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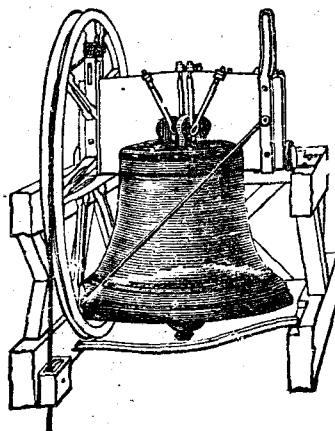
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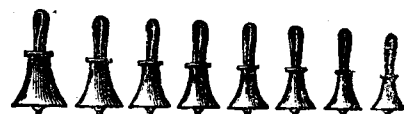
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Pro te, Ecclesia, adit vox renovata Deum.
Qui Domini ascendent in juga sancta rogo.
Pura quibus manus est puraque cardo, cano.
Christie, poli clavis, te celebramus, adi.
Jubilat ascendens voce tubaque Deus.
Integra sit patrie pax, sine tæbe fides.
Vox mea, presbyteri voce tacente vocat. I.M.
Vox mea Christopherum Lodge Beverley memorat (with crest).

Some readers may prefer an English version ;

Church of God in newer mould,
I'm thy prayer-bell as of old.
Pure their hand and heart must blend
Who the hill of God ascend
Christ the key of realms on high,
Open, open to our cry ;
Voice and trump with one accord
Tell of our ascending Lord.
Peace in Britain would ye see,
Stand United loyally.
When the priest's voice silent falls,
Loudly mine his people calls.
Him of pious name sing I,
Christopher Lodge Beverley.

On the four walls of the belfry are four rhyming scrolls illuminated by ladies in the parish.

Numerat Aurea,
Lustra Victoria.
Pax ei laurea.
Sit Deo Gloria.

Also a brass plate bearing the inscription:—

"This peal of bells was raised by public subscription in 1887, the fiftieth year of the reign of Queen Victoria, and dedicated to the Glory of God and the welfare of his Church. Jackson Mason, Vicar; Thomas Clark, John Handby, Churchwardens."

The ceremony of the day began in the belfry, where Canon Puleine receiving the ropes from the churchwardens, dedicated the bells to the glory of God, and then delivered them as a sacred trust to the vicar as custodian. Then followed a musical service in the church, which, with the sermon by Canon Puleine, was most impressive. Much both of the words and music was original, and Mr. Barnett's setting of the 150th Psalm was much admired. The bells were first heard during the service, at the conclusion of which Mr. Arthur Knights' peal of Treble Bob Major (5440 changes), was attempted by the following members of the Yorkshire Association. J. H. Bell, 1; W. Clarke, 2; W. Mallinson, 3; W. Wilks, 4; J. Broadley, 5; W. Whitaker, 6; J. McKell (conductor), 7; J. McGoun, 8. All went well for over two hours, when, through the intrusion of a very talkative verger, a change-course took place, and "stand" was called at the end of 2 hrs. 10 mins., to the very great disappointment of everyone concerned.

A DAY'S OUTING TO SHEFFIELD.

On Bank Holiday, December 26th, accompanied by my brother, I paid a visit to the above town, where we arrived at 10.15 a.m., and soon afterwards found ourselves in company some of our brother strings. After a ramble through the town, we journeyed back to the "Brown Bear," the meeting-house of the St. Mary's Society, where we were met with that welcome so well known to Yorkshire ringers. After refreshing the inner man we ascended the tower of St. Mary's, and rang a touch of Grandsire Triples. O. Dixon, 1; G. Seed, 2; C. Williams, 3; R. Williams, 4; J. Mulligan, 5; W. Biggan, 6; T. Dixon (conductor), 7; G. Taylor, 8. Time not permitting for any more ringing on these bells, being due at the parish church, where Mr. C. H. Hattersley and his band would be in waiting. After a minute's walk we soon found ourselves in the above tower, and was soon ringing a touch of Grandsire Caters. W. Midgley, 1; C. H. Hattersley, 2; C. Williams, 3; J. Mulligan, 4; W. Biggan, 5; T. Hattersley, 6; J. Dixon, 7; A. Brearley, 8; R. Williams (conductor), 9; G. Taylor, 10. Also a course of Treble Bob Major on the back eight. J. Dixon, 1; C. H. Hattersley, 2; J. Lomas, 3; C. Williams, 4; T. Dixon, 5; T. Hattersley, 6; R. Williams, 7; A. Brearley, 8. This was followed by 537 of Stedman Caters. C. H. Hattersley, 1; T. Hattersley, 2; J. Lomas, 3; C. Williams, 4; J. Mulligan, 5; W. Lomas, 6; J. Dixon, 7; A. Brearley, 8; R. Williams (conductor), 9; W. Midgley, 10. We descended the tower, and made our way to the meeting-house known as "Queen Victoria," where we found a large gathering of brother-strings from different parts of Yorkshire, among whom was our friend "The Skipper," who as is usual with the class of seafaring men who bear the above cognomen, could not be comfortable without that very useful vegetable, viz., an onion. The kind landlady made every endeavour to oblige him, and upon it being placed before him, he shed his tears. The remainder of the evening was spent in great jollification—by toasts, handbells, songs, etc., till time gave us the signal for departure, and after the friendly parting, we soon found ourselves with the steam horse, jogging along, and landed safely home in Liverpool at 2 a.m. on Tuesday, well satisfied with our outing.

ROBERT WILLIAMS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the year will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Saturday, January 7th, 1888, and the bells of the parish church (eight) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee Meeting in the Vestry at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Queen's Hotel at 5 p.m., tickets 1s. 6d. each. General Meeting immediately after tea, to which all ringers and friends are invited. It is particularly requested that those members who intend being present at the tea will send their names to the local Hon. Sec., Mr. John Jaggard, 145, Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent, on or before Wednesday, January 4th, 1888.

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The anniversary meeting of the above Association will be held at Almondsbury (eight bells), near Bristol, on Monday, January 9th, 1888. The nearest station is Patchway, two miles. Divine Service at the parish church of St. Mary, at 11 a.m. Short address by the Vicar, Rev. Canon Cooper. Dinner at the Swan at 1 o'clock, at two shillings and sixpence per head; one shilling and sixpence allowed by the Association to all members who inform the Hon. Secretary of their intention of being present by the 4th inst.

PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.

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THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of this Society will be held on Thursday, January 5th, at the "King of Bells." Chair to be taken at 7.45 p.m. As important business will be considered all members are requested to attend. W. H. GODDEN, Sec.

THE YEAR'S OBITUARY.

The obituary for the year includes among politicians Lord Iddesleigh, whose sudden death was mourned by all parties as a national loss; Peter Rylands, well known as a useful economist in the House of Commons; Mr. Beresford Hope, whose consistent, though independent support of Church views and munificent contributions to Church action leave a void which will not easily be filled; Lord Wolverton, who was equally liberal in the promotion of party objects; and Lord Dalhousie, by whose death, a few hours after that of his wife, a promising career was brought to an early close. Abroad the Italian Prime Minister, Signor Depretis, who in this respect as well as in his clever management of conflicting parties recalls Lord Palmerston, has died at his post. Among soldiers General Macgregor, the conqueror of Burmah, was snatched away in the hour of victory; Sir Henry Gordon has followed the more illustrious brother whose life he has done so much to illustrate; and Valentine Baker Pasha, whose career in the English army was cut short by the just punishment of a dishonourable crime, did what he could to redeem his reputation by valuable services in Egypt, and at last succumbed unexpectedly to disease. Of those who minister to soldiers by supplying the material of war there are no more famous names than two which have passed away during the year, Sir Joseph Whitworth and Herr Krupp. Russia has lost in Katkoff the one great journalist who exercised an independent power. An eminent scholar has been lost in Dr. Scott, the late Dean of Rochester. A sad fate has overtaken Alexander Heriot Mackonochie, who, after an ardent but stormy life, perished at last in a holiday walk through a Scotch snowstorm. Sodor and Man has lost its Bishop, Dr. Rowley Hill; and two eminent clergymen have been removed in Archdeacon Harrison and J. W. Joyce. A famous American preacher, Henry Ward Beecher has gone; and so have so have two Roman Catholic ecclesiastics, occupying prominent but very different positions, Monsignor Jacobini, the Papal Secretary, and Father Beckx, the General of the Jesuits, though the latter had previously resigned the practical control of the society in the hands of his successor, Father Anderledy. Rome has also lost a recent convert in Lord Lyons, who had only just retired from a long and successful diplomatic career. A modified opponent of Rome, Johannes Ronge, has also passed away, who enacted in Germany something of the same part which Father Hyacinthe has played in France. We have lost a great and original schoolmaster in Dr. Thring, of Uppingham. An eminent light in science has been extinguished in Professor Balfour Stewart, one of the joint authors of the "Unseen Universe." Besides Richard Jefferies, literature regrets two lady novelists of repute in Mrs. Henry Wood and Mrs. Craik, the author of "John Halifax," and a lady traveller in Lady Brassey, who was cut off prematurely at sea by malarial fever: while Music has lost a well-known composer in Sir George Macfarren, and a famous singer, though she had long retired from the public eye, in Madame Lind-Goldschmidt, better known as Jenny Lind.

