; Robert Rose (London), Third; Isaac Rogers (London), Fourth; Henry White (Appleton), Fifth; Charles Hounslow (Oxford), Sixth; Noble White (Appleton), Seventh; William Howard (London), Eighth; Frederick White (Appleton), Ninth; Edward Harrison (Oxford), *Tenor*. Composed and conducted by Mr. John Cox."

"The Oxford Society of Change-Ringers rang on these bells on the 1st of April, 1872, a true peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 6030 changes, in 5 hrs. 56 mins. H. Mills, *Treble*; J. Rogers, Second; R. Young, Third; J. E. Troyte, Esq., (Ch. Ch)., Fourth; J. Warner, Fifth; T. Hill, Sixth; J. M. Hine, Seventh: C. Hounslow, Eighth; E. Harrison, Ninth; F. Bayliss, *Tenor*. Composed and conducted by J. Rogers."

I am sorry to say that there is little or no change-ringing done at Magdalen now, and the bells are never heard except on the College ringing days, one of which is May 1st, when an early peal is rung between 4 and 5 a.m., when the choristers of the College ascend the tower and sing the morning hymn.

The College authorities rarely allow the use of the bells to change-ringers at all. On one occasion I heard that a gentleman, a well-known and influential member of the Oxford Guild, brought a company, and upon asking leave to ring, was informed that the matter should be laid before the College authorities at their next official meeting, in *about two months' time from that day*.

There are some curious clock chimes here, which strike two bells at the first quarter, four at the half-hour, six at the three-quarters, and eight at the hour. The arrangement is anything but musical, but I have no doubt that an old Magdalen man, who may have got accustomed to it in his youth, when visiting Oxford again in after years, and hearing the same old chime, would feel somewhat moved by the memories it would raise up.

J. R. JERRAM.

ALRISTON, NEAR BERWICK, SUSSEX.

The parish church of this quaint old town is a large cruciform building, dating from the 14th century, the whole of the outer walls being faced with flint, which has an unusual but very pretty effect. Its low central tower is supported by four lofty arches, and capped by a shingle spire. The church is now undergoing restoration. Owing to the bell frame resting upon the floor immediately above the tops of the tower arches, there is no possibility of making a ringing room, hence the ropes fall in the centre of the church. This makes an unpleasantly long pull for the ringers, and were it not for the iron guides about half way up, it would be most difficult to keep the ropes under control. There is no turret stair up to the bell chamber, so access to the bells is obtained by means of a ladder running up the side and across the roof of the north transept. The six bells are in anything but good order. They need re-hanging, and the third bell (which is cracked in the shoulder) re-casting, for its wretched flat sound sadly mars the harmony of the peal. We have heard an old Sussex ringer say that there was originally a peal of five, but that early in the present century the Alfriston folk bought a bell belonging to Berwick church, and added it to their own, after some little "tuning" by a local ringer. This may be true, for the second bell (a rather rough casting) is evidently a stranger. It has been much cut away at the lip to reduce its diameter, doubtless to make its tone in unison with its new companions.

As will be seen from the dates given below, the fourth bell is the oldest of the ring, having been cast in the year 1587, and a very fine sounding bell it is too.

Dates on the bells: Treble, 1819: second, 1628; third, 1811 (cracked); fourth, 1587; fifth, 1698. The tenor is not dated, but is evidently an old bell. It measures 36½ in. across the mouth, and is reported to weigh about 12 cwt., but we question if it weighs more than 10 cwt., as it is not a particularly thick bell. There is no church clock.

Ringers visiting Alfriston will find excellent accommodation at that ancient Inn, the "Star," said to have been built in the year 1520; whilst tradition states that there has been an hostelry on that spot since the time of King Alfred. Charles II. once took shelter at the "Star." The obliging hostess, Mrs. Page, still points out the place where the "Merrie Monarch" was hidden. Readers of Harrison Ainsworth's "Ovingdean Grange" will find the incident recorded in that interesting tale of old times in Sussex.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

Two very successful district meetings have been held during October. On the 6th inst., at Longbridge Deverill, between fifty and sixty were present, and ringing was kept up during most of the afternoon and evening. Service was held at the parish church in the evening, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. E. G. Wyld, Vicar of Mere. Tea was also provided for members and friends at 6 p.m.

On the 21st inst. another meeting was held at Cranborne, Only a few attended, but several new members were elected. The Rev. R. P. Thompson, Vicar, kindly entertained the members to tea at the Foresters' Hall.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE GENERAL QUARTERLY MEETING of this Association was held at Market Rasen on Saturday, October 30th, and despite certain unfortunate mishaps at the last moment, a very successful and enjoyable gathering was held.

As soon as the visitors arrived, the bells at Market Rasen were raised in peal, and subsequently a company was despatched in a waggonette to the neighbouring village of Claxby, in response to the kind invitation of the Rev. S. W. Andrews, rector of Claxby and Normanby-le-Wold, vice-president for this centre. At Claxby several six-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung on the melodious bells, the esteemed and popular rector coming into the belfry during the ringing, and kindly inviting the visitors to the rectory to partake of refreshment. The bells were lowered in peal, and an adjournment was made to the rectory, where, after partaking of the rev. gentleman's hospitality, the visitors rang on their handbells double-handed, courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Andrews for their kindness, and the company hastened back to Market Rasen. On arriving at the Aston Arms, they found several old and new friends awaiting them, as well as a substantial and well-provided tea.

The Rev. S. W. Andrews at once took the presidential chair, being supported by the Rev. W. W. Cooper, rector of West Rasen; the Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke, vicar of Caistor; the Rev. F. H. Dalby, vicar of Faldingworth; Dr. E. W. Barton; Mr. —. Dalby; Mr. J. Casterton, Mr. C. Reeve. Mr. T. Nettleship occupied the vice-chair.

The genial Chairman submitted the customary loyal toast, which was cordially received.

Dr. E. W. BARTON said he was sure it would require no words of his to tell them how gladly he proposed and asked them to drink to the health of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese." They were all Churchmen, and united in their church. They all knew the Bishop by repute; they knew him as a most agreeable gentleman, a great favourite, and one of the most kind-hearted gentlemen wherever he went. With regard to the clergy, they were intimately known to most of them, and they had the best wishes of everyone present. He had pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of their worthy friend and Rural Dean—the Rev. W. W. Cooper.

In responding, the Rev. W. W. COOPER said Dr. Barton, in proposing this toast, passed the greatest eulogium that could be passed on any one when he spoke of their Bishop as a gentleman. That word "gentleman" had given him (Mr. Cooper) a text. Gentlemen were not confined to palaces or to big houses, or to positions of that kind; some of the best gentlemen he had known he had found in some of the smallest cottages. He considered that man was a real gentleman, and that man only was a true gentleman, who was a good Christian. Now a good Christian was a man who remembered from morning to night, and from night to morning, that he was a Christian, that he was a servant of God, and as a servant of God he was bound to treat all his fellow creatures in every way with the greatest consideration, and to be very careful he did not, to use a common phrase, tread on anybody's toes. A real gentleman was one who never said an unkind word, or did anything likely to produce pain in others, unless he was like his friend who had proposed this toast (Dr. Barton), and who had sometimes to use a surgical knife. He was very pleased to be present, and hoped this might not be the last time he might have the pleasure of meeting them.

The Rev. W. F. W. WESTBROOKE said he was extremely pleased to be here; he had very often wished to be present at one of these Association meetings, because he had from the first the welfare of the Association at heart, but the multiplicity of engagements had prevented him from attending before; however, he was very glad to have the privilege of being with them on this occasion. He felt especially interested in the welfare of this Association, and he thought, as he thought at the first, that it was an institution very well calculated to be most beneficial not only to the ringers themselves, by bringing them together for mutual conferences and enjoyment, but also to encourage one another in systematic and skilful bell-ringing. He was sure Associations as this, whose object was to promote belfry reform, and to encourage the science of bell-ringing, were very important indeed, and calculated to lead their thoughts and hearts to good and holy things. What was so cheering or so encouraging as to hear the pealing of bells from their old steeples on jubilee days, on festival days, and on other red letter days in society and in the church? What was so calculated to draw forth from the heart feelings towards all which was good and elevating, and for the welfare of their country and those around them? And in the rural and town parishes what was so calculated to arouse spiritual feelings, and lead them to think of spiritual and holy things as the joyous pealing of the church bells? Many of their happiest and earliest thoughts seem to be those connected with the ringing of the bells. On these grounds he heartily wished success to the Association, and he hoped as time went on it would very perceptibly increase in numbers, and would also increase in the number of towers which should be opened for the admittance in the county, until it became a much larger and more important society. He believed the organisation had already done a great deal of good, and he wished it every prosperity. He should be glad to welcome the Association to Caistor at any time.

The CHAIRMAN said it was his honour to respond to this toast, and to thank them very much for the way in which they had wished the Association every success. As usual, Mr. Westbrooke and the other friends around always showed their readiness and zeal to help in any work which tended to the elevation of the lives of their fellow-creatures, and especially to do good to God's holy church. Therefore they as an Association of ringers were stimulated and highly glad to find their friends gathering round them from year to year, and were very pleased indeed that they were beginning to think what a wonderful body they as ringers were. He daresay when this Association first started, some thought it was a new and fantastical idea, while others might be disposed to think, considering what bell-ringers used to be, bringing them together again might mean nothing but a revival of the old mischief; but the effect of their associating together had proved, as it did in many other cases when people met together, that it tended to the elevation of people in many ways, and that it had been elevating to the ringers themselves; that they were as an Association not only themselves doing good, and not only promoting their own happiness on convivial occasions like this, but were also seeking to help each other to secure and extend the elevation of those around them, and to relieve the tedium of the work of life by a little innocent recreation and enjoyment. In conclusion, he thanked them for the way the toast had been received, and promised Mr. Westbrooke that if they went to Caistor they would do the best they could with his bells.

Mr. NETTLESHIP proposed "The Honorary Members," and said he was pleased to give this toast because he knew perfectly well that honorary members were a part of all Associations to whom honour was due. He had been connected with many associations, and his experience led him to say that they had been greatly indebted to honorary members. He always found there were a lot of gentlemen who could not take part in things in which they might take a great interest, still they could help by their subscriptions to forward the work in which they took such a great interest, when they could not take part in it. He missed from amongst those present the Rev. T. P. Holdich, who he believed was an honorary member of this Association. Mr. Holdich gave them an idea of what an honorary member could do, and that a man who was an honorary member could be a practical ringer as well; he was an example of what an honorary member should be—that he should take not only an interest in any particular thing which he encouraged, but should also, if possible, be able to take a practical part. He had pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of the Rev. W. W. Cooper, who, he believed, although he did not always suit everybody, always acted according to his conscience in endeavouring to do right.