THE CHURCH IN 1887.

The Church history of the year has been interesting, but hardly eventful. Attention was greatly drawn last winter to the sufferings of the clergy owing to the agricultural depression, and we are glad to think that we were able to contribute in some degree to the diffusion of accurate information on this important subject. One result of the interest excited by this very grave state of things was a creation of a Clergy Relief Fund, under the direction of the Corporation of the Sons of the

Clergy. In this way about £40,000 was raised, a sum which, though quite inadequate to the permanent relief of the distress, has it may be hoped, done something to lessen it in individual cases. In the early part of the year the two Archbishops and the Bishop of London determined to consecrate a Bishop to superintend the Anglican congregations in Palestine. The motives of this revival of a bishopric with so unfortunate a history have not been disclosed. We only mention it here as having evoked a unanimous expression of regret from an unusually representative body of Churchmen. The embers of the ritual controversy have been shown to contain more fire than was supposed by the imprisonment of Mr. Bell Cox, and though for the time he is at large owing to the intervention of the Queen's Bench Division, the Court of Appeal has already pronounced his discharge illegal, and if the House of Lords confirms this judgment he will probably be sent once more to gaol for adopting a ceremonial which in London and elsewhere has been in use in certain churches for many years and with the general consent of all concerned. The consecration of Truro Cathedral drew together an imposing gathering of Bishops and clergy, and gave striking evidence of the renewed life of the Church in a county which at one time was regarded as almost wholly given over to Dissent. The ecclesiastical legislation of the year extended the time in which loans to incumbents must be repaid, and made the pensions payable to incumbents who have resigned their benefices vary with the tithe averages. Of proposed legislation there was a good deal, the most important measures being the Glebe Lands Occupation Bill, the Church Patronage Bill, which underwent a complete and most beneficial revolution at the hands of Lord Salisbury in the course of its passage through the house of Lords, and the Tithe Rent-Charge Bill. How important it was that so much at all events of this Bill as dealt with the incidence of the charge should have become law has been abundantly proved by the tithe riots in Wales and by the growing lawlessness in the Principality of which these riots are at once the evidence and the encouragement. In the Convocation of Canterbury there has been much useful discussion, but it has rather prepared the way for conclusions to be arrived at next year than yielded any which can be recorded as part of the history of 1887.—*Guardian*.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

The late Mr. W. H. Henson (Churchwarden), Finedon, having been an influential member of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Ringers' Society, the church bells at Wellingborough and Raunds were rung muffled on Tuesday evening, the funeral taking place at Finedon in the afternoon. Born at Kettering in 1826, Mr. Henson was one of a noted family of Kettering ringers, and learned to manage a bell when quite a boy. All through his life he took great interest in everything appertaining to the belfry. As churchwarden of Finedon, he was leader of the ringers there, and was instrumental in bringing about the re-casting of the Tenor, and re-hanging of the bells in 1875. His father was present at the opening of the bells in 1825, fifty years previous. At the Society's Meeting at Rushden, in 1884, the Finedon Ringers with Mr. Henson at the treble, and Moon on the tenor, rang Grandsire Doubles in a style never equalled, the "time" and "striking" being simply perfection. Mr. Henson was particularly well known to, and much respected by the Wellingborough men, for he often rang at the parish church in the "old days," and frequently expressed a wish to have a pull on the increased ring of eight. He generally rang the seventh (the old fifth), therefore this was, according to custom, raised and rung by itself, previous to the muffled peal.

THE ATTEMPTED LONG PEAL AT CHELTENHAM.

The attempted long peal of Stedman Caters was unfortunately not accomplished here yesterday. It collapsed after about 5500 changes had been rung, in 3 hrs. and 21 mins.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Ring out the false, ring in the true;
Ring out the old ring in the new."

A Happy New Year to all! The festal season is once more over, and Christmas of 1887 is a thing of the past. Following closely, the few remaining days of the Old Year are fast drawing to a close: and "Anno Domini 1887" will soon cease to exist save in history, as the memorable Jubilee Year of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

From a ringer's point of view, the year which is now virtually over, can scarcely be said to have possessed many extraordinary features. Two events, however, will no doubt cause the year to be remembered throughout the Exercise, viz., the lamented death of the late Rev. J. H. Fish, and the uncovering of the memorial window to the late Jasper Snowden. Another event too, is hardly likely to be forgotten—the introduction by Mr. Heywood of his new method "Duffield."

But if the year has not been characterised by "startling occurrences" amongst us, it cannot by any means be regarded as a twelve months of lethargy. On the contrary, its records will be especially satisfactory. If we take the number of peals and touches that have been rung, and the variety of methods which have been performed, I feel sure that 1887 will be found to have been equalled—not to say excelled—by no previous year in the history of change-ringing. Again (no doubt in a great measure due to the fact of its being Jubilee Year), bell-founders and bell-hangers have had a pretty brisk time of it, from the reports given week after week of new peals "mounted," and old ones augmented, rehung, or otherwise put into better order than they were before. Our County Associations have steadily but surely been making progress, increasing their numerical strength, and bringing the art more to its proper position, and causing it to receive its due recognition and support from the authorities of the Church.

We may thus fairly assume that altogether the year has been one of good substantial progress; one calculated to give the best friends of the Exercise cause to rejoice and take heart for the future. Let us all, therefore, while rejoicing in the successes achieved and the progress made in the past, resolve to do our best in the future—humble though our individual efforts may be—to help on this march of improvement; so that at the close of the coming year, those of us who are spared to ring in its successor, may likewise view with satisfaction the accomplishment of much good work, and have the happy consciousness of being able to say that they have each and everyone done their duty.

I have no desire to lay myself open to the charge of flattery, but I must compliment you, Mr. Editor, on the appearance of your Christmas number, with its very acceptable portrait of Mr. Wakley. I have only had the pleasure of that gentleman's personal acquaintance once, but the remembrance of that brief experience convinces me of the truthfulness of your commendatory remarks respecting him. We want men like him who always "cast a sunshine" about them wherever they go, imparting good feeling and brotherly love amongst us. Apart even from his abilities as a ringer, I do not wonder at the fact that he is such a popular officer of the Midland Counties' Association.

The Sussex Association is "pulling up" well with its peals; seven being recorded in its name last week. I am anticipating with some interest Mr. Attree's final analysis for the year, and imagine there will be a "tight run" for the top places in his list. The members of the Sussex County Association evidently do not intend to be far away from the premier position. I have had a notion for some time of analysing Mr. Attree's analyses (if I may be excused the term), but will wait till the appearance of his "final."

The controversy on prize-ringing still "grows apace," but so far, I fear, with little good result. And so I am of opinion it will continue so long as the disputation is carried on on its present lines. My brethren, if this controversy is to be carried on, do not let it develop into a series of mutual recriminations, but argue the question on its proper basis—that of principle. If I may not be deemed presumptuous, I would suggest, let us have a right, fair, honourable "pitched battle" on the matter, taking as the question to be debated "Is prize-ringing justifiable or expedient?" I think if the question was thoroughly well "thrashed out" on the broad basis of principle, we should all learn something by the correspondence. We should at any rate get acquainted with the arguments for and against. Recriminations and cutting personal remarks, however smart they may be considered, will never tend to convince anybody or settle the point at issue. If that object is to be attained, it will have to be by real arguments upon the matter in question. I am almost ashamed to be found recurring to this question, but my only excuse is my anxiety for the good of the Exercise.

FREE LANCE.

THE CHURCH TOWER, IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

An appeal is very reluctantly made for funds to take down and rebuild this well-known structure. The tower has, notwithstanding the erection of large and costly buttresses during the early part of the present century, and further efforts at preservation made some forty years ago, become so unsafe that it has been resolved, after obtaining the advice of the best authorities, to remove the whole building. Mr. Pearson examined the tower in 1883, and reported as follows: "The tower is a most interesting work, and I have the strongest feelings in favour of keeping it up; yet in spite of this, I cannot arrive at any other conclusion than that it must come down and be rebuilt." The cracks in the tower have continued to widen year by year, and the fall of stones from time to time has given the clearest warning of a quickly impending catastrophe, if the building be not taken down. Its fall would not only have endangered life, and property adjoining, but would also have rendered the expense of rebuilding immensely greater. To avoid this contingency, the upper stage has been already removed, and the lower stages are now in process of pulling down. The greatest care is being taken to stack and mark the stones as they are brought down, so as to render their exact replacement possible, and it need hardly be stated that the most careful drawings and measurements of every part of the building have been taken. The Committee are most anxious to commence the re-erection of this extremely interesting Tower, which formed part of the conventual buildings of the college of Irthlingborough, and contained in its upper stages arrangements for domestic occupation. They therefore do not hesitate to appeal far and wide to all interested in the preservation of ancient and historical buildings, to aid in providing funds to enable them to carry out the work in 1888, believed to be the 500th anniversary of the original erection of the building.

RINGERS' CONCERT AT CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.

The Third Concert given by the Clun change-ringers took place in the National Schools on Tuesday, December 20th. There was a good attendance. An attractive programme was provided, and all its items were very satisfactorily rendered. The instrumental pieces were performed in a very tasteful and correct manner, and the music of the handbells was immensely appreciated. Most of the performers received a hearty encore, to which they kindly responded. Miss B. Harrop ably accompanied upon the piano. At the conclusion of the programme, the Rev. W. Glen moved a vote of thanks to Mr. J. S. Buchanan for his great efforts made on behalf of the change-ringers to provide the excellent programme they had all so much enjoyed. The motion was carried with enthusiasm. Mr. J. S. Buchanan thanked the audience, and also gratefully acknowledged his obligations to the performers, and to Mr. T. L. Brown and Miss B. Harrop for their valuable and kindly co-operation. The church bells, he said, were still in a sad state of dilapidation, but he trusted the time was not far off when their renovation would be effected.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5073.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2 3 1 4 5 6					
*3	1	5	2	4	6
3	1	6	5	4	2
6	1	3	2	4	5
6	1	5	3	4	2
5	1	6	2	4	3
5	1	3	6	4	2
5	1	2	3	4	6
2	1	5	6	4	3
2	1	3	5	4	6
2	1	6	3	4	5
6	1	2	5	4	3

These eleven courses three times repeated except first course call 4 16 brings up

2 1 5 4 3 6

Then call

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

Round by bobs at 10, 12, 16 in one six one change.

*Bobs at 1, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 17.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES.

5040.

By W. J. CARTER, *Biddulph*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W					
4	2	6	3	5	-
6	4	5	2	3	-
3	6	5	4	2	-
2	3	5	6	4	-
5	3	4	2	6	-
4	5	6	3	2	-
6	4	2	5	3	-
2	6	3	4	5	-
5	2	3	6	4	-
4	2	3	5	6	-

Five times repeated.

With a bob in the thirtieth and sixtieth courses instead of a single.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By C. W. CLARKE, *Bedford*.

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

Twice repeated.

In this peal the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th's place at a course-end.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

6012.

By F. E. WARD, *Cheltenham*.

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

Repeat latter part four times with s instead of B at 1, in the last course of the second part.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

5007.

By W. L. CATCHPOLE, *Ipswich*.

2 3 1 4 5 6					
*4	1	6	5	2	3
4	1	3	6	2	5
4	1	5	3	2	6
5	1	4	6	2	3
5	1	3	4	2	6
5	1	6	3	2	4
6	1	5	4	2	3
6	1	3	5	2	4
3	1	6	4	2	5
2	1	6	5	3	4
2	1	4	6	3	5
2	1	5	4	3	6
5	1	2	6	3	4
5	1	4	2	3	6
4	1	5	6	3	2
4	1	2	5	3	6

These last seven courses thrice repeated produce

2 1 5 3 6 4

Rounds by bobs and single at 2, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15.

Bob changes of last course.

1	3	4	8	2	9	5	7	6	0	y
8	7	3	0	9	y	1	2	4	6	5
8	7	0	y	3	2	9	4	1	6	5
5	9	4	3	1	0	y	7	6	8	2
5	9	3	0	4	7	1	6	y	8	2
9	0	5	7	3	6	4	y	1	2	8

Round in seven sixes and one change.

*Produced by bobs at 1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5120.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

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

Repeated.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5664.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5216.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

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

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6, without a bob before.

The above peal was first rung on August 26, 1883, at St. John's church, Staveley, and was conducted by its composer. It is the second peal of 5000 rung with the above qualities.

Letter to the Editor.

SIR,—I beg leave to mention that the peal of Bob Major by me is false, as it repeats from the sixth course into the wrong of the tenth course. I must therefore call my brother-ringers' attention to the fact, so as to prevent them ringing a false peal. By omitting the bob before, and calling a bob the middle in the ninth course, will reduce the peal to 5040 changes. Thanks to Mr. Longden for correcting the same. W. J. SEVIER.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 I 3 8

3 5 2 6 4 - -

5 2 3 6 4 - -

3 6 5 2 4 - -

6 2 5 3 4 - -

5 3 2 4 6 - - -

3 2 5 4 6 - - -

5 4 3 2 6 - -

4 3 5 2 6 - -

3 5 4 2 6 - -

4 2 3 5 6 - -

2 5 3 4 6 - -

3 4 2 5 6 - -

4 5 2 3 6 - -

3 2 4 5 6 - s

Repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6208.

By HENRY DAINS, *London*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

3 2 6 5 4 - I 2

3 6 5 2 4 - I 2

3 5 2 6 4 - I 2

6 2 5 3 4 I - 2

3 6 2 4 5 - 2

6 3 5 4 2 2 - 2

4 5 3 6 2 - 2 2

6 4 5 2 3 - 2

2 6 4 3 5 - 2

2 4 3 6 5 I - 2 2

4 2 5 6 3 2 - 2

6 5 2 4 3 I - 2

5 3 2 4 6 I - 2

3 4 2 5 6 I -

4 3 6 5 2 - I 2

5 4 3 2 6 - 2

4 2 3 5 6 I -

2 4 6 5 3 - I 2

5 2 4 3 6 - 2

2 3 4 5 6 I -

This peal has the 4th and 6th the extent in 5-6, and the 5th the extent home, the 5th and 6th being in their respective positions at six course-ends.

If the last four courses are called as below, and the reverse calling used for the ninth course the peal is reduced 5184 changes, with the 4th and 6th their extent home.

6 5 2 4 3 M B W H

5 3 2 4 6 I 2

5 2 4 3 6 I 2

5 4 3 2 6 I - 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 I - 2

A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB
MAJOR.

1888.

By SAMUEL MARSH, *West Bromwich*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

6 2 5 3 4 - 2 2

2 4 5 3 6 I 2

3 2 4 6 5 2 2 2

3 4 6 2 5 I - 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 2 2 2

A DATE TOUCH OF STEDMAN
TRIPLES.

1887.

By DR. A. B. CARPENTER, *Croydon*.

2 3 1 4 5 6

*5 I 4 3 6 2 4 I 3

4 I 5 2 6 3 - -

4 I 3 5 6 2 - -

4 I 2 3 6 5 - -

2 I 4 5 6 3 - -

2 I 3 4 6 5 - -

2 I 5 3 6 4 - -

5 I 2 4 6 3 - -

5 I 3 2 6 4 - -

3 I 5 4 6 2 - -

3 I 2 5 6 4 - -

3 I 2 4 6 5 s -

3 I 5 2 6 4 - -

3 I 4 5 6 2 - -

4 I 3 2 6 5 - -

4 I 5 3 6 2 - -

5 I 4 2 6 3 - -

5 I 3 4 6 2 - -

5 I 2 3 6 4 - -

2 I 5 4 6 3 - -

2 I 3 5 6 4 - -

2 I 4 3 6 5 - -

Round next change.

*This course contains twenty sixes, and is produced by bobs at 6, 7, 8, 15, 19.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By SAMUEL MARSH, *West Bromwich*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

2 4 5 3 6 I - 2 2

3 6 4 5 2 2 - 2

2 6 5 4 3 I - 2 I

3 2 4 6 5 - 2 2

2 5 4 6 3 2 - I 2

2 4 6 5 3 I - 2 2

3 2 5 4 6 - 2 2

3 5 4 2 6 I - 2 2

2 3 5 6 4 - 2

3 4 5 6 2 2 - I 2

2 3 6 4 5 2 I 2

2 6 4 3 5 I 2

3 4 6 2 5 I - 2

2 3 4 5 6 2 2 2

This peal has the 6th the extent in 5-6, with all the 8-6's and eleven 8-6-7's, also the 5th the extent wrong and eighteen times right, the 2nd or 3rd in the hunt at each course-end. It has never yet been rung.

A DATE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR.

1888.

By FREDERICK W. HARDING, *Eastbourne*.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

3 5 4 2 6 3 - -

4 3 5 2 6 - -

5 2 4 3 6 - -

4 5 2 3 6 - -

2 4 5 3 6 - -

5 3 2 4 6 - -

2 5 3 4 6 - -

4 3 2 5 6 - s

Repeated.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAJOR.

5824.

By HENRY ROBERTS, *Cheltenham*.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 6

6 3 5 2 4 s -

2 5 3 6 4 - -

5 6 3 2 4 - -

6 2 3 5 4 - -

5 3 2 6 4 - -

3 6 2 5 4 - -

6 5 2 3 4 - -

3 2 5 6 4 - -

2 6 5 3 4 - -

4 3 6 2 5 - -

2 6 3 4 5 - -

6 4 3 2 5 - -

4 2 3 6 5 - -

6 3 2 4 5 - -

3 4 2 6 5 - -

4 6 2 3 5 - -

3 2 6 4 5 - -

2 4 6 3 5 - -

The last nine courses repeated produce;--

3 2 4 5 6

The whole repeated.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAJOR.

5004.

By F. E. WARD, *Cheltenham*.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

3 6 4 5 2 - - -

2 5 6 3 4 - - -

3 6 5 2 4 - - -

4 2 6 3 5 - - -

3 2 6 4 5 s - -

5 4 2 3 6 - - -

4 3 2 5 6 - - -

5 2 3 4 6 - - -

2 4 3 5 6 - - -

4 5 3 2 6 - - -

2 3 5 4 6 - - -

3 4 5 2 6 - - -

2 5 4 3 6 - - -

5 3 4 2 6 - - -

3 2 4 5 6 - - -

Repeat the latter part three times, with s instead of B at 1 in the last course of second part.