The Rev. W. W. COOPER responded.

Mr. CASTERTON said it was the first time he had been at one of these meetings, but it afforded him very great pleasure to be present and to propose the toast of "The Visitors." Bells had a language of their own; at one time telling in mournful tones of the death of the departed, and at other times in joyous tones of the marriage, of some other period of rejoicing. When in large towns he had heard the

merry peals of bells it had thrilled him with pleasure and happiness, as he had listened to them calling the people to prayer and praise. He wished the visitors a long life, and hoped they would meet again on a future occasion.

The Rev. F. H. DALBY replied.

The business portion of the meeting followed. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Gainsboro' in January. The Rev. C. Moon, of Owersby, the Rev. F. H. Dalby, and Mr. J. Casterton were elected honorary members; five new ringing members, three from Louth and two from Market Rasen, and two non-resident life members were enrolled. A very hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and for hospitality he had shown to the ringers, was carried with acclamation, the Chairman acknowledging the vote.

The company were enlivened with songs, contributed by Messrs. J. Hackney and W. Southwick, and handbell-ringing by several ringing members.

After the meeting the visiting and home ringers repaired to the Market Rasen belfry, and rang several touches of Grandsire Triples (this being the first time that method has been rung here). S. Marshall, 1; H. Burkitt, 2; H. Gadd, 3; *W. Southwick, 4; *T. Bennett, 5; W. Lunn, 6; *C. Jackson (conductor), 7; T. Gibbons, 8. *Hails from Hull.

Thus ended a very happy and successful meeting.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, October 31st, the peal of eight bells placed in the tower of Bloxwich church in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee was formally dedicated by the Bishop of Lichfield, and there were many tokens of rejoicing about the place in the shape of flags, banners, and other decorations, while the ceremonial not only drew together large numbers of the residents in the immediate locality, but also many visitors from adjacent towns. The peal consists of the old tenor bell, and seven new ones given by the following: Mrs. Foster, Mr. W. R. Lazenby, the Thomas family, the Somerville family, Mr. Thomas Foster, the Wesleyans of the locality, and the children. The bells were founded and hung by the well-known firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, and proved to be of fine tone. The proceedings began with a procession from the vicarage to the church, consisting of the choir and the clergy present, amongst whom were the Revs. Dr. Wilson (Moxley), R. B. Stoney (Wednesbury), G. W. Johnson (Short Heath), B. Wright (Darlaston), J. Pritchard (Blakenall), G. Tuthill (Wood Green, Wednesbury), E. M. Fitzgerald and W. B. Cowan (Walsall), J. Norris (Bridgetown), J. Venables and J. C. Hamilton (Bloxwich), W. Blaby (Blakenall), S. O. Dixon, F. E. Robinson, and J. Barrow (Vicar of Bloxwich), with the Bishop. The processional hymn was "Hark, the sound of holy voices;" the Psalms were the 148th, 149th, and 150th; the prayers were intoned by the Rev J. C. Hamilton and the Rev. J. Barrow; and the Revs. Dr. Wilson and A. M. Fitzgerald read the lessons. Mr. J. H. Gower, Mus. Doc., presided at the organ. At the close of the third collect, the Bishop, with the clergy, choir, and churchwardens, repaired to the tower, where the churchwardens took the ropes of the bells, and, handing them to the Bishop, said; Right reverend father in God, we request you to dedicate to the Glory of God and the use of Bloxwich church this peal of eight bells." His lordship, receiving the ropes, replied: "By virtue of our sacred office, we do solemnly set apart and separate from all profane and unhallowed use these bells, now dedicated to the glory of God, for the benefit of His holy Church;" and then, delivering the ropes to the vicar, he added: "Receive these bells as a sacred trust, committed unto thee as the appointed minister of this church and parish, and take heed that they be ever and only used in His service and for His glory. You are to take notice that these bells of the church are committed to the custody of the Vicar of the parish, to be used by his consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the Diocese." Afterwards he recited the prayers used in the diocese of Lichfield on such occasions. The ringers then rang a short touch, and on the return of the procession to the church the service was continued, and an address was delivered by the Bishop. He said that as he came through the parish that day, and saw the signs of rejoicing on every side, and the crowds of happy faces gathered around the church tower, he could not help thinking of other and different occasions and different purposes for which people had lately been gathered together in other parts of the kingdom, and thanking God for that beautiful and happy occasion that called them together that day, for he read in their faces that they were a happy people, and from all he heard they were a united people. He thanked God, as bishop of the diocese, that it should be so; and he was told that in the preparation of the bells which had just beeu dedicated to the service and the glory of Almighty God their kindly feeling one towards another, and their goodwill towards the Church, had been most beautifully shown. He was told that each one of the new bells had been provided for by the gifts of some one individual or by persons who had joined together, and that even the little children had had their share in giving these bells to the parish. He rejoiced, also, to hear that even those who did not belong to their Church but to other religious communities, had shown their brotherly goodwill by themselves providing one of the bells. He trusted that this might not be only—as it was—an evidence of a happy feeling existing in the parish now, but that this common work might continue to bind them all more closely together in the bonds of Christian charity. Although he had to ask for their offerings that day, it was not for the bells themselves, which had been provided by others, but for the expenses, which they might well believe, were considerable, for placing them in the beautiful tower of the church. Tea was served in the National School Rooms, and an entertainment followed in the Music Hall, Mr. R. Thomas, jun. presiding. A peal of 5040 Stedman Triples was rung on the bells by members of the Staffordshire Association, mostly drawn from the ringers of St. Matthew's, Walsall, under the direction of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, M.A., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. On Tuesday special services were held in the church, and a committee have arranged for miscellaneous jubilations, including a bonfire, in which twenty tons of coals, it is said, are to be consumed; a torchlight procession, masqueraders on foot, masqueraders on ponies, fireworks, music, and much else.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A Committee and Ringing Meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Mary's Church, Kidderminster, on Saturday, November 12th. The Rev. Sydney Phillips, Vicar, has kindly promised to preside. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon. A meat tea will be provided for members and friends at one shilling per head, names and money to be sent to the Hon. Secretary on or before Tuesday, November 8th. Committee Meeting at 4.30 p.m., prompt, and tea at 6 o'clock. Members to take this as a notice, should they receive no other.

37 *Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.* J. SMITH, *Hon Sec.*

Obituary.

GEORGE MARRIOTT.

We regret to record the death of the above-named ringer, who died on Sunday, October 30th, in his 76th year. He rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples), which was a friendly or otherwise a non-society one, at St. Botolph's, Bishopgate, on the 12th March, 1835, conducted by the late John Cox, with whom he was always an allied friend and associate. He had been a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths for upwards of half a century, and during that time had taken part in some good performances on eight, ten, and twelve bells in company with those bearing such well-known names as Goozee, Shipway, Tolladay, Jameson, Dwight, Miller, Lobb, Britten, M. A. Wood, Ferris, H. W. Haley, Powell, &c., the majority of whom ringing has ceased to charm, and are with their fathers. The interment will take place to-day (Saturday), at 3 p.m., in Manor Park Cemetery.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

THE Annual Meeting for the election of officers will take place at headquarters, on Tuesday evening next, November 8th. Members are requested to be present. GEORGE T. MCLAUGHLIN, *Master.*

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—DISTRICT MEETING AT WARNHAM.

The fourth meeting of this Association for the present year took place on Saturday, October 29th, and proved as successful and enjoyable as any of its predecessors. The centre for the day was Warnham, a village about three miles north of Horsham, possessing a church, the entire fabric and appointments of which have during the past few years been restored in a most costly way, and now presents a pattern country parish church. Prior to 1886 the tower contained a ring of six bells with a tenor of 14¾ cwt., it was then decided to add two trebles, recast one or two of the old bells, and rehang the whole, and since the completion in June, 1886, the local band have succeeded in ringing twelve peals of 5040 changes in nine different Triple and Major methods. The proceedings commenced on Saturday shortly after 9 a.m., with a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, which was followed by touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Major. At 1 o'clock an adjournment was made to the "Sussex Oak," where a cold luncheon was provided, and between forty and fifty members sat down under the presidency of the Rev. R. Bowcott, Vicar of Warnham, who was supported during the luncheon and business meeting by the following gentlemen: C. J. Lucas, Esq., (Warnham Court), Rev. J. H. Masters, rector of Slinfold: Rev. R. Hay Hill, rector of Parham; Rev. H. A. Spyers, vicar of Purbrook; C. Bartlett, Esq. (Ex-Mayor of Arundel); Rev. R. Tompkins, vicar of Tortington; Rev. G. C. Walpole (Amberley). The cloth having been cleared, business commenced by the Hon. Secretary reading the minutes of a District Meeting held at Lewes on Monday, August 1st. Nineteen fresh members were elected, including a new branch connected with the parish church of Midhurst. Mr. G. Williams was appointed as an additional instructor to the Association for Midhurst, and the western portion of the county. The names of four places were next mentioned for holding the next district meeting, when on counting the votes, the choice fell to Buxted, the date being afterwards fixed for the second or third Saturday in January. It was then suggested by the Rev. J. H. Masters, that in too many places the old custom was still in force of the ringers considering that they had performed their part of the religious service when the bells were lowered, instead of remaining to the service; he hoped that the Sussex and all other kindred Associations would endeavour to wipe out this inconsistency. The next motion was by the Rev. R. Hay Hill, seconded by C. J. Lucas, Esq., to the effect that at all future District Meetings of the Association, the rector or vicar of the place to be visited should be communicated with at least one month previous, and be asked to arrange a short service with an address to the members.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars and Churchwardens of Warnham, Horsham, and Slinfold, for the use of the church bells, and to the Rev. R. Bowcott, for kindly presiding at the luncheon and business meeting. During the afternoon bands were formed to visit Horsham and Slinfold, where various touches (a record of which is published in another column), were brought round. Tea was provided at six o'clock, and the parish church bells at Warnham were kept swinging till a late hour. The following branches were represented: Amberley, Angmering, Arundel, Balcombe, Brighton, Crawley, Horsham, Lower Beeding, Rusper, Slinfold, Steyning, Warnham, and Worth.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30TH, 1887:—

By the Brighton branch at St. Paul's, Brighton.—On Sunday, September, 18th, a 714 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; G. Biggerstaff, 2; G. Hills, 3; W. Allfrey, 4; W. Gibson, 5; J. Reilly, 6; A. Bennett (composer and conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. And on Sunday, September 25th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; G. Biggerstaff, 2; J. Salmon, 3; G. Hills, 4; W. Gibson, 5; W. Shepherd (Streatham), 6; W. Allfrey (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. And on Sunday, October 9th, a 559 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; G. Biggerstaff, 2; A. Bennett, 3; G. Hills, 4; A. Marshall, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; A. Blackman (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. And on Sunday, October 16th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. P. Allfrey, 1; G. Biggerstaff, 2; G. Hills, 3; W. Gibson, 4; A. Marshall, 5; J. Reilly (conductor), 6; W. Allfrey, 7; J. Mockett, 8. And on Thursday, October 6th, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Simpson, a member of the St. Paul's congregation, who died at the age of 90 years, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). H. Eves, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; J. Reilly, 3; G. Biggerstaff, 4; G. Hill, 5; G. A. King, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Salmon, 8. And on Sunday, October 23rd, for Service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; J. Salmon, 2; G. Biggerstaff, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; A. Marshall, 5; J. Reilly, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. And on Sunday, October 30th, a 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 24 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. A. King, 2; J. Jay, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; H. Weston, 5; J. Reilly, 6; J. Searle, 7; G. F. Attree (conductor), 8. And at St. Paul's church, for Divine Service in the evening, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. P. Allfrey, 1; G. Biggerstaff, 2; G. Hill, 3; W. Allfrey, 4; A. Marshall, 5; J. Salmon, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; G. Hill, 3; G. Biggerstaff, 4; A. Marshall, 5; J. Salmon, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8.

By the Balcombe Branch, at Balcombe.—On Thursday, October 20th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Streeter, 1; J. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, October 27th, a 720 of Yorkshire Court. R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Stoner, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 30th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. T. Streeter, 1; R. Streeter, 2; J. Gasson, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Streeter, 1; A. Stoner, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; H. Meads, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Warnham Court Bob. A. Stoner, 1; R. Streeter, 2; E. Streeter, 3; G. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; J. Cheeseman (conductor), 6.

By the Ringmer branch at Ringmer.—On Sunday, October 9th, for Divine Service in the morning, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Jones, 1; A. E. Paris, 2; A. Starks, 3; J. T. Rickman, 4; G. C. Hammond, 5; C. Painter, 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, several 6-scores, with G. Taylor, 6.

By the Steyning branch at Steyning.—On Sunday, October 30th, a 720 of Plain Bob. C. Chambers, 1; W. Short (Warnham), 2; F. Luxford (Arundel), 3; C. Blackman (Arundel), 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. F. Luxford (Arundel), 1; G. Gatland, 2; W. Short (Warnham), 3; C. Blackman (Arundel), 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. E. Brackley, 1; C. Blackman (Arundel), 2; W. Short (Arundel), 3; C. Chambers, 4; E. Brackley, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. E. Brackley, 1; C. Blackman (Arundel), 2; W. Short (Warnham), 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6.

By mixed bands, on the occasion of a District Meeting, at Warnham.—On Saturday, October 29th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. A. Stoner, 1; T. Streeter, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And 576 of Kent Treble Bob A. Stoner, 1; H. Meads, 2; E. Streeter, 3; T. Andrews, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Cheeseman, 6; J. Gasson, 7; H. Chandler (conductor), 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Morris, 1; W. Wadey, 2; F. Luxford, 3; J. Gasson, 4; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; H. Chandler, 7; J. Collison, 8. And a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Collison, 1; J. Newnham, 2; C. Tyler, 3; T. Andrews, 4; J. Gasson, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; F. Wickens, 7; H. Chandler (conductor), 8. And a 559 of Grandsire Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Newnham, 2; F. Luxford, 3; T. Andrews, 4; C. Tyler, 5; W. Collison, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; H. Chandler, 8. And a 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Chamberlaine, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; G. Williams, 3; E. Jordan, 4; T. Andrews, 5; A. Mills, 6; H. Chandler, 7; F. Wickens (conductor), 8. And at Slinfold, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Streeter, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; E. Streeter, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Warnham Court Bob Minor. A. Stoner, 1; T. Streeter, 2; B. Payne, 3; E. Streeter, 4; F. Rice, 5; J. Cooper (conductor), 6. And 240 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. B. Payne, 1; T. Streeter, 2; E. Streeter, 3; W. Wadey, 4; J. Cooper, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Touches of Grandsire Triples were also brought round at Horsham.

GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL.—For the last three weeks the cathedral choir has been composed of men only singing in unison. It appears that the complaint known as "mumps" broke out in the choristers' school about three weeks ago, and all the boys, except one, have been attacked by it. Although there have been times before when juvenile disorders have broken out in this school, never before (as far as can be recollected), have the whole school been laid up at one time. Most of the boys are now progressing favourably under the care of Dr. Coates, and it is to be hoped that in the course of another week the voices of most of the choristers will again be heard in the cathedral.

PEALS OF DUFFIELD MAJOR.

5040.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

1 2 3 4 5	I	B	O
5 1 3 4 2			–
3 1 4 5 2	–		
2 5 1 3 4	–	–	–
1 2 5 3 4		–	
4 3 2 1 5	–	–	–
5 3 2 1 4			S
2 3 1 5 4	–		
4 5 3 2 1	–	–	–
3 4 5 2 1		–	
1 2 4 3 5	–	–	–
5 1 4 3 2			–
4 1 3 5 2	–		
2 5 1 4 3	–	–	–
4 1 5 2 3	–	–	
3 2 1 4 5	–	–	–
5 3 1 4 2			–
1 3 4 5 2	–		
2 5 3 1 4	–	–	–
3 2 5 1 4		–	
4 1 2 3 5	–	–	–
5 1 2 3 4			S
2 1 3 5 4	–		
4 5 1 2 3	–	–	–
1 4 5 2 3		–	
3 2 4 1 5	–	–	–
5 3 4 1 2			–
4 3 1 5 2	–		
2 5 3 4 1	–	–	–
3 2 5 4 1		–	
1 4 2 3 5	–	–	–
5 4 2 3 1			S
3 4 2 5 1	S		
1 5 4 3 2	–	–	–
4 1 5 3 2		–	
2 3 1 4 5	–	–	–

Twice repeated.

By calling the last twenty courses six times with a bob in the second course at O and a bob for a single at 1 in the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th parts a peal of 5760 will be obtained, containing the 120 course-ends.

5040.

1 2 3 4 5	I	O
5 4 3 1 2	S	–
1 4 3 5 2	S	
3 4 5 1 2	–	
2 5 1 3 4	–	–
4 1 3 2 5	–	–
5 2 3 4 1	S	–
4 2 3 5 1	S	
3 2 5 4 1	–	
1 5 4 3 2	–	–
2 4 3 1 5	–	–
5 1 3 2 4	S	–
3 1 2 5 4	–	
2 1 5 3 4	–	
4 5 3 2 1	–	–
1 3 2 4 5	–	–

This part twice repeated, substituting a bob for a single in the second course produces—

3 2 1 4 5		
5 4 1 3 2	S	–

Continued.—

	I	O
3 4 1 5 2	S	
1 4 5 3 2	–	
2 5 3 1 4	–	–
4 3 1 2 5	–	–
5 2 1 4 3	S	–
1 2 4 5 3	–	
4 2 5 1 3	–	
3 5 1 4 2	–	–
2 1 4 3 5	–	–
5 3 4 2 1	S	–
4 3 2 5 1	–	
1 2 5 4 3	–	–
3 5 4 1 2	–	–
2 4 1 3 5	–	–
5 3 1 2 4	S	–
1 3 2 5 4	–	
2 3 5 1 4	–	
4 5 1 2 3	–	–
3 1 2 4 5	–	–

This part twice repeated, substituting a bob for a single in the second course. If this part be called six times substituting a bob for a single in the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th parts, a peal of 5760 changes will be obtained containing the 120 course-ends.

5760.

1 2 3 4 5	I	O
5 2 3 4 1		S
4 2 3 5 1	S	
3 2 5 4 1	–	
1 5 4 3 2	–	–
2 3 4 1 5	S	–
5 3 4 1 2		S
1 3 4 5 2	S	
4 3 5 1 2	–	
2 5 1 4 3	–	–
3 4 1 2 5	S	–
5 4 1 2 3		S
2 4 1 5 3	S	
1 4 5 2 3	–	
3 5 2 1 4	–	–
4 2 1 3 5	–	–
5 2 1 3 4		S
3 2 1 5 4	S	
1 2 5 3 4	–	
4 5 3 1 2	–	–
2 3 1 4 5	–	–

Five times repeated.

Bob for a single, first course of the third part. This peal contains the 120 course-ends.

5040.

1 2 3 4 5	I	O
5 1 3 4 2		–
2 4 3 5 1	S	–
1 3 5 2 4	–	–
4 5 2 1 3	–	–
3 2 1 4 5	–	–
5 4 1 3 2	S	–
2 1 3 5 4	–	–
4 3 5 2 1	–	–
1 5 2 4 3	–	–
3 4 2 1 5	S	–
5 1 2 3 4	S	–
4 2 3 5 1	–	–
1 3 5 4 2	–	–

Continued.—

	I	O
2 5 4 1 3	–	–
3 1 4 2 5	S	–
5 2 4 3 1	S	–
1 3 4 5 2	S	–
2 4 5 1 3	–	–
3 5 1 2 4	–	–
4 2 1 3 5	S	–
5 3 1 4 2	S	–
2 4 1 5 3	S	–
3 1 5 2 4	–	–
4 5 2 3 1	–	–
1 3 2 4 5	S	–

The last twenty courses four times repeated substituting a bob for a single in the last course of the fourth part. By calling the last twenty courses six times, substituting a bob for a single at the end of the 1st and 4th parts, a peal of 5760 will be produced, containing the 120 course-ends.

5040.

1 2 3 4 5	I	B	O
5 2 3 4 1			S
1 3 4 5 2	–		–
2 5 3 1 4	–	–	–
1 3 5 2 4	–	–	
4 2 3 1 5	–	–	–
5 4 3 1 2			–
2 3 1 5 4	–		–
4 5 3 2 1	–	–	–
3 4 5 2 1		–	
1 2 4 3 5	–	–	–
5 1 4 3 2			–
2 4 3 5 1	–		–
1 5 4 2 3	–	–	–
4 1 5 2 3		–	
3 2 1 4 5	–	–	–

Twice repeated, substituting bob for a single produces—

3 2 1 4 5			
5 2 1 4 3			S
3 1 4 5 2	–		–
2 5 1 3 4	–	–	–
1 2 5 3 4		–	
4 3 2 1 5	–	–	–
5 3 2 1 4			S
4 2 1 5 3	–		–
3 5 2 4 1	–	–	–
2 3 5 4 1		–	
1 4 3 2 5	–	–	–
5 4 3 2 1			S
1 3 2 5 4	–		–
4 5 3 1 2	–	–	–
3 4 5 1 2		–	
2 1 4 3 5	–	–	–
5 2 4 3 1			–
1 4 3 5 2	–		–
2 5 4 1 3	–	–	–
4 2 5 1 3		–	
3 1 2 4 5	–	–	–

This part twice repeated, bob instead of first single completes the peal.