A 1/2-PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES.

1260.

By W. J. CARTER, *Biddulph*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

4 3 6 2 5 s -

6 4 5 3 2 - -

5 6 2 4 3 - -

2 5 3 6 4 - -

3 4 2 5 6 - - s

Twice repeated.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1887.

AGAIN do we find that the latest of the numerous progeny of Old Father Time has all but run his course, for before the next number of this journal appears the year of grace One thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight will be of the present instead of the future. The commencement of such a period invariably affords a grand opportunity for moralists to descant, at inordinate length in some cases, upon the wisdom of examining ourselves—our habits, our likes and dislikes, our antipathies and sympathies, our jealousies and other shortcomings which are the heritage of the children of ADAM; to take stock, as it were, of what has been our behaviour throughout the year which has just fled: whether during that period we have faithfully exercised that duty towards our neighbour which is enjoined upon us by that great teacher the anniversary of whose nativity we have been recently celebrating, or our gratitude towards that teacher Himself. To exhort to such self-examination is without doubt commendable from many points of view, though cynical people may decry and jeer at the preacher who is content to impress upon his auditors but once in a twelvemonth the necessity for such a personal investigation. Inquiry like this may not be pleasant to every one; the retrospect of the flying year may be in many cases too sad even for a passing view, let alone dwelling upon; contemplations upon the future, with settled and decided purposes of improvement, are perhaps the most agreeable. Yet the lesson of the past cannot be regarded as anything but salutary and beneficial. Periodical glances at the mirror of life, though its painful shadows may reflect forms repulsive to the inward workings of conscience, have their advantage if in the end they lead to the happy effect of persevering in good resolutions.

As we have just hinted, however, considerations of the future are likely to be more pleasant than retrospects of the p. st. That the year upon which we are entering will be more eventful and important, so far as the Exercise is concerned, than any of its predecessors, no one who has had his eyes open upon recent events can scarcely doubt.

Greater ringing achievements may not be performed than we have already heard of, but efforts will no doubt be made to revise and improve the organization of several well known ringing societies. The imperfect constitution of some of these bodies is notorious, and rank among the principal ingredients which militate against the progress of ringing. The Metropolitan societies are not the pink of perfection in this respect which a number of people believe. When we say that their constitutions need revision of the most radical character, we only utter a mere truism. The arrangements respecting the fees for what an old and valued friend terms "parochial ringing," are by no means everything to be desired, and the pleas of custom or antiquity cannot save them for many years longer. The present election to the office of a "parochial ringer" is not always attended with that dignity which we would fain behold; nor is it possible to look with approval upon the eagerness of some aspirants for the position, or, if reports be true, the means sometimes employed to ensure election. A statement is current that a steeple-keeper of a noted church just outside the city—himself a tenor-man—informed a very old half-pull ringer that his services would not be wanted on the next scruffe-day, and this it is averred is owing to the attitude taken by the old man in a question which affects the prestige of the society which has its head-quarters at the church alluded to. Such regulations, or we may say the want of them, is a matter which we believe is ripe for consideration, and will be dealt with during the coming year. The constitution of the society in question has recently received a severe wrench, and if in addition the above incident is correct, a great reform is surely needed. But when changes either for the better or worse are mooted, vulgar personalities between opponents, it should be remembered, have a tendency to defeat the objects in view. The senseless repartee of the meeting room, as well as the epistolary mud which is sometimes thrown, is never edifying to lookers on, who generally discern the weakest points of each combatant.

That the coming year may be a happy and prosperous one with all is our earnest wish. Happy not only in business, and domestic concerns, but happy and prosperous in the practice of the science. Whoever labours to this end among his fellows fulfils a part of that duty for which he is suffered to walk God's earth; whoever knowingly and wantonly creates offences among them is certain to meet with a sure reward sooner or later. The feelings and sympathies of many ringers are most acute. Their attachment to one particular church and its bells is often very great, and a compulsory expropriation from them has been known to produce tragic results. To seek peace, and endeavour to keep it is the bounden duty of all, and whoever is the wilful cause of discord incurs a terrible responsibility. May occasions for unseemly differences become less and less, and may the practice of generosity and self-denial become the current coin of all ringers' daily existence. If these sentiments are taken to heart there is but little doubt that our brother strings will, in the practice of the art, enjoy what we heartily wish them—

"A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTICE.—The first meeting of the Macclesfield branch of the above Guild will be held in St. Michael's choir vestry on Saturday, January 14th, at 3.30 p.m., to elect a Chairman and a representative from each band to form a Committee, and to elect members, besides other important matters. It is hoped that all will be present. After the meeting a tea will be held at a moderate figure, at the "Black Horse" Inn, and those who intend having tea must inform the undersigned on or before January 10th.

WILLIAM WALMSLEY,
Gurnett, near Macclesfield. Local Sec. and Treasurer.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Colchester, on Saturday January 7th. The tower of St. Peter's church (eight bells), will be open for ringing after 1 p.m. Tea (price 6d.) to members who give notice beforehand, at No. 19, Head Street, at 4 p.m., to be followed by the usual business meeting. Return tickets at reduced fares will be issued by the Great Eastern Railway, to members of the Association who inform the Secretary before Wednesday, January 4th, from what station they intend to travel.

T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.
Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

A General Meeting of this Society will be held on Wednesday, January 4th, 1888, at the Society's meeting house.

BY ORDER.

THE "JAMES RUDD" FUND.

Mr. Ireland acknowledges the receipt of the undermentioned sums for this fund:—

Mr. E. Gibbs, London, 2s.; Mr. E. Carter, London, 2s.	...	...	s. d.
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Mr. Joel Hern, North Shields	...	...	5 0
	...	...	2 6

The Provinces.

BEDFORD—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 21, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following methods:—

Yorkshire Court, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor and Single Oxford Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

CHARLES PASS	Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN	4.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE	2.	SAMUEL J. CULLIP	5.
WILLIAM G. BIGGS	3.	MAURICE WARWICK	Tenor.

Conducted by MAURICE WARWICK.

*First peal. The above was rung on the 3rd anniversary of the reopening of the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.

On Friday, December 23, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SNOWDON'S VARIATION OF HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART PEAL.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

F. A. UNDERWOOD*	Treble.	S. SMITH	5.
A. CRESSER	2.	W. BIRKINSHAW	6.
G. DRAYCOTT	3.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.	7.
J. HARDY	4.	E. WIGHTMAN	Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

*First peal. This is Mr. Taylor's 50th peal, out of which he has conducted 24—made up as follows: Treble Bob Royal, 2, Major, 19; Stedman Caters, 3, Triples, 1; Grandsire Caters, 4, Triples, 19; Double Oxford Bob Major, 2.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 22, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

CHARLES PASS	Treble.	MAURICE WARWICK	5.
SAMUEL J. CULLIP	2.	WILLIAM C. ALLEN	6.
FREDERICK KEECH	3.	WILLIAM G. BIGGS	7.
HARRY CHAPMAN	4.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE	Tenor.

Composed by C. W. CLARKE, and Conducted by W. G. BIGGS.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 6th its extent right and twenty times wrong. It was the first peal in this method by the above Association; also on the bells; and the first peal in this method by the 1st, 2nd, 2nd and 5th ringers

ROTHWELL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS, UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:—

College Treble, College Exercise, Olty Delight, London Scholars Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, and Violet.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH G. VERITY	Treble.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW	4.
JOHN CHAPMAN	2.	STEPHEN STACEY	5.
ALF CHAPMAN	3.	JOHN M. CHADWICK	Tenor.

Conducted by J. M. CHADWICK

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN HOLDEN	Treble.	JOHN T. HOLDEN	5.
FRANK BRIERLEY	2.	MOSES BRADBURY	6.
EDWIN B. SHAW*	3.	JOHN T. DICKEN	7.
JAMES DICKEN*	4.	JOHN BUCKLEY	Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JOHN HOLDEN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

On Sunday, December 25, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES OF TREBLE BOB MINOR;

BEING THREE 720'S OF OXFORD AND FOUR 720'S OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR,

Tenor 9½ cwt. in Ab.

GEORGE JONES	Treble.	MARMADUKE BLEZARD	4.
GEORGE JONES	2.	WALTER THOMAS	5.
WILLIAM MORGAN*	3.	JAMES MORGAN	Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

This peal was rung early on Christmas morning. * First peal.

RANMORE, DORKING, SURREY.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

E. DODD*	Treble.	W. ARGENT	5.
G. CROUCHER*	2.	E. KENWARD	6.
E. MOSES	3.	S. BROOKER	7.
W. SADLER*	4.	F. HUDSON*	Tenor.

Conducted by S. BROOKER.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Argent, Croucher, Kenward, and Moses; hail from Reigate, Sadler from Betchworth, Brooker from Leatherhead, and Dodd and Hudson from Dorking.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1887, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HARRISON'S BOB AND SINGLE VARIATION.