By calling the last twenty courses six times and substituting a bob for the first single in the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th parts, 5760 is obtained, containing the 120 course-ends.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1887.

TO-DAY—the fifth of November—the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths celebrate their Two Hundred and Fiftieth anniversary. Many of our provincial friends, at any rate those who are not *au fait* with the historical data of this Society, will be inclined to ask why among other days in the year is the fifth of November selected for this purpose, and suppositions may arise in their minds whether the founders of this body were not in some degree connected with the perpetrators or exposees of that famous conspiracy known to all readers of history as "The Gunpowder Plot." Whatever chain of reasoning may beget such thoughts it is certain that there is no tangible fact in existence to denote the remotest connection between the founders of this Society and the dynamitards of the Stuart period. Such men as LORD BRERETON, SIR CLIFF CLIFTON, and SIR MATTHEW HALE—the latter a most distinguished jurist of the age in which he lived—were not the ones to tamper with sedition even in its weakest form, and yet if history—accompanied with a moiety of tradition, it is true—is to be depended on, these men with their contemporaries fixed this particular day of the year for the holding of the Annual Festival of the ringing Society which they established at a church then situate upon College Hill, in the City of London. It is more than probable that the day was selected for the purpose of celebrating the time with sufficient *eclat* when the land was providentially delivered from the results of what would have been a frightful tragedy had it been successful. We can in this present day well picture the horror created among our forefathers when the conspiracy of the Gunpowder Plot was brought to light, and their feelings of thankfulness at the escape of the King, Lords, and Commons from the heinous and dreadful machinations of the irreconcileables of the time. The circumstance naturally filled the minds of people so much that the day on which the conspirators were baffled in their dark designs came to be held in some sort of veneration by them; a day in fact to be kept as an holiday, to be celebrated and immortalised in history. The Church did her share towards strengthening this feeling, by adding to her incomparable Liturgy a special service of thanksgiving to be performed on the same day annually, and which has only within recent years been removed from the Book of Common Prayer out of sympathy with the feelings of our Roman Catholic brethren.

There is no doubt that the fifth of November was selected by the early members of the College Youths for the reasons which we have indicated. Tradition informs us that the members were wont to assemble, headed by their beadle clad in the effusive panoply of his office, for the purpose of proceeding to church on that day, and as customary among Englishmen, and especially among ringers, to dine together afterwards. We must not expect to witness to-day a similar procession by the "Colls." The procession to Church to participate in Divine Service would of course be a grand revival of a very excellent old custom; but their appearance in the streets clad in any kind of distinctive regalia would only afford room for facetious observations and pungent satire. The latter however, we do not imagine will occur, either now or at any time in the future. The anniversary which will be celebrated to day is, as we have stated in a previous number, a "new departure." For many years the festival was held during the summer months, and the members were thus enabled to enjoy on "dinner-day" some delightful vista of country scenery, but this has been thought by some not in accordance with the traditions of the Society, and a movement to celebrate it in future on the original date has thus proved successful.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, October 29th, 1887, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

JOHN ROGERS	*Treble.*	ARTHUR JACOB	7.
GEORGE NEWSON	2.	EDWARD CHAPMAN	8.
JOHN W. MANSFIELD ..	3.	HENRY SWAIN	9.
WILLIAM BARON..	4.	HENRY A. HOPKINS.. ..	10.
CHARLES E. MALIM, ESQ.	5.	HENRY DAINS	11.
JAMES HANNINGTON	6.	GEORGE WILD	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN ROGERS.

The above was performed by the desire of the Vicar and Churchwardens, as the Royal ringers' tribute to the Jubilee year. It was arranged by Henry S. Thomas, Esq., the recent Master of the Society; the band being selected from the members who assisted him in carrying out the Jubilee Banquet. Regret was felt at the enforced absence of E. F. Cole, Esq. through severe affliction, his brother ringers condoling with him on his sad loss. By a curious coincidence the date was also the Jubilee birthday of Mr. Henry Dains, the respected hon. secretary of the Society for many years, his brother ringers wish him many happy returns of this his 50th birthday.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ALL HALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, November 1, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON	*Treble.*	GEO. B. LUCAS..	5.
ARTHUR HUBBARD	2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN	6.
ALFRED FOX	3.	HENRY A. BARNETT.. ..	7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ..	4.	WM. PYE-ENGLISH	*Tenor.*

Conducted by HENRY A. BARNETT.

The above was rung on All Hallows Day, and is the first peal in the method on the bells. It is also the first peal in the method by all, and also by the All Hallows' Society. It would also have been the first peal in the method by the St. James's Society, if it had not been for the unfortunate result of the meeting on the previous evening, which has caused the Tottenham members to resign.

The Provinces.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR HAWES	*Treble.*	FRED FIELD	5.
CHARLES FOLLEY	2.	H. D. BETTERIDGE, ESQ.	6.
CHARLES TRINDER	3.	HARRY COBB	7.
WILLIAM COUSINS	4.	JAMES WM. WASHBROOK	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

BRISTOL.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S RINGERS.

Muffled Peal.

On Monday, October 20, 1887, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE STADON	*Treble.*	EDWARD BEAKE	5.
FRANCIS PERRIN*	2.	GEORGE DALTRY	6.
EDMUND DUCKHAM	3.	FRANCIS PRICE	7.
WILLIAM PARSONS	4.	JAMES PALSER / *JAMES VINEY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE DALTRY.

The above was rung on the 2nd anniversary of the death of Mr. W. M. Stadon who was the steeple-keeper at this church for 31 years. It is the second peal on the bells, the first having been rung fifty-one years ago on April 9th, 1836.

*First peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 25, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 20 cwt, in E.

JOHN HOPWOOD	*Treble.*	BENJAMIN BROADBENT	5.
GEORGE LONGDEN	2.	JOHN THORP	6.
JAMES WOOD	3.	SAMUEL WOOD	7.
THOMAS WILDE	4.	JOHN HARRISON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

T. Wilde was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal, and hails from Hyde, Cheshire, the rest are local men.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 28, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE PAWLEY	*Treble.*	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN	5.
EDWARD PRICE	2.	ALFRED H. WOOLLEY	6.
EDWARD ELLIOTT	3.	ALCHIN MOORCRAFT	7.
REUBEN SIMMONDS	4.	HARRY PEARCE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by F. G. NEWMAN.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD PRICE	*Treble.*	ALCHIN MOORCRAFT	5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE	2.	ALFRED H. WOOLLEY	6.
HARRY PEARCE	3.	SAMUEL SNELLING	7.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN	4.	EDWARD ELLIOTT	*Tenor.*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

The above peal was rung to commemorate the dedication of the new church of St. Mark, Eccles, a hamlet of Aylesford, by the Bishop of Rochester.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 28, 1887, in Two Hours and Thirty-five and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

5040 CHANGES; IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of each of the following:—

London Surprise; Superlative Surprise; Cambridge Surprise; College Pleasure; College Exercise; Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 7¼ cwt.

MARK JENKINS	*Treble.*	*ALFRED D. MILLS	4.
ROBERT JORDAN*	2.	*EDWIN JORDAN	5.
THOMAS M. STEDMAN*	3.	*DAVID JORDAN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by DAVID JORDAN.

*Members of the Sussex County Association.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 29, 1887, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

AMOS CRESSER	*Treble.*	S. SMITH	5.
CHAS. SMITH	2.	S. PAGE	6.
G. DRAYCOTT	3.	THOS. HOLMES	7.
R. LANE	4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.	*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

The above are all members of the Midland Counties' Association with the exception of S. Page, who hails from Bennington.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, October 31, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21¾ cwt.

WILLIAM WALTER	*Treble.*	HENRY G. POPE	5.
WALTER POPE	2.	EDGAR POPE	6.
JOSEPH TILLMON	3.	A. EDWARD NUNN	7.
WILLIAM POPE	4.	THOMAS COLVIN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by A. E. NUNN.

Thts is the first peal on the bells, and the first peal by the local band. It was rung in honor of the birthday of Mr. H. G. Pope, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, at Holy Trinity Church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. Spurr, 1; J. Chapell, 2; G. Crawshaw, 3; M. Garforth, 4; J. A. Idle (composer), 5; W. Dixon, 6; W. Byrom, 7; D. Stephenson (conductor), 8. Tenor 26½ cwt.

HALIFAX.—On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service, at All Souls' Church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. and 15 mins., as a token of respect to the Rev. H. Askwith—who preached his farewell sermon the same evening—for the great kindness which he has shown to the ringers during his short sojourn in the parish. H. Reynolds, 1; T. Parker, 2; G. D. E. Mercer, 3; J. S. Ambler, 4; A. Parker, 5; H. Payne (conductor), 6; A. F. Nicoll, 7; S. W. Stewart, 8. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, October 30th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 of Bob Minor. A. Spurge, 1; S. Sargent, 2; W. Bearman, 3; C. Bearman, 4; J. Hayes, 5; E.

Carter (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. A. Spurge, 1; S. Sargent, 2; W. Bearman, 3; C. Bearman, 4; F. Warren, 5; E. Carter (conductor), 6. E. Carter hails from London, the rest are of the local company.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND (Durham).—On Monday, October 24th, for practice at the parish church, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing 1232 changes. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. W. Cleminson, 2; J. Pallister, 3; F. Charlton, 4; J. Shipp, 5; D. Shipp, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; A. J. B. Waldron, 8. J. Shipp and D. Shipp hail from Staindrop.