F. J. COPE Treble.	H. SLANEY 5.
H. MEACHAM 2.	GEORGE WOODS 6.
A. E. GREENWOOD 3.	W. FEARNEYHOUGH 7.
J. KEY 4.	E. GALLIMORE Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. COPE.

The above was arranged as a Jubilee peal, and was thought a fitting occasion as the bells have only recently been put in, the opening peal being rung about two months ago. The ringers desire, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the vicar for kindly giving permission, and to the churchwardens for so kindly entertaining the ringers after the completion of the peal.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, December 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

THOMAS CATHERALL* .. Treble.	ALFRED CROSS 6.
CHARLES PRICE† 2.	EDWARD ROWLAND 7.
ROBERT JONES† 3.	THOMAS NEWELL 8.
JOSEPH WILLIAMS† 4.	EDWARD EVANS 9.
JAMES MOULTON† 5.	JAMES KENDRICK Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., of Birmingham, and conducted by EDWARD ROWLAND.

The above peal was rung to celebrate the 22nd birthday of Mr. Joseph Williams, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Messrs. Moulton and Cross hail from Chester; C. Price from Eccleston. †College Youths. *First peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON BRANCH.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble.	RICHARD W. STANNARD .. 5.
HARRY BUTTON 2.	JOHN BUTTON 6.
FREDERICK WILSON 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7.
ALBERT LINCOLN 4.	THOMAS E. SHEARING .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

HENRY BASTABLE Treble.	JAMES W. CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
JOB JOYNES 2.	BERNARD WITCHELL 8.
HENRY JOHNSON, JUN. .. 3.	CHARLES STANBRIDGE .. 9.
WILLIAM KENT 4.	SAMUEL REEVES 10.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 5.	ALFRED THOMAS 11.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 6.	THOMAS HOLMES Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., and Conducted by H. BASTABLE.

Charles Hounslow hails from Oxford; Thomas Holmes from Burton-on-Trent. The peal, which was on this occasion rung for the first time, will appear in a later number of "THE BELL NEWS."

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
WARNHAM BRANCH.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. Treble.	HENRY CHANDLER 5.
WALTER CHARMAN 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	HENRY BURSTOW 7.
GEORGE CHARMAN 4.	GEORGE WOODMAN Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY CHANDLER.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE WARNHAM AND HORSHAM BRANCHES.

On Thursday, December 22, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
HENRY COOK 2.	FELIX KNIGHT 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	HENRY BURSTOW 7.
HENRY CHANDLER 4.	JAMES WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY CHANDLER.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEYNING BRANCH.

On Friday, December 23, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
ON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:

WOODBINE, DOUBLE OXFORD, KENT TREBLE BOB, DOUBLE COURT, OXFORD TREBLE BOB, YORKSHIRE COURT, AND PLAIN BOB.

Tenor 12 cwt.

T. SEARLE Treble.	C. TYLER 4.
G. GATLAND 2.	J. WOOLGAR 5.
C. CHAMBERS 3.	G. SMART Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE SMART.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON BRANCH.

On Saturday, December 24, 1887, in Three Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY WESTON Treble.	CHARLES TYLER 5.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 2.	GEORGE F. ATTREE 6.
JOHN REILLY 3.	JAMES SEARLE 7.
GEORGE A. KING 4.	WALTER F. VERNON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SEARLE.

The above is the first peal in the method by the Sussex County Association and by all the band. It is also the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by a Sussex band.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM BRANCH.

On Christmas Day, December 25, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
WALTER CHARMAN 2.	HENRY COOK 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	HENRY CHANDLER 7.
GEORGE CHARMAN 4.	JAMES WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY CHANDLER.

This peal was rung prior to the eight o'clock service, being commenced at 4.30 a.m. Mr. H. Chandler also conducted a second peal during the afternoon at Arundel.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE WARNHAM AND ARUNDEL BRANCHES.

On Monday, December 26, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE TREAGUS Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
GEORGE BALCHIN 2.	HENRY CHANDLER 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	*CHARLES BLACKMAN .. 7.
FREDERICK LUXFORD 4.	JAMES WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKMAN.

* First peal as conductor.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
STEYNING BRANCH.

On Christmas Day, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following methods:—

Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Yorkshire Court, College Single, and Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 12 cwt.

F. MORRIS	.. Treble.	E. BRACKLEY	4.
G. GATLAND	2.	T. WOOLGAR	5.
C. CHAMBERS	3.	G. SMART	Tenor.

Conducted by G. SMART.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BALCOMBE BRANCH.

On Monday, December 26, 1887, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS:

Being 720 each of the following:—

YORKSHIRE COURT, OXFORD TREBLE BOB, KENT TREBLE BOB, CANTERBURY PLEASURE, PLAIN BOB, COURT BOB, AND OXFORD SINGLE BOB.

TENOR 11 cwt.

R. BOURN	.. Treble.	H. MEADS	4.
A. STONER	2.	J. CHEESEMAN	5.
E. STREETER	3.	J. GASSON	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN GASSON.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BRIGHTON BRANCH.

On Monday, December 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR A. FULLER	.. Treble.	HARRY WESTON	5.
GEORGE GATLAND	2.	JOHN REILLY	6.
WILLIAM PALMER	3.	JAMES SEARLE	7.
GEORGE A. KING	4.	CHARLES TYLER	Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by CHAS. TYLER.

First peal of Major by Geo. Gatland, who hails from Steyning. The above peal has the 6th the extent home at nine course-ends.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
THE ARUNDEL AND WARMHAM BRANCHES.

On Christmas Day, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

G. TREAGUS†	.. Treble.	H. HAGGETT	5.
F. LUXFORD	2.	W. SHORT	6.
H. CHANDLER	3.	G. BALCHIN	7.
C. BLACKMAN	4.	W. L. CHAMBERLAIN	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY CHANDLER.

† First peal. Messrs. Chandler and Short hail from Warnham.

Date Touches.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Thursday, December 22nd, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 11 mins. Dr. A. B. Carpenter (composer and conductor), 1; E.

Bennett, 2; W. Burkin, 3; G. Welling, 4; J. Plowman, 5; J. Fayers, 6; J. Trappitt, 7; J. Hartley, 8. This touch is an adaptation of one of 1875 by Hubbard, given on page 65 of the 4th edition. The composition of this touch will be found on another page.

Miscellaneous.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Tuesday, December 20th, at the parish church, 1050 Grandsire Triples, being the fourth and fifth part of Reeves's ten-part peal. H. Parslow, 1; G. Woodis (conductor), 2; J. Parslow, 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Strutt, 6; J. Smith, 7; C. Slade, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, December 20th, for practice, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins., on the back eight of the augmented ring of ten, at All Saints' church. T. A. Underwood, 1; J. W. Taylor, sen., 2; J. Hardy, 3; Amos Cresser, 4; S. Smith, 5; W. A. Tyler, 6; W. Birkinshaw, 7; E. Wightman, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D. Composed by W. T. Billinghurst, and conducted by S. Smith.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES GUILD.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, December 13th, at the church of St. Peter, by the Voluntary Band, a 960 changes in 36 mins, being a 240 in each of the following methods, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Grandsire Minor. R. Grimes, 1; W. Day, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; H. Allen, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Brett, 1; W. Wright, 2; H. Hill, 3; H. Allen (conductor), 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; R. Grimes, 6. Also on Tuesday, December 20th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (30 Bobs and 2 Singles), in 27 mins. W. Wright, 1; Dr. Seccombe, 2; H. Allen, 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; R. Grimes (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Saturday, December 24th, at the church of St. Giles, on occasion of the marriage of Miss Sweetzer, sister to one of the local ringers, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. H. Bonney, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; A. H. Evans, 3; J. Hands, 4; G. Essex, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. Also several 120s of Grandsire Doubles, in which H. Smart, and A. Hind took part. Tenor 19 cwt.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Monday, November 21st, a 120 of Bob Doubles. *W. Charlton, 1; H. C. Mayne, 2; F. Charlton, 3; G. J. Pratt, 4; J. Cleminson (conductor), 5. *First 120 of Bob Doubles with a bob bell. Also on Sunday, November 27th, a 360 of Bob Minor. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; F. Charlton, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Castree, 5; J. Cleminson (conductor), 6; E. Titt, 7; T. Edwards, 8. And on Monday, December 5th, 360 of Bob Minor. W. Charlton, 1; F. Charlton, 2; H. C. Mayne, 3; F. Castree, 4; J. Cleminson, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, December 11th, a 120 of Grandsire Doubles. *W. Charlton, 1; J. G. Pratt (conductor), 2; J. Pallister, 3; F. Charlton, 4; E. Titt, 5. Also a 240 of Bob Minor. W. Charlton, 1; J. G. Pratt, 3; F. Charlton, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; J. Pallister, 6; J. Cleminson (conductor), 7; E. Titt, 8. And on Sunday, December 18th, a 588 of Grandsire Triples. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Charlton, 5; F. Castree, 6; J. Cleminson, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8. Also on Monday, December 19th, a 588 of Grandsire Triples. H. C. Mayne, 1; G. J. Pratt, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. Pallister, 4; J. Cleminson, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; F. Castree, 8. Also on Saturday, December 24th, a 360 of Bob Minor. W. Charlton, 1; A. J. B. Waldron, 2; E. Titt, 3; T. Wick, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. G. Pratt (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor, in 28 mins. *W. Charlton, 1; F. Charlton, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. G. Pratt, 4; T. Wick, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. *First 720. Also on Sunday, December 25th, a 120 of Bob Doubles. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. Pallister, 2; E. Titt, 3; J. Cleminson, 4; F. Charlton (conductor), 5. And 120 of Grandsire Doubles, with F. Charlton, 4; J. Cleminson (conductor), 5; the others as before. Also on Monday, December 26th, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Charlton, 1; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; F. Charlton, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; J. Pallister, 6; J. G. Pratt (conductor), 7; E. Titt, 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Charlton, 1; J. Cleminson, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. G. Pratt, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. Pallister, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; H. C. Mayne, 8. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CONSETT (Durham).—On Tuesday, December 20th, at Christ Church, a 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins. J. Carter, 1; S. Martin, 2; H. Morgan, 3; F. T. Fraser, 4; J. T. Taylor, 5; *D. Davies (conductor), 6. This is the first peal by the whole band in this method. *First peal as conductor.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Wednesday evening, December 21st, for practice at SS. Mary and Cuthbert, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 30 mins. A. Thompson, 1; W. Brown, 2; J. Anderson, 3; T. Walker, 4; J. Swinburn, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. First in the method by all except the conductor who belongs to Jarrow. Tenor 20 cwt.