DARLINGTON.—On Thursday evening, October 20th, at St. John's Church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. H. S. Taylor, 1; J. Little (first 720), 2; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; *J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 6. And on Sunday evening, October 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Little, 1; H. S. Taylor, 2; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 6. *First 720 as conductor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FORTHAMPTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, October 23rd, the Deerhurst Society visited the above place and rang for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. C. A. Willis, 1; C. Willis, 2; H. Roberts, 3; C. Roles, 4; G. Willis, 5; J. Bartlett (conductor), 6. Also two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. G. Willis, 1; C. Willis, 2; H. Roberts (conductor), 3; C. Roles, 4; J. Barlett, 5; —. Clarke, 6. This is the first 720 of Minor on the bells, also of Stedman.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOREHAM (Essex).—On Wednesday evening, October 19th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins., with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Alfred Argent, one of the local ringers, and a member of the above Association. J. Mitchell, 1; J. Shonk, 2; J. Dowsett, 3; J. Young, 4; M. Rolfe, 5; J. Young (conductor), 6. Mr. Rolfe hails from Springfield.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 18th, for practice at the parish church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; T. Hammond, 3; *W. Hammond, 4; F. L. Bumstead, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. *First 720. Also 360 of Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; F. L. Bumstead, 4; S. Hammond, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service, 480 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; S. Hammond, 3; F. L. Bumstead, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Also 240 in the same method with W. Hammond, 4; the rest standing as before. And 120 of Plain Bob Doubles. H. E. Hammond, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; S. Hammond (conductor), 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. L. Bumstead, 5; W. Lincoln, 6.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—On Sunday, October 16th, by the local band at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Hendry, 1; W. Day, 2; H. Hill, 3; H. Allen (conductor), 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; R. Grimes, 6. Also on Friday, October 21st, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Brett, 1; W. Day, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; H. Allen, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. H. Hill, 1; R. Grimes (conductor), 2; H. Allen, 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 28 mins. W. Day, 1; H. Merrishaw, 2; H. Allen, 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Hill (conductor), 5; R. Grimes, 6. And on Thursday, October 27th, for practice, 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). W. Day, 1; W. Wright, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Allen, 5; R. Grimes, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DOVER.—On Monday, October 17th, at St. James' Church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. A. Tanton, 1; R. Andrews, 2; R. Ausley, 3; E. Potter, 4; E. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

TENTERDEN (Kent).—On Thursday evening, October 13th, for practice at St. Mildred's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins. †J. Bartlett, 1; *G. Cramp, 2; R. Edwards, 3; *H. Hawkins, 4; J. Sharp, 5; H. G. Rummey, 6; G. Neve (conductor), 7; H. Holdstock, 8. *First quarter-peal with a bob bell. †First attempt in any method.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CASTLE DONINGTON.—On Tuesday, October 18th, the St. Michael's society, Melbourne, paid a visit to the parish church, and rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. R. Wood, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; H. Hollingworth, 3; J. Vickers, 4; G. A. Fish, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; J. Vickers, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff (conductor), 6. Tenor about 17½ cwt. in F. The Melbourne ringers are very much obliged to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also to the leader of the Donington band, Mr. V. Hickinbottam, for his kind attentions.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Thursday, October 20th, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. H. Blissett, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; A. Evans, 3; J. Hands, 4; A. E. Reeves, 5; W. J. Williams (conductor), 6.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON.—On Tuesday, October 25th, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob Minor. J. Wood, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; J. Baddeley (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 23rd, at Christ Church, 720 of College Single in 26 mins. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; N. Lord, 4; A. White, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

On Tuesday, October 25th, nine members of the above Society met at St. Stephen's, and attempted Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to a change-course, the bells came round at the end of the fifth part, (4200 changes), in 2 hrs. and 20 mins. G. Stadon, 1; F. Perrin, 2; E. Duckham, 3; W. Parsons, 4; E. Beake, 5; G. Daltry (conductor), 6; F. Price, 7; J. Palser and J. Viney, 8. The above was intended to be a birthday peal to the conductor, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day, notwithstanding the change-course.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Sunday, October 16th, at St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, before Divine Service, 1330 of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. Tenor 20 cwt. W. Partington, 1; C. Chaplin, 2; E. H. Tripp, 3; S. G. Davies, 4; H. L. Partington, 5; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinnegar, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Friday evening, October 21st, at the church of St. John-the-Baptist, 720 London Surprise, in 23½ mins. G. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 24th, for afternoon service, 360 Oxford Bob. J. Akehurst, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3 A. Mills, 4; T. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And after service, 720 London Surprise. M. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 720 Superlative Surprise. D. Jordan (conductor), 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; T. Stedman, 4; A. Mills, 5; M. Jenkins, 6. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 24th, at St. Margaret's church, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 25½ mins. G. Jenkins, 1; T. Stedman, 2; R. Jordan, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also after service 360 Oxford Bob. T. Stedman, 1; R. Jordan, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at St. John's church, six members of the above Association rang for practice 240 each of the following, viz., Duke of York, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, and Kent Treble Bob, in 45 mins. A. Worthington, 1; H. Mottershall, 2; W. Price (Eckington), 3; W. Worthington, 4; J. Harris, 5; H. Madin (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. G. Willliams (conductor), 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; T. Andrews, 3; H. Chandler, 4; G. Baker, 5; W. L. Chamberlain, 6; F. Wickens, 7; G. Woodman, 8. After service a 704 of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. L. Chamberlain, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; R. Jordan, 4; E. Jordan, 5; A. Mills, 6; D. Jordan, 7; F. Wickens (conductor), 8. And 252 Stedman Triples. E. Jordan, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; R. Jordan, 4; G. Baker, 5; W. L. Chamberlain, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; H. Chandler, 8. Also several courses of Duffield Major, in which all the above took

part. And for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), Thurstans'. E. Jordan, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; T. Stedman, 3; R. Jordan, 4; G. Baker, 5; W. L. Chamberlain, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; H. Chandler, 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman by all except Williams and Whiting, and the first in the method by the above Association.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, October 25th, at St. Martin's church, 416 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. R. Small, 1; H. Bastable, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; C. W. Bassano, Esq., 4; B. Witchell, 5; W. Kent, 6; C. Stanbridge, 7; A. Thomas, 8. Mr. Bassano hails from Old Hill, Staffordshire, and this is his first touch in the method. Tenor 36 cwt.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, October 20th, at Christ Church, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 25 mins. E. Yates, 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; W. J. Short. 3, W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells, and also for the above band. C. E. Wilson hails from Walton. Tenor 12 cwt.

DISS (Norfolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday, October 9th, on handbells retained in hand 672, of Bob Major, was rung in honor of Mr. Broom's 42nd birthday, it contained the same number of leads, viz. forty-two. E. Hayward, 1-2; C. Broom, 3-4; J. Souter (conductor), 5-6; J. Rudd, 7-8. Composed by B. Francis, Bressingham. And a 1000 of Bob Royal, in 40 mins. E. Hayward, 1-2; E. Broom, 3-4; J. Souter (conductor), 5-6; J. Rudd, 7-8; B. Francis, 9-10. This is the longest touch in the method on handbells by all.

ELY.—*Muffled Peal.*—On Saturday, October 22nd, 720 of Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to Jos. Daines, of Downham, Norfolk, who until recently was a member of this company. J. E. Ellis, J. Southerill, Wm. King, Wm. Southerill, A. Pilgrim (conductor), J. Vail, J. Hitchborn.

FOXEARTH (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 7th, being the Harvest Home in the Rectory grounds, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Maxim, F. Wells, 2; S. Slater, 3; R. Mingay (conductor), 4; O. Garwood, 5; J. Lee, 6. And a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1024 changes). S. Slater, 1; J. Lee, 2; Z. Slater, 3; F. Wells, 4; O. Garwood, 5; R. Mingay, 6; G. C. Hammond, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, September 13th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). S. Slater (conductor), 1; F. Wells, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; R. Mingay, J. Lee, 5; G. Maxim, 6. On Sunday, October 9th, for the evening service, a touch of Bob Major (720 changes). S. Slater (conductor), 1; D. Ward, 2; O. Garwood, 3; G. Maxim, 4; W. P. Gridley, 5; R. Mingay, 6; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 7; J. Lee, 8. On Wednesday, October 12th, was rung a touch of Bob Major (560 changes). G. Maxim, 1; J. Lee, 2; Z. Slater, 3; F. Wells, 4; W. P. Gridley, 5; P. C. S. Scott, 6; J. Bird, 7; O. Garwood (conductor), 8. On the same evening was rung two courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the first in the method on the bells. W. P. Gridley, 1; J. Lee, 2; Z. Slater, 3; F. Wells, 4; G. Maxim, 5; P. C. S. Scott, 6; S. Slater, 7; O. Garwood, 8.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, September 27th, at the parish church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). J. Slater, 1; J. Slater, 2; C. Adams, 3; C. Honeybell, 4; O. Garwood, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, October 11th, 720 of Double Court Bob. C. Adams, 1; Z. Slater, 2; J. Lee (first 720 in the method), 3; G. Maxim (first 720 in the method), 4; S. Slater (conductor), 5; O. Garwood, 6. And on Wednesday, October 19th, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. J. Slater, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; C. Adams, 3; F. Wells, 4; O. Garwood, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. The above was composed by C. Price, of Eccleston, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" for October 15th, and is the first 720 ever composed and rang in this method with more than nine bobs. It was rung to welcome the new rector (the Rev. Herbert Hall, M.A.), to Glemsford, who arrived on that evening. And on Saturday afternoon, October 22nd, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Slater, 1; S. Slater, 2; C. Honeybell, 3; F. Wells, 4; E. W. Downs, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, at St. Martin's church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. D. Griggs, 1; A. Tennant, 2; G. Griffin, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; A. Pittam, 5; E. Chapman, 6. Also on Sunday morning October 16th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25½ mins. T. Gleed 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; F. Weare, 3; A. Tennant, 4; A. Pittam, 5; T. Titchener, 6. And on Sunday evening, October 23rd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; T. Titchener, 3; J. Nixon, 4; A. Pittam, 5; A. Tennant, 6. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, October 15th, the Nuneaton company paid a visit to this place, and rang on the pretty peal of five, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. W. Adler, 1; T. Lingard, 2; T. Chapman, 3; H. Horwood (conductor), 4; T. Bates, 5. This peal was increased to five in 1873 through the instrumentality of Mr. T. Holmes, now of Burton-on-Trent. Another treble is much needed to make this a sweet ring of six. Another 120 was also rung. G. Winter, 1; J. Clarke, 2; W. Adler, 3; H. Horwood, 4; T. Chapman, 5. A few call-changes were then rung by the local company. After the bells had been lowered in peal, the handbells were brought into requisition, and a very pleasant evening spent with them, the visitors returning home pleased with their outing, thanking all for their kindness.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening October 22nd, a mixed band met for practice at the parish church, but being one short to ring eight a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung on the back six. P. C. S. Scott, 1; S. Slater, 2; H. Smith, 3; A. Symonds, 4; Geo. Maxim, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. This was the first attempt in the method by H. Smith. Messrs. Slater and Garwood hail from Glemsford; Smith and Symonds from Lavenham; Maxim from Cavendish; Mr. Scott is a local man.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's church, on St. Luke's Day, October 18th, a 503 Grandsire Caters. T. Wilson, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; S. Cooper, 3; A. Millis, 4; J. Buttery (conductor), 5; J. Walton, 6; C. A. Clements, 7; J. Marlow, 8; W. Cooper, 9; W. Walker, 10. Tenor 30 cwt. in Db. Messrs. Jerram and Clements hail from Salisbury. Previous to the ringing they were kindly shewn over most of the ancient buildings of interest in Leicester, by Mr. S. Cooper, who fully explained all details to them.