HEIGHINGTON.—On Monday, December 26th, at St. Michael's church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 30 mins. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; J. Cleminson, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. And several touches of Oxford Treble and Plain Bob. J. Pallister, 1; J. Pratt, 2; F. Charlton, 3; H. C. Mayne, 4; J. Cleminson, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH.—On Tuesday, December 13th, at St. Editha's church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 34 mins. J. Windridge, 1; C. Chapman, 2; J. Wainwright, 3; J. Timms, 4; F. Chapman, 5; H. Slaney (conductor), 6; G. Woods, 7; R. P. Brindley, 8. The tenor man was elected the previous week.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TENTERDEN (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, December 27th, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Bob Triples, but after ringing 3 hrs. it came to grief. J. Bartlett, 1; G. Cramp, 2; A. Hinds, 3; R. Edwards, 4; J. Sharp, 5; H. G. Rummery, 6; G. Neve (conductor), 7; H. Holdstock, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. in Db.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS (Gloucestershire).—On Christmas Day, after service in the evening the local company rang 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), at the parish church. R. Packer, 1; R. Jeffries, 2; C. Bate, 3; J. Kitchener (conductor), 4; J. Preater, 5; T. Smith, 6.

CROOME D'ABITOT (Worcestershire).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Thursday, December 22nd, the following rang what is believed to be the longest touch ever rung in this parish, viz., a date touch of 1887 changes of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and St. Dunstan's Doubles (each called differently), in 47 mins. *Alfred Clifford, 1-2; Lionel Longney (conductor), 3-4; *William Longney, 5-6. *Longest length.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, December 18th, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, 756 Stedman Triples (nine courses). G. Croucher, 1; C. Boxall, 2; E. Jordan, 3; R. Jordan, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Moses, 6; S. Brooker (conductor), 7; G. Barnes, 8. And after service 420 Grandsire Triples. E. Dodd, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; R. Jordan, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5; E. Jordan, 6; H. Boxall, 7; J. Robinson, 8. The above was rung in honour of the sixty-sixth birthday of Mr. C. Boxall, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Mr. Brooker hails from Leatherhead, the brothers Jordan from Capel; Messrs. Argent, Moses, and Croucher, from Reigate; the brothers Arnold, Sadler, and Barnes, from Betchworth; and J. Robinson, from Buckland; the others are local men.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Tuesday evening, December 27th, at the parish church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Union Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. A. E. Bassett, 1; W. Sanders, 2; H. Pederick, 3; G. Wyatt, 4; J. Easton, 5; T. Miles (conductor), 6; J. Hawkins, 7; J. Page, 8. This touch was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 17th. Tenor 16 cwt.

HANLEY CASTLE (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, December 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal (1260 changes), consisting of four 6-scores with extremes, and six and a half scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently), in 47 mins. T. Hill, 2; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 2; W. Tarling, 3; A. Pitt, 4; A. Aspey, 5; W. Turner, 6.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Tuesday, December 20th, at St. Mary's church, the local company rang for practice a 720 of Bob Minor, with the seventh covering (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Perrin, jun., 1; R. Tabor, 2; A. Gerney, 3; C. French, 4; T. Ellis, 5; A. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 6; A. Bass, 7. This is the first 720 by the local company.

HORFMONDEN (Suffolk).—On Christmas Day, for early service, 720 Bob Doubles, in 28 mins., by the local band. Thos. Lambert, 1; Allert Miles, 2; W. Lambert, 3; G. Hodge (conductor), 4; F. Lambert, 5; J. Hicks, 6.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Thursday, December 22nd, at St. Ethel dreda's Church, for practice, three 120s, of Grandsire Doubles on the

back six. J. Kentish, 1; J. Hollingsworth, 2; H. Rowe, 3; J. Richardson, 4; T. Gathard, 5; F. Stocks, 6. Also six 120's with A. Sheppard at the second. Also two 120's, with 7, 6, 8, for cover. F. Stocks, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; H. Rowe, 3; W. J. Richardson, 4; T. Gathard, 5; D. Dollimore, 6; J. Kentish, 7; W. Smith, 8. Also one 120 on the back six. F. Stocks, 1; J. Hollingsworth, 2; H. Rowe, 3; A. Sheppard, 4; T. Gathard, 5; W. Smith, 6. Tenor 27 cwt. T. Gathard, conductor. Also on Saturday evening, December 24th, 2 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with the trebles leading. J. Hollingsworth, 1; D. Dollimore, 2; J. Kentish, 3; A. Sheppard, 4; H. Rowe, 5; J. W. Richardson, 6; T. Gathard (conductor), 7; F. Stocks, 8. Also on Christmas Day, December 25th, for morning service, 6 six-scores on the back six, treble leading, with W. Smith on treble, and W. Valentine tenor; others same as before. Also for evening service, December 25th, a six-score. W. Smith, 1; D. Dollimore, 2; J. Kentish, 3; J. Hollingsworth, 4; H. Rowe, 5; A. Sheppard, 6; T. Gathard (conductor), 7; F. Stocks, 8.

REIGATE (Surrey).—At the parish church, on Christmas Day, for Divine Service, 252 Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. Hoad. And 447 in the same method, conducted by E. Moses. In the evening, by special request, to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the marriage of Captain and Mrs. Cox, at this church, 420 Stedman Triples. G. Croucher, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. Linter, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Kenward, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; J. Stedman, 8. Also 420 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Kenward, and 224, conducted by W. Webb. On Monday, December 26th, an attempt was made to ring a Surrey Association peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing thirteen courses, 1092 changes in 39 mins., the conductor called stand, as two bells had changed course. G. Croucher, 1; T. Miles, 2; S. Brooker, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Moses, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; E. Kenward, 8. Afterwards a touch of Bob Major, conducted by S. Brooker. G. Williams hails from Midhurst; S. Brooker from Leatherhead; T. Miles from Epsom. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Christmas Day, at the house of Mr. E. Moses, upon handbells, three 120's of Stedman Doubles. E. Moses, 1-2; G. Williams (conductor), 3-4; Mrs. Williams, 5-6. And two courses of Stedman Triples. E. Moses, 1-2; G. Croucher, 3; F. Linter, 4; G. Williams, 5-6; Mrs. Williams, 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Triples. Miss A. Moses, 1-2; G. Croucher, 3-4; E. Moses, 5-6; F. Linter, 7-8. A course of Grandsire Caters. F. Linter, 1-2; G. Croucher, 3-4; E. Moses, 5-6; G. Williams, 7-8; Mrs. Williams, 9-10. And 112 Grandsire Triples. Miss A. Moses, 1; G. Croucher, 2; G. Williams (conductor), 3-4; E. Moses, 5-6; F. Linter, 7-8. And 120 Stedman Doubles. G. Williams (conductor), 1-2-3-4; Mrs. Williams, 5-6. Another 120 in the same method. G. Williams (conductor), 1-2-3-4; F. Linter, 5-6. On Boxing Day, 180 Bob Minor. Mrs. Williams, 1; Miss A. Moses, 2; G. Williams (conductor), 3-4; E. Moses, 5-6.

RIPON (Yorks).—On Tuesday, December 20th, 720 Stedman Triples, for practice at the Cathedral, in 30 mins. *Albert Pratt, 1; *Joseph Baines, 2; Jno. Strodder, jun., 3; *A. H. Clark, 4; *A. Ingleby, 5; *Jno. Flower, 6; *T. Clark (conductor), 7; H. Rumbold, 8. *Members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Christmas Day, for morning service at the parish church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, and one course of the same, with 6, 8 covering. J. Everard, 1; A. Edwards, 2; R. Wood, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; F. Radley, 5; C. J. Dennison, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 8. And on Boxing Day, five of the above with Messrs. De Lisle (Galleywood), Piper and Tarbun (Widford), attempted Holt's Original, but lost it through a change-course after about an hour's ringing.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

The following is the account of ringing done at the parish church during the months of November and December by the local company, in fourteen different methods:—

On Sunday, November 13th, 720 Duke of York, and 720 of Kent; And on Sunday, November 20th, 720 of Violet; also on Sunday, November 27th, 720 College Pleasure, and 720 of Arnold's Victory; and on Tuesday, December 6th, 720 of College Trebles, and 720 of London Scholars' Pleasure; also on Sunday, December 11th, 720 of City Delight; and on Tuesday, December 13th, 720 of Tulip; also on Sunday, December 18th, 720 of Primrose; and on Tuesday, December 20th, 720 of Morning Exercise; also on Wednesday, December 21st, 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and 720 of College Exercise; and on Sunday, December 25th, 720 of Oxford; also on Tuesday, December 27th, 720 of Violet. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. One was conducted by G. Marsden, and fourteen by G. Norman. J. Shaw rang the second in the Oxford.

ST. EDMUND'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

The members of the above Society (including Messrs. S. Herbert, H. Swift, Crane, Tucker, Gubb, Webber, Northcott, Goss, Roberts, Pitt, Allen, Townsend, Fraser, Shobbrook and Meadows) have presented Mr. W. Richardson with an eight-day clock, together with a scroll containing the names of the subscribers, it being the occasion of his marriage. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. C. Marsh, who made the presentation, and in the course of his remarks spoke in high terms of the ability of Mr. Richardson as a change-ringer. Those remarks were confirmed by Mr. S. Herbert (Vice-Chairman), who reminded those present that he had the privilege some years ago of introducing Mr. Richardson to the art of change-ringing, which he was pleased to see was making such rapid progress in Devonshire. He was glad to see among those present, members of the Society (Messrs. Marsh, Swift, and Goss) who were instrumental with others in introducing change-ringing into the city, and it must be very gratifying to Colonel Troyte, President of the Devonshire Guild, to know that he has so thoroughly established the science in the county. Several toasts were drunk, songs were sung, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The clock was supplied by Mr. Sidney Herbert, and the scroll was the work of Mr. E. Pitt, both members of the Society.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 26TH, 1887.—

By the Arundel branch at Arundel.—On Thursday, December 22nd, a 720 of Bob Minor. G. Treagus, 1; F. Luxford, 2; *H. Haggett, 3; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 4; G. Balchin, 5; C. Blackman (conductor), 6; J. Knight, cover.

By the Arundel and Warnham branches at Arundel.—On Christmas Day, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples (Reeves's variation), in 3 hrs. (for particulars see peal column). And on Monday, December 26th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Treagus, 1; C. Blackman (conductor), 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; W. Short, 4; H. Chandler, 5; F. Luxford, 5; G. Balchin, 7; H. Haggett, 8.

By the Balcombe branch at Balcombe.—On Monday, December 26th, a 5040 in seven different Minor methods, in 2 hrs and 39 mins. (for particulars see peal column).

By the Brighton branch at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Saturday, December 17th, an attempt was made to ring Thurstan's peal of Stedman Triples, but failed after ringing 2100 changes, in 1 hr. 17 mins. H. Weston, 1; A. A. Fuller, 2; J. Reilly, 3; W. Palmer, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. And on Tuesday, December 20th, at St. Nicholas', Brighton, another attempt was made for Thurstan's peal of Stedman Triples, but was lost after ringing 1512 changes, in 57 mins. H. Weston, 1; A. A. Fuller, 2; J. Reilly, 3; G. A. King, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; H. Cornwall, 8. And on Saturday, December 24th, a 5040 of Stedman Triples (Thurstan's), in 3 hrs. 6 mins. (for particulars see peal column). And on Monday afternoon, December 26th, a 5088 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. (for particulars see peal column). And on Monday evening, at Southover Lewes, an attempt was made to ring Holt's 6-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but failed after ringing 1344 changes, through the treble bell leaving its bearings. C. Tyler, 1; W. Palmer, 2; G. A. King, 3; A. A. Fuller, 4; J. Searle, 5; J. T. Rickman, 6; H. Weston (conductor), 7; Horace Cornwall, 8.

By the Steyning branch at Steyning.—On Friday, December 23rd, a 5040 in seven Minor methods, in 3 hrs. and 13 mins. (for particulars see peal column.) And on Christmas Day, a 5040 in seven Minor methods, in 3 hrs. and 2 mins. (for particulars see peal column.) And on Saturday, December 24th, a 720 of College Single. J. Smart, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; F. Morris, 4; G. Gatland, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Warnham branch at Warnham.—On Tuesday, December 20th, 5040 of Grandsire Triples, in 3 hrs. (for particulars see peal column). And on Thursday, December 22nd, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, in 2 hrs. and 53 mins. (for particulars see peal column). And on Christmas Day, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, in 3 hrs. (for particulars see peal column). Also by the Warnham and Arundel branches at Warnham, on Monday, December 26th, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, in 3 hrs. (for particulars see peal column).

GEO. F. ATREE, Hon. Sec.

A CORRECTION.—In Christmas Supplement—list of Mr. Wakley's peals—read: "Bob Major, 1; Treble Bob Major, 16."

Church News.

We regret to learn that the Bishop of St. Albans was unable to preside at his ordination on St. Thomas's Day, and is now confined to his house through illness. He is suffering from weakness resulting from over-work, and is ordered complete rest for the present.

Mrs. Wyatt, wife of the vicar of Hawley, near Farnborough, has presented the Dean and Chapter of Winchester a superb altar frontal worked by herself and her daughter. The work has occupied the two ladies seven years.

Canon Scott, of St. John's, Leeds, Commissary of Bishop Scott, of North China, requests the Bishop's correspondents to address "Cheefoo," instead of Peking, after the 1st of January, and not to write at all after the 1st of February, as the right rev. prelate will leave China at the end of March to be present at the Lambeth conference.

The Queen has, through the Dean of Windsor, presented to Mr. Mitchell, the oldest member of the choir at St. George's chapel, an engraved portrait of herself in consideration of his long musical services. Mr. Mitchell, who is upwards of seventy-eight years of age, has sung in the chapel for seventy-two years.

The *Northampton Herald* says that, owing to their greatly reduced income through the agricultural depression, the Dean and Chapter of Peterborough decided last week to reduce the salaries of officials 5 per cent. The decision was arrived at with reluctance; but as the Dean and Canons have had for a long time to submit to a reduction of 30 or 40 per cent., it was imperative that something should be done, the falling off in the annual income amounting to about £2000.

The last Advent lecture at St. Alphege, London Wall, was preached on Friday evening by the Rev. Gordon Calthrop. It was a very striking and original sermon, based on St. Matthew i., 21, "Thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins," and was listened to with great interest and attention by the congregation. Some carols were sung by the choir after the service.

The *Yorkshire Post* says that on Sunday week the Rev. F. W. Paul, vicar of Emanuel Church, Nottingham, who is himself a football player of some repute, and has a brother of still greater renown both as a cricketer and a football player, delivered a sermon on the revival of pugilism. He did not take a text, saying it would be merely a matter of form to do so, but proceeded at once to refer to the revival of prize-fighting. They had the spectacle, he said, of a prince of the blood royal one day laying the foundation stone of a house of God, and another day shaking hands with a professional prize-fighter, who had avowedly come to this country to break the law. So far from bravery, prize-fights were generally displays of cowardice. He was determined to protest against prize-fighting, as he considered it the duty of the church to do so. The leading newspapers published side by side reports of innocent sports, such as football and foot-racing, accounts of encounters between those bruisers, and it was put under the heading of "sporting news," without word or comment to show disapproval of it. Such newspapers silently approved of such practices, and what humbug it was for them to hold up their hands with horror when Mr. Gladstone said "Remember Michels-town," for themselves to encourage the breaking of the law. He would not have the assistance of such publications—no, not to save disestablishment of the Church.