MARLOW (Bucks).—On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service at the parish church, 168 of Grandsire Triples. J. C. Truss, 1; J. Gibson, 2; C. Smith, 3; H. Buckingham, 4; W. Badger, 5; H. Yates, 6; H. Colins (conductor), 7; A. W. Truss, 8. Tenor 18 cwt.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—For evening service, on Sunday, October 23rd, a 720 Stedman Slow Course Minor, in 24 mins. G. Wood, 1; J. W. Brough, 2; J. Wood, 3; W. Baddeley, 4; E. Glover, 5; J. Baddeley (conductor), 6.

NORTON ST. PHILIP (Somerset).—On Sunday morning, October 30th, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Prescott, 1; Jas. Coombs, 2; J. G. Roberts, L. Bell, 4; C. Garrett, 5; H. H. Palairet, Esq. (conductor), 6.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—At the parish church, on Thursday, October 20th, a plain course of Grandsire Triples. G. Winter, 1; J. Clark, 2; W. Adler, 3; T. Lingard, 4; F. W. Chapman, 5; T. Bate, 6; H. Horwood, 7; J. George (Coventry), 8. A start was then made for a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, called differently, with 7-6-8 behind, but after ringing over 360 changes, the treble rope broke. J. Ballard, 1; J. Clarke, 2; T. Lingard, 3; H. Horwood, 4; T. Chapman, 5; T. Bates 6; J. George (Coventry), 7; G. Winter, 8. Afterwards a 240 in the same method, on the back six.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Wednesday evening, October 19th, at St. Mary's church, two 720s; the first, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). A. Symonds (conductor), 1; H. Smith, 2; W. Hollocks, 3; Jno. Moore, 4; W. Snell, 5; Jno. Levitt, 6. The second, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; Jno. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. Composed by Jno. Marvin, of Copdock, Suffolk, in 1784.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at St. Peter's church, 360 of College Little. A. Coles, 1; R. Pendered, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; G. Kirk, 4; F. Slade, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Also two 120's of Bob Doubles, and two 120's of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by F. Gilbert and H. Stubbs. A. Coles, 1; R. Pendered, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; G. Kirk, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; S. Bailey, 6. And on Monday, October 24th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 3; R. Pendered, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; F. Slade (first 360 in the method), 6. Also 360 of Yorkshire Court Bob. A. Coles, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; F. Slade (first 360 in the method), 3; R. Pendered, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; R. Dunkley (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Oxford Bob. A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; G. Kirk, 4; J. Willmott, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also a six-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. J. Gilbert, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; G. Kirk, 4; F. Gilbert (conductor), 5; S. Bailey, 6. *Handbell Ringing.* On Wednesday, October 19th, at the house of Mr. J. Gilbert, 360 of Oxford Bob. W. J. Gilbert, 1-2; F. Gilbert, 3-4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5-6. And a course each of Oxford Bob, College Little, and Court Single. R. Dunkley, 1-2; F. Gilbert, 3-4; H. Stubbs, 5-6. R. Dunkley hails from Bythorn, Hunts.

SHARNBROOK (Beds).—On Saturday, October 22nd, the Rushden company, by kind permission of the vicar, rang at St. Peter's, 720 Oxford Bob Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). F. Clayton, 1; G. Buron, 2; W. Lewis, 3; E. Chapman, 4; C. West, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. Also 144 London Single (three bobs). F. Clayton, 1; G. Heath, 2; E. Chapman, 3; W. A. Hall, 4; C. West, 5; G. Burton (conductor), 6. After falling the bells the company adjourned to the vicarage with the handbells, and played several

tunes, and rung a touch of Bob Minor. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. H. B. Wilkinson, for the use of the bells and for the kind way in which he entertained them during the evening, also to Mr. Dickins, the steeple-keeper.

SPRINGFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service at All Saints' Church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. Cook, 1; D. Dawson, 2; W. Harris, 3; W. Sharpington, 4; M. Rolfe (conductor), 5; W. Hawkes, 6. Mr. Harris hails from Broomfield.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Tuesday, October 18th, for practice at the Cathedral, a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. C. Mitchell, 1; *A. Barnes, 2; *W. H. Buckingham, 3; H. Lewis, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; *E. A. Hulks, 6; G. W. Cartmel, 7; N. N. Hills, 8. *First course. Also 216 Stedman Triples. N. N. Hills (conductor), 1; T. Grant, 2; A. Barnes, 3; J. C. Mitchell, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; G. W. Cartmel, 7; W. H. Buckingham, 8. On Sunday morning, October 23rd, for service, 384 Bob Major (Queens and Tittums). T. Grant, 1; A. Barnes, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; J. C, Mitchell, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; W. Battle, 7; N. N. Hills (conductor), 8. Also 168 Stedman and Bob Triples, and 126 of Grandsire. For evening service 504 of Stedman Triples. E. J. Mitchell (first 504 in the method), 1; W. Battle, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; J. C. Mitchell, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; W. H. Buckingham, 8. The above contained Queens and Tittums. Also 168 of Stedman, and a plain course of Grandsire Major. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Wednesday, October 26th, in St. Peter's belfry, 168 of Grandsire Triples. A. Hull, 1; W. Little, 2; T. Waller, 3-4; E. P. Debenham, 5-6; E. Hull, 7-8. Also 336 of Grandsire Triples. A. Hull, 1; W. Little, 2; T. Waller, 3-4; E. P. Debenham, 5; S. Mitchell, 6; E. Hull, 7-8. First in the method for Messrs. A. Hull and Little. And on Sunday, October 30th, for Divine Service in the evening, 504 Stedman Triples. J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 1; T. Grant, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; N. N. Hills, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; G. W. Cartmel, 7; M. Pratt, 8.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for morning service, at the parish church, by the local company, a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Rochester (conductor), 1; N. W. Tarling, 2; T. Saban, 3; W. J. Pleasance, 4; J. Tarling, 5; W. Morris, 6; P. Springham, 7; W. F. Tarling, 8. For evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. N. W. Tarling (conductor), 1; G. Camp, 2; T. Saban, 3; A. Brown, 4; F. W. Tarling, 5; W. J. Pleasance, 6; W. Morris, 7; P. Springham, 8. And for practice, on Tuesday evening, the 25th inst., a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. N. W. Tarling (conductor), 1; G. Camp, 2; A. Brown, 3; W. Morris, 4; F. W. Tarling, 5; W. J. Pleasance, 6; H. Saban, 7; P. Springham, 8. And 560 of Plain Bob Major, in 24 mins. G. Camp, 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban, 3; W. J. Pleasance, 4; W. Morris, 5; H. Saban, 6; P. Springham, 7; N. W. Tarling (conductor), 8. Also a 504 of Stedman Triples, in 19 mins. N. W. Tarling (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban, 3; W. J. Pleasance, 4; W. Morris, 5; H. Saban, 6; P. Springham, 7; F. W. Tarling, 8. The above is the first touch of Plain Bob Major by Messrs. Pleasance and Morris. Tenor 25 cwt.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Monday, October 24th, at St. Thomas's Church, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), on the back six. W. A. Pugh, 1; C. Barrett, 2; W. Lawrence, 3; J. Guest (conductor), 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; H. Harris, 6. Another 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) with tenor covering. *J. Pagett, 1; C. Barrett, 2; W. Lawrence, 3; J. Guest (conductor), 4; H. Harris, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6; W. A. Pugh, 7. *First 720 (aged 16).

TROWBRIDGE (Wilts).—On Saturday, October 22nd, a 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. McCaffrey, 1; T. Blackbourn (conductor), 2; A. Anderson, 3; J. Hayward, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; C. A. Clements, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 8. The above quarter-peal is the composition of the late Mr. Woodman, of Trowbridge.

THE BROOK, NEAR LIVERPOOL.—On Saturday, October 15th, the St. Mary's Society, Prescot, paid a visit to the above place, to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to a service being held, time did not permit, so the following were rung before service. A 1008 of Grandsire Triples. J. Chesworth, 1; W. Finney, 2; J. Renshall, 3; T. Abrahams, 4; J. Finney, 5; J. Case, 6; T. Byron (conductor), 7; J. Moston, 8. Also 516 in the same method. J. Chesworth, 1; J. Finney, 2; W. Finney, 3; T. Abrahams, 4; J. Renshall, 5; J. Case, 6; T. Byron (conductor), 7; J. Moston, 8. And a course of Plain Bob Triples. After service 503 of Grandsire Triples. T. Byron, 1; J. Renshall, 2; W. Finney, 3; R. Williams (conductor), 4; T. Abrahams, 5; J. Moston, 6; J. Finney, 7; J. Case, 8. And a 507. J. Chesworth, 1; J. Finney, 2; W. Finney, 3; T. Abrahams, 4. J. Renshall, 5; T. Byron, 6; R. Williams (conductor), 7; J. Moston, 8. Mr. R. Williams belongs to Liverpool.