Spittlegate church, Grantham, (says the *Lincolnshire Chronicle*) was about the last church in the diocese where we should have expected to hear of any unpleasantness between parson and people respecting High Church practices, but on Sunday week, when the Bishop preached, the vicar sent to the Churchwardens asking them to be at the church in good time before the commencement of the service. On their arrival the vicar informed them that a lady in the neighbourhood whose husband had taken a leading part in the recent mission, had sent a cross to be placed on the communion table, and he asked the senior churchwarden, when taking up the alms of the congregation, to present the cross to the Bishop, and ask him to place it on the communion table. The churchwardens, well knowing the feelings of many members of the congregation, both declined to take part in such a ceremony, and so for a time the matter ended. At the evening service, however, the cross was upon the table, and very great offence it has given. At least two of the sidesmen forthwith resigned their offices, and they and many of the seatholders declare that they will not enter the church again unless the cross is taken away. This the vicar does not see his way to do, feeling that to remove it now would be a desecration. No one appears to really object to the cross in itself, but it is pointed out its presence is the first step to high church practices, which they detest, and so they think it their duty to protest now. The congregations on Sunday were exceedingly small.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

On Tuesday, evening, December 22nd, at St. Alban's church, eight members of the Lancashire Association attempted Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, in honour of the 84th birthday of Mr. Thomas Bamford, an old ringer at the Rochdale parish church for over 60 years, but was unfortunately lost through a change-course, after ringing 1 hr. 25 mins., after which Queens, firing, and a short touch was gone through in the same method. Mr. Bamford is an exceptional ringer, as we do not hear of many at that advanced age ringing for Divine Service every Sunday; he, at 78 years, having rung a 5000, and another on his 80th birthday, and on his 82nd birthday a 2520 for Divine Service, and now he thinks he could ring another. Mr. Bamford possesses a wonderful memory and is able to ring any pair in a course of Caters, and will talk as well about events in ringing which took place when he was a young man as if it only took place yesterday, he is also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Mr. Bamford also takes a very great interest in "THE BELL NEWS," and always expresses great admiration for such men as Mr. Wakley, Mr. Washbrook, Mr. Heywood, and Mr. Wood of the long peal fame. The ringers take this opportunity of wishing Mr. Bamford, and also Mr. Walmsley, whose birthday it was, many happy returns of the day. The band was as follows; George Hoyle, 1; James Adshead, 2; F. Birtwistle (conductor), 3; J. Pilkington, 4; W. H. Walmsley, 5; W. R. Barrett, 6; J. Millett, 7; Samuel Brierley, 8. J. Adshead is a member of the local company, and was proposed a member of the Lancashire Association previous to the commencement of the peal. Hoyle and Birtwistle belong to Rochdale; Brierley hails from Milnrow; the rest belong to Heywood.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROYAL CUMBERLANDS' QUEX PARK BAND.

On Christmas morning, in accordance with the usual custom, the band mustered at the tower at 7 o'clock, and some good touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round, conducted respectively by Leon and Charles Willshire. After ringing, by the kind hospitality of H. H. Powell Cotton, Esq., the band sat down to a substantial breakfast, provided for them in the servants hall, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the band, this being a new but very acceptable addition which is very enjoyable after two and a half hour's ringing. At four o'clock, by kind permission of the Rev. J. P. Alcock, vicar, six members of the band rang at All Saints church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. G. Willshire, 1; T. B. Reed, 2; C. Willshire, 3; T. B. Read, jun., 4; L. Willshire (conductor), 5; J. J. Bristow, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and the first 720 at the parish church, the five old bells having been rehung by a local bell-hanger, and a new treble added by Warner and Sons, a beautiful bell, clear in tone and perfectly in tune, a credit to the firm who supplied it. The go of the bells is all that a half-pull ringer could wish for.

MEETING OF RINGERS AT CAMBRIDGE.

It is proposed to hold a meeting of ringers at Cambridge on January 21st, to commemorate the centenary of the long peal of 6600 of Bob Maximus rung at Great St. Mary's, on January 21st, 1787. There will also be a meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association on that day. Further arrangements will be announced. Ringers who will attend the meeting are requested to communicate with M. C. Potter, 17, Fitzwilliam street, Cambridge.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with the above Society, will be held on Saturday, January 7th, 1888 at Bilston. Ringing at 2.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, One Shilling per head. Kindly let me know on or before the 4th, inst, how many of your band will attend, and oblige
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In Memoriam.

ARTHUR CRUWYS SHARLAND.

One of the oldest of the Devonshire ringers has passed away this week, in the person of Arthur Cruwys Sharland, Esq., of Tiverton, at the ripe age of eighty years.

Mr. Sharland was a vice-president of the Devonshire Guild and the St. Peter's Society. In his earlier days he became attached to the art of change-ringing in his native parish at Cruwys Morchard, and was well-known as one of the band of that village for many years. His zeal and interest did much to keep at a high state of perfection the ringing in this part of Devon. Though originally a round ringer, he was a true sympathizer with change-ringing, and all the improvements connected with it; and on special occasions rang a bell until he was seventy years of age. His daughter, Miss E. Cruwys Sharland, is well-known as an accomplished campanologist, and she has composed date touches which have been rung in many parts of England quite recently. The St. Peter's Society rang a knell at St. Peter's church, Tiverton, on Friday, December 23rd, for eighty minutes, and the muffled, as well as the real sounds of the beautiful bells could be distinctly heard at Cruwys Morchard (six miles off) when the body of their faithful vice-president was being placed in the family vault of that churchyard. The following members took part: Richard Grater, John Grater, Jas. Babbage, Richard Grater, jun., Jas. Grater, Tom Harvey, John Grater, jun., Sam Hoare, Ben Grater.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

A trial of skill in the art of change-ringing on eight bells will take place at St. Thomas's church, Leesfield, Lees, on Saturday, January 21st, when the Association Cup will be competed for (according to the terms stated in the last Annual Report), and two other prizes given, namely: 2nd prize: eight silk pocket handkerchiefs, with figured bells and ringing mottoes woven in, by Edward Matthews, of Macclesfield, given by the Leesfield ringers. 3rd prize: Eight walking sticks of exquisite design and workmanship, given by a few friends. The draw for priority of ringing will take place at the undermentioned house at 12 o'clock. This competition is for members only. The annual dinner and meeting will take place on the same day at the house of Mr. William Taylor, "Devonshire Arms," Lees, near Oldham. Dinner at 4 p.m., tickets 1s. 6d. each. Those intending being present at dinner must signify the same to host Taylor on or before Thursday, January 19th. Members are notified that the annual subscription is due at this meeting.

JAMES S. WILDE, Hon. Sec.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

Having obtained permission from the vicar of Heene, near Worthing, for the use of the bells on Boxing day, nine members of the Crawley branch of the Sussex County Association journeyed there to ring a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 1296 changes, in 50 mins., they came to grief. W. Collison, 1; M. Heffer, 2; B. King, 3; W. Wadey, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; H. Burstow, 6; D. Jordan, 7; F. Wickens (conductor), 8; and J. Newnham as spare member. They visited afterwards the Broadwater church, and rang two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles with Mr. B. Bassett, a member of the Heene branch, the bells not being in good going order for Minor. The members wish to express their best thanks to the vicar for use of bells, and to the members of the Heene and Broadwater branches for their kindness in making the visit so enjoyable, although not able to get the peal tried for, to the great disappointment of the conductor.

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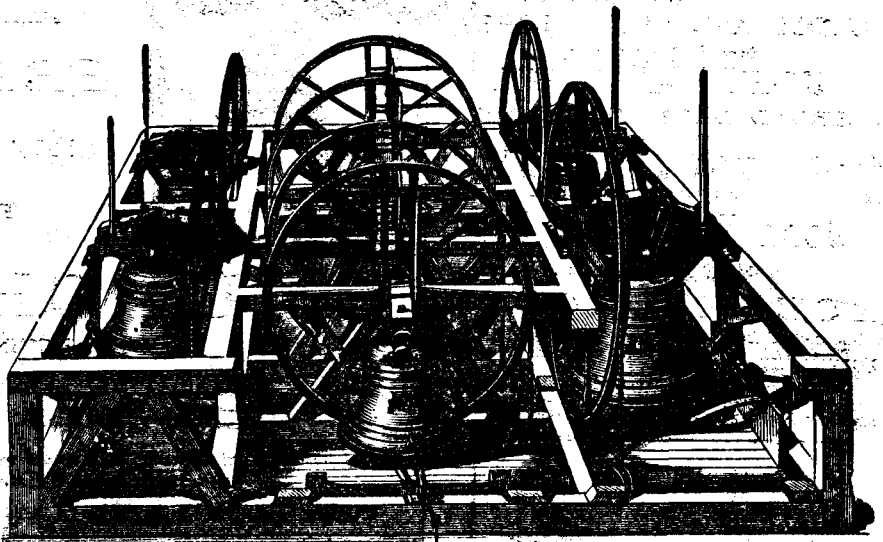


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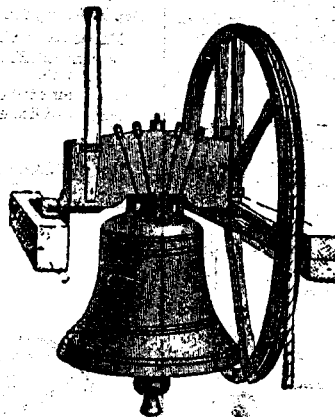
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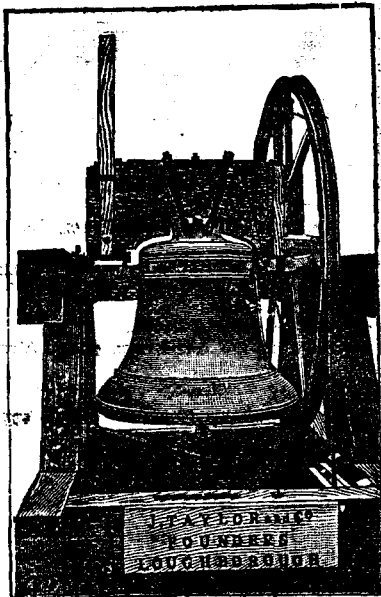
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