TWERTON (near Bath).—On Thursday, October 20th, at St. Michael's church, two 120s of Stedman Doubles. J. Wotton, 1; G. Temple, 2; J. Blackmore (conductor), 3; T. Holman, 4; H. Wotton, 5; C. Bendall, 6. Also another 120. H. Wotton, 1; G. Temple, 2; T. Blackmore (conductor), 3; H. Wotton, 4; H. Brown, 5; C. Bendall, 6. Also for Divine Service, on Sunday, October 23rd, at St. Andrew's, Bath, for morning service, a plain course, and a 280 of Grandsire Triples. H. Wyburn, 1; J. Holman, 2; G. Kingston, 3; G. Hill (couductor), 4; E. Tovey, 5; —.Goodman, 6; H. Brown, 7; N. Wake, 8. Also for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Wyburn, 1; J. Holman, 2; A. Melhuish, 3; G. Hill (conductor), 4; E. Tovey, 5; —. Goodman, 6; H. Brown, 7; —. Crocker, 8. And after service, 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Wyburn, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Holman, 3; G. Hull, 4; J. Balckmore, 5; H. Wotton (conductor), 6; H. Brown, 7; —. Crocker, 8. And another touch in the same method. H. Wyburn, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. Tovey, 3; H. Brown, 4; A. Melhuish, 5; H. Wotton (conductor), 6; J. Holman, 7; C. Bendall, 8.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, October 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; J. West, 6. In the afternoon, 360 of Woodbine Treble Bob Minor, and 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Yates, 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; W. J. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H.Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. In the evening, 360 of College Single Minor, and 120 of Grandsire Minor. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. The above were rung on the occasion of the annual Harvest Thanksgiving. Messrs. Yates, Short, W. Rushton, Barton and Bradshaw hail from Bootle; West from Seaforth; the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 9 cwt.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Saturday, October 29th, at Holy Trinity church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24½ mins. Y. Green, 1: *Rev. A. S. Dowling, 2; H. Randall, 3; H. Prior, 4; H. Springhall, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob bell in the method Also a 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor, in 23 mins. †Rev. A. S. Dowling, 1; H. Prior, 2; †Y. Green, 3; †H. Randall, 4; †W. H. Doran, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6. †First 720 in the method, and also the first on the bells. H. Prior hails from Stanstead, Essex.

BURFORD, OXON.

The following is the account of the ringing done by the Burford (Oxford) company during the month of October:—

On Sunday, October 2nd, at the parish church, 360 of Grandsire Minor. H. Shaylor, 1; T. Brown, 2; D. Francis, 3; T. E. Glanville (conductor), 4; W. Large, 5; W. Hall, 6; W. Launchbury, 7. And 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; H. Bond, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. C. Glanville, 5; D. Francis, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; H. Shaylor, 8. Also on Sunday, October 16th, 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; D. Francis, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; H. Bond, 7; H. Shaylor, 8. And on Sunday, October 23rd, 360 of Bob Minor. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; W. Smith, 3; D. Francis, 4; W. Large, 5; H. Bond (conductor), 6; H. Shaylor, 7. Also 240 of Grandsire Minor. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; W. Smith, 3; H. Bond, 4; W. Large (conductor), 5; D. Francis, 6; W. Woulderidge, 7. And on Wednesday, October 26th, 360 of Bob Minor. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; W. Smith, 3; D. Francis, 4; H. Bond, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; W. Launchbury, 7. Also on Sunday, October 30th, 1260 of Grandsire Triples. F. E. Ward, 1; W. Hall, 2; D. Francis, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; H. Bond, 7; W. Lauchbury, 8. Composed by E. Pitt, of Exeter.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

THE 250th Anniversary Dinner of the above Society will take place this evening (Saturday) at 7 o'clock precisely. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Magnus, Thames Street, E.C., ten bells, 1.15 p.m. and 5 p.m.; St Saviour's, Southwark, S.E., twelve bells, 2.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, E.C., twelve bells, 4 p.m. An efficient musical programme has been arranged. The Master (Mr. G. T. McLaughlin) will take the chair at 6.50 for 7 p.m., and Mr. G. Mash, the vice-chair. As there is a good long programme to be got through, it is hoped that those intending to be present will be punctual.

On Monday the Bishop of Rochester unveiled a window which has been erected at the west end of St. Peter's, Walworth, in memory of the Rev. F. Evelyn Alexander, the late vicar, who died in February ast.

Church News.

On Tuesday Sir J. P. Deane formallyprorogued the Southern Convocation till December 1st.

On Tuesday the Rev. Philip Deedes, of St. Albans, was appointed secretary of Haileybury College, on the retirement of the Rev. Lewis Deedes, after twenty-five year's service.

The consecration of Archdeacon Matthew as Bishop of Lahore, in succession to Dr. Valpy French, will, it is stated, take place at Westminster Abbey on St. Thomas's Day, December 21st.

Ou Monday the Bishop of Rochester unveiled a window which has been erected at the west end of St. Paul's, Walworth, in memory of the Rev. Evelyn F. Alexander, the late vicar, who died in February last.

The preachers at the Chapel Royal, St. James's, for the current month will be :—November 6th, the Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal; 13th, the Rev. W. H. Bliss; 20th, the Rev. A. H. Williams; 27th, the Rev. J. E. Kempe.

The Bishop of Chester has appointed the Rev. Herbert Bury, vicar of St. Peter's, Stockport, to succeed the late Canon Brown as honorary secretary of the Diocesan Church Building Society for the Macclesfield archdeaconry.

On Friday week the Bishop of Ripon held a special ordination at the Palace Chapel, and admitted Mr. Walter Mansell Merry, B.A., of Exeter College, to the diaconate. Mr. Merry will act as the Bishop's domestic chaplain and private secretary.

On Saturday week the Bishop of Ripon laid the foundation-stone of St. Luke's, Cleckheaton, on a site which had been presented by the Lowmoor Iron Company. The building will be erected from the designs of Mr. Medland Taylor and will accommodate 643 persons. The cost is to be about £5,000.

A special service was held at Nicholas Cole-Abbey on Thursday, November 3rd, at noon, to enable Cornishmen and others interested in Truro Cathedral to associate themselves with the consecration service. A short sermon was preached, and the service was over at 12.45. Holy Communion was celebrated at eight o'clock.

As the Rev. E. T. Hoare, vicar of Chilworth, Hants., was crossing the railway at Swathling on Monday, he was knocked down by a goods engine. He was conveyed to the Hampshire County Hospital, where his arm was amputated. He was also injured in the head, and is in a precarious state.

The east window of Bondwell church, Gloucestershire, has been filled with stained-glass from the studio of Messrs. Ward and Hughes. It bears the following inscription :—"To the glory of God and in memory of his father, the Rev. W. Thursby, who died Oct., 1884, aged 82, this window is erected by Piers Thursby, 1887." Mr. and Mrs. P. Thursby also gave an organ a short time back in memory of Mrs. Thursby, senior.

The Bishop of London has inhibited the Rev. Thomas Greenland, late rector of Raithby, Lincolnshire, from further preaching in Christ Church, Harlesden, a place of worship connected with the Reformed Episcopal Church. Mr. Greenland preached in the church on the 16th ult., and was announced to do so on Sunday next. Mr. Greenland, though he has resigned his living, has not severed his connection with the Church of England.

On Saturday afternoon the Rev. R. Raynbird, rector of Wentworth, Ely, feeling unwell, walked to a couch to rest himself, and expired almost immediately. His wife at the time was attending a special service at Holy Trinity, Ely, in connection with the Servants' Friendly Society. Mr. Raynbird was a scholar of Christ's College, Cambridge, where he graduated in 1843. He was ordained the next year, and in 1856 was appointed to Wentworth by the Dean and Chapter.

The living of Dolwyddelan, North Wales, having become vacant, the patron, Baroness Willoughby d'Eresby, has written to the parishioners offering to place the appointment in their hands. If they choose to nominate a fit and proper clergyman she will present him to the benefice. The parishioners have selected three candidates, whom they have submitted to the Bishop of the diocese for his selection. The parishioners will then submit the clergyman chosen to the Baroness Willoughby d'Eresby.

On Saturday week Countess Cowper laid the memorial-stone of the Church of the Holy Redeemer, which is about to be built in Exmouth-street, Clerkenwell. The Rev. E. V. Eyre delivered an address, in the course of which he stated that they were under a special debt of gratitude to the Marquis of Northampton for presenting them with the site for the church. When the Church was completed it would cost between £8,000 and £9,000., and they were now about £4,000 short of that amount; but within the last few days he had received an anonymous donation of £1,000.

An inquest was held at Baginton, Warwickshire, on Tuesday, on the body of the Rev. Frederick Gooch, D.C.L., aged eighty-four. Mr. Gooch, who was connected by marriage with the Speaker, had latterly been in poor health, and on Saturday he went into his library and shot himself twice in the neck. He was found dead on the floor. A verdict of suicide whilst in an unsound state of mind was returned. Mr. Gooch graduated from Christ Church, Oxford, in 1826. He was Fellow of All Souls' College from 1828 till 1853, and was appointed rector of Baginton as long ago as 1833, and was rural dean of Baginton from 1838 tlll 1884.

The Rev. E. Hodgson, vicar of Shocklach, Cheshire, who recently removed the communion table cover and substituted for it the pall used to cover coffins at funerals, in order to show the parishioners what a Low Church service was like, has placed his resignation in the hands of the Bishop of Chester. The ritualistic ornaments, subsequently removed into the churchyard by Mr. Piggott, churchwarden, were taken back by the rev. gentleman. They were carried out a second time, and the vicar has since conducted the services without these adjuncts,

In the unavoidable absence through indisposition of the Bishop of Oxford, Bishop Abraham consecrated, on Friday week, an addition to the churchyard and a chancel to the church of Holy Trinity, Hermitage, Newbury, of which the Rev. Philip Longmore is the vicar. This church was built in 1835 for the district which was then separated for ecclesiastical purposes from the parish of Hampstead Norreys. It was exceedingly plain and unattractive both externally and internally; but improvements have from time to time been effected. The new chancel, with appropriate fittings and a vestry, has been built under the direction of Mr. Maurice Hulbert. The consecration sermon was preached by the Bishop. The same evening a service was held, at which the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Abernethy Coldbeck, licensed preacher in the diocese of London.

The clergy of the Diocese of Bath and Wells will rejoice in the announcement made last Monday, that the canonry at Wells, vacant by the death of Professor Gandell, has been conferred by the Bishop (Lord Arthur Hervey), on his examining chaplain, the rector of Weston-super-Mare. The Rev. George Buckle has been for thirty-five years identified with the work of the diocese, and he would have had probably the unanimous support of the clergy had the election rested with them. Mr. Buckle took his degree at Oxford in Easter term, 1842—First Class Mathematics and Second in Classics—at the same time with Bishop Temple, of Balliol; President Wayte, and the Right Hon. Mountague Bernard, of Trinity, who were also in First Classics. He was Fellow and Tutor of Oriel College, 1843-1852; Public Examiner in 1846 and 1850. Cardinal Newman, Bishop Fraser, Dean Church, Arthur Hugh Clough, and Matthew Arnold, were also Fellows of Oriel during these years. In 1852 Mr. Buckle succeeded to the college living of Twerton, and in 1868 was appointed Prebendary of Wells by the then Bishop, Lord Auckland; examining chaplain to Lord Arthur Hervey in 1872, and rector of Weston-super-Mare by the same Bishop in 1875.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER AND THE SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a meeting of ringers of the above places, will take place on Saturday, November 12th. Time and place will be given next week. The object of the meeting will be to consider the advisability of forming the said districts into a branch or district of the above Association. All towers, containing six or more bells, within the proposed boundaries of Rochdale and Bury on the north; Walkden and Worsley, to Flixton on the west; Cheshire on the south; and Yorkshire on the east, are earnestly requested to send one or more members to the meeting. This invitation is for non-members as well as members of the Association. Communications respecting this meeting must be addressed to A. ED. WREAKS.

42, *Cleveland road, Crumpsall, Manchester.*

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

A Committee Meeting will be held in the Church room, Stoke, on Saturday, November 12th, at 4 o'clock. Business—to elect a clerical secretary and treasurer, fix meetings for another year, &c. E. GLOVER, *Hon. Sec.*

Dog Croft, November 1st, 1877.

OUTING OF THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH, TO LONDON.

On Saturday, October 15th, nine members of the above society paid a visit to London, where arrangements had been made to attempt a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at St. Giles, Cripplegate, where after ringing in good style for 2 hrs. and 23 mins., it came to grief, through the 4th casting her rope. C. Mee (conductor), 1; J. Pettit, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; F. Mee, 5; S. E. Joyce, 6: E. Horrex, 7; R. H; Brundle, 8; A. R. Aldham, 9; T. Steward, 10; F. Tillett, 11. E. Pemberton, 12. Tenor 36 cwt. On Sunday for morning service at St. Saviour's, Southwark, three courses of Stedman Cinques, and for afternoon service at St. Paul's Cathedral, three courses of Stedman Cinques, and for evening service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, a course of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. On Monday morning they were kindly met by Messrs. Horrex and Woodley, who shewed them over the Guildhall, and St. Paul's Cathedral, where a pass was obtained, and in the afternoon arrangements had been previously made to attempt a peal at Fulham, but had to be abandoned on account of a funeral, so they went to Rochester Row instead, and rang some touches of Double Norwich, Treble Bob, and Stedman Triples, from whence they made their way to Liverpool Street, to catch the 8 p.m. train for Ipswich, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The company wish to thank all their London friends for their kindness in arranging peals, touches, etc., and also Messrs. Pettit, Horrex, and Woodley, for spending a great part of Monday with them, and also wish to thank their friends of the Royal Cumberland Society, for providing ringing at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields; hoping that they will soon again renew their visit, and then have the good luck to ring a peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—CRAWLEY BRANCH.

On Sunday, October 9th, by the kind invitation of Mr. W. Wadey, six members, viz., Messrs. F. and G. Wickens, Hillier, Parsons, Newnham, and King, paid a visit to Billingshurst. Permission had been obtained to visit the parish church, and they rang a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, for morning service. In the afternoon a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins., and 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. For evening service, 720 of Warnham Court Bob Minor, in 25 mins. Several other touches were rung during the day with the local ringers. Mr. W. Wadey is a member of the Crawley branch, and had generously provided a very substantial dinner for his brother members, and to which ample justice was done; they then left for Crawley in the evening, highly gratified with the trip. The following Sunday, October 16th, permission had been obtained to ring at the parish church at Horley, when Messrs. Hillier, Wadey, F. and G. Wickens, Newnham, Collison, Rice, Pierce, and D. Jordan of Capel, started to ring a peal of Court Bob Triples, but after ringing 55 minutes it came to grief through a change-course. Afterwards they rang two 640s Kent Treble Bob Major, for evening service.

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."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION REPORT.

SIR,—In answer to a member of the Y. A. C. R. as he styles himself. saying the calling of my peal will be found in the ninth report, and rung at Drighlington November 10th, 1883, conducted by Henry Smith, is as I said in my first letter to your paper on this subject, not to be found, and if he says again it is there to be found after this second investigation he recommended, and in answer to this letter, I am convinced he will be absolutely in the wrong. Apart from all hastiness in my complaint about the non-insertion of my calling, I believe a peal was rung at the place and date above mentioned, and conducted with the same calling refered to in the ninth annual report, but he must allow me to inform him it cannot come round with that calling at 5056 changes, rung as published in the ninth report. Now allow me to ask him where the hastiness comes in. A conversation cropped up with the gentleman who rang the 7th bell in both peals when retiring from the tower after my peal, and he said it had been rung some time back in a revised form at Drighlington, and with this result; that No. 247 performance, or speaking like "rushing into print," the calling was false. I forward the calling of mine so that members with the ninth report may compare them, and hope he may, next time be writes on this subject, sign his name properly, so that I may see if he is a member of the Y. A. C. R., and hope, in conclusion that more attention may be paid to reports of peals rung by the officials who prepare them for printing in the report, and not alter them after being forwarded as mine was. R. BINNS.

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With the 6th twelve times each way.

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Repeated. JOSEPH TEBBS.

THE TOTTENHAM PEAL.

SIR,—As perhaps you may have heard, the question of the booking of the peal of Bob Triples was brought on at the meeting of the St. James's society last Monday. The proposer of the resolution that the peal should not be booked was J. M. Hayes, and he was fully attended by the band of St. Stephen's, Westminster, where he is employed in teaching. These members of course followed as he led, as did the seconder of the resolution, C. F. Winny, and R. French and others. Their victory is not decisive, however,—16 for and 16 against. Mr. Langdon, the master of the company, gave the casting vote against us, and I wonder at this because he seemed to be inclined to our side, though perhaps he did not like to give offence to the persons above named. It was rather a boisterous meeting, and the marshalling of the forces against us was plainly seen. We were told previously, and not in a very courteous manner, that we could do what we liked, but we should not get the peal booked. Perhaps the individual who said that will tell us if it is at all correct to propose a person for membership in a public-house on a Sunday and then ring a peal with him there. Our peal, refused admission into the St. James's peal-book by a few members who want it all their own way, will be recorded in a manner equally as lasting as it would have been if entered in the St. James' peal-book. This record will state in full the unwise opposition of these people, and the proposer, seconder, and casting-voter will have their names added for the benefit and amusement and indignation of posterity. H. A. BARNETT.

SIR,—Messrs. J. M. Hayes—who proposed the resolution that a true and complete peal of Triples rung upon seven bells should not be recorded—C. F. Winny, who seconded the same, and Messrs. Hayward, McLaughlin, French, and others who supported it, are certainly very squeamish. They are not always so. In "THE BELL NEWS" of October 1st, I read of a peal being rung on handbells on a Sunday in a public-house, in which Messrs. Hayes, Winny, and McLaughlin took part. The other man who took part in the peal was a stranger—not a member of the St. James' Company. But they did not care for that. They made him a member there and then. Why not; there were three of them to do it. One of them proposed him, another seconded, and the third and last man carried him. And all this on a Sunday, at the meeting house of the St. James' Society. Is this according to rule? And yet these are the people who with their followers object to record a good peal merely because it was rung without a tenor. Shallowness, did you say, in your leading article on the subject? It's something more than that. Such pettifogging ways will prevent me going to the St. James' Meeting for a long time. The fact is Messrs. Hayes or Winny or the rest of the objectors were not in the peal. Some of the others who were brought up to vote against this performance of a young deserving company, are only famous for their strength of lung, and are no ornament to any Society.

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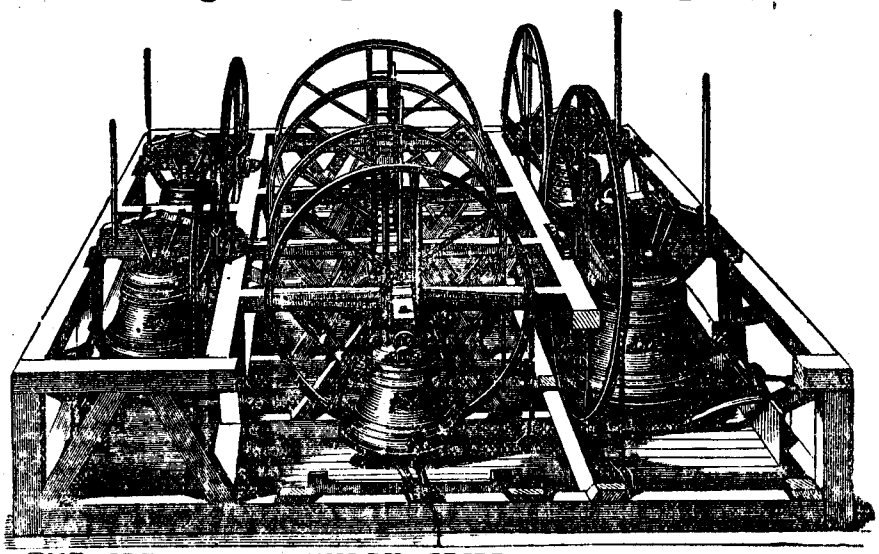
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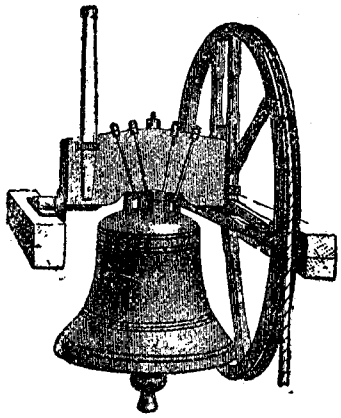
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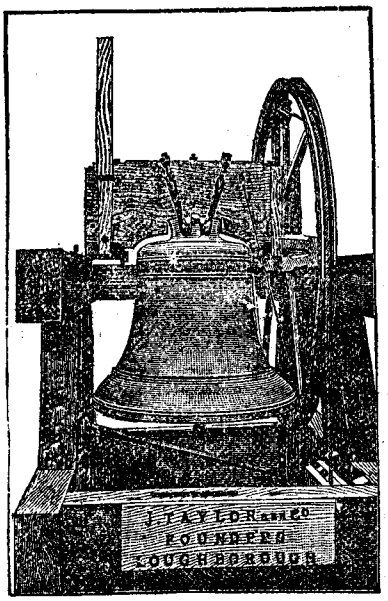
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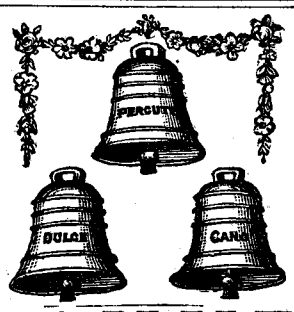
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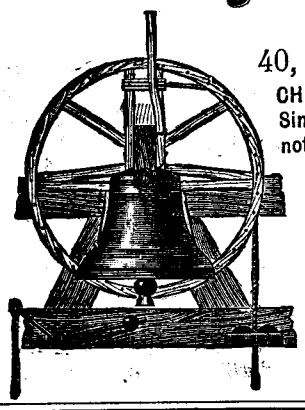
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