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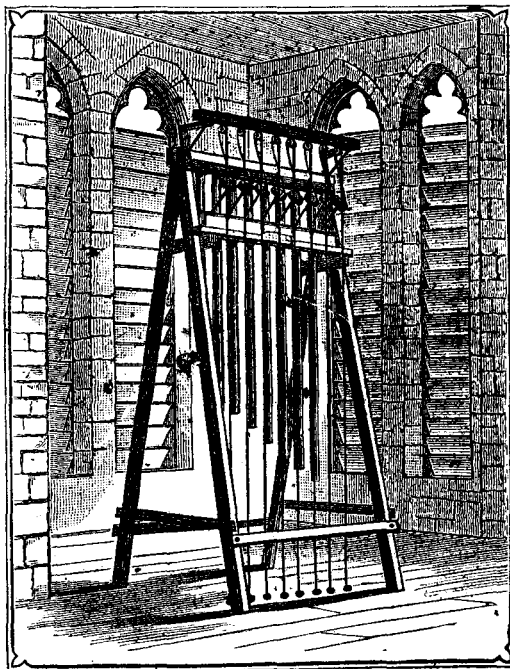
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DEDICATION OF ST. SENNEN BELLS, CORNWALL.

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At half-past four a public tea was held in the schoolroom. At evensong the Rev. J. Martin (Rector of St. Buryan) preached, and, by a curious coincidence, on the same text as the Archdeacon. He gave a very interesting sketch of the history of bells, and shewed that men in all ages had dedicated metals to the service of God. Most bells had mottoes. One at St. Buryan was inscribed, "I give to thee a voice; give thee words to God." My voice is inarticulate, but it is the best I have, throw your soul into words. It does not say to our neighbour, "Go," but "Let us go to the house of the Lord." David was glad, because he was sure that when he went to the house of the Lord he should meet the Lord of the house. The tabernacle was mean outwardly, but within it was all glorious. It was the home of the poorest, who had no other place worthy of being called a home. A time would come when a hand would touch them, and a voice be heard—the hand and the voice of an angel; and the message would be "Let us go into the house of the Lord." The services were continued on Sunday, when the Rev. R. J. Roe preached twice. The evening sermon was from Zech. xiv. 20:—"In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses Holiness unto the Lord." After speaking of the use of the horse in war, on occasions of State, pleasure, journeys, merchandise, and toil, and the evident meaning of the text that all life was to be sanctified, the preacher dwelt upon the music of the bells. They were loud, and there was nothing so loud as a man's life—clear, and called to upright lives, constant, telling that men's lives can be ringing all day long in true tones, in harmony, while we often produce discord; and set to a Divine note. Every bell, house bell, kitchen, shop, factory, visitors', and doctors' bells, to produce heavenly music must be set to this note, and this cannot be unless all common life is sanctified by the life of Christ. The church was crowded at all the services, the offertories amounting to £8 10s. Up to the present £120 has been promised toward the amount required. The bells (tenor in A) are most mellow and musical, and give great satisfaction. They were excellently rung on both days by the Lanteglos ringers. The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—Treble, "Ring out o'er land and sea;" second, "To the glory of God;" third, "Many donors, through Mary H. Isabell;" fourth, "A memorial of Rev. R. J. Roe's devoted ministry, 1871-86;" tenor, "Recast 1889. John Isabell, Rector; Ed. Trembath, Wm. Hollow, Wardens." The new school (the munificent gift, with its furniture, of the Rev. R. J. Roe) was used on Sunday for the first time.

NOTICE.—On Easter Monday ten members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association hope to attempt a long peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, starting at 12 a.m.

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The members of this Society held their concluding "social" for the season on Thursday, March 28th, in the Unity lodge-rooms, at which there was a large attendance, nearly 100 ladies and gentlemen being present during the evening.

Mr. B. T. Copley presided, and in opening the proceedings gave expression to a few words of kindly greeting to the ladies and other friends who had joined them in this gathering, after which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. Moulson, Hardcastle, Copley, and Angus. Songs and recitations followed each other in rapid succession by various members of the company, Miss Hardcastle, a bright little damsel of eleven summers, reciting two pieces: "The Postman" and "The Truly Brave."

During the evening Mr. William Whitaker (Hon. Sec. of the Yorkshire Association) in response to a call from the Chairman addressed the assembly. After thanking the "Scholars" for the opportunity they had afforded him of spending an evening in such a pleasant fashion, among them, he said he thought these "socials" were a new and very creditable departure from the old style of ringers' meetings, inasmuch as they so well enabled the ringers' wives and friends to meet together in so sociable and pleasant a manner. He trusted that this plan would be copied in many other places. Turning from that topic, he said that a very pleasant duty had been assigned to him, that of proposing the health of their esteemed friend Mr. Hardcastle, and of wishing him most heartily "Many happy returns of his birthday," which occurred that day. He had known Mr. Hardcastle for very many years, and, like all others who had the pleasure of that gentleman's acquaintance, knew him to be an ornament to his profession as a ringer. One of his characteristics was a constant striving to have good ringing; he thought little of quantity as compared with quality, and as was his anxiety to have proficiency in that respect, so in like degree was the heartiness with which he always endeavoured to gain it by assisting others. He trusted Mr. Hardcastle's good qualities would be copied, and particularly by the younger members, assuring them that if they did so their progress as ringers would be satisfactory to themselves and pleasing to all with whom they were connected.

The toast was most heartily received with musical honours, after which,

Mr. Hardcastle, in responding, said this toast and the accompanying kind words of Mr. Whitaker had come upon him so unexpectedly that he could scarcely find suitable words for reply. He had celebrated many birthdays, but none like this one, and assured those present of his appreciation of the honour they had done him; words sufficient to express his feelings he was unable to utter, so they must take the will for the deed, and like their venerable friend Mr. Johnson he would say, "God bless you all."

Messrs. J. E. Howe, A. Baker, and J. Angus very ably presided at the pianoforte; Messrs. H. Raistrick and G. Titterton officiated as stewards; Mr. J. Mawson acted as m.c., who, together with the Hon. Sec. (Mr. J. Hardcastle, jun.) and the worthy host, Mr. A. Moulson, made all necessary arrangements for the comfort of those present.

Cordial votes of thanks to those who had so well contributed to their enjoyment, and also to the chairman for presiding, terminated the proceedings.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

THE NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING will be held at Camberwell, by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Tower open from three to five p.m. Service at five. Tea at the Surrey Masonic Hall at six p.m., followed by business meeting. All those who wish to have tea must please send word to the Manager, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, not later than Friday, April 19th. Tower open again after meeting. The tea will be free to all those members who have paid their subscriptions, and who send notice of their intention to be present as requested. All others will be charged 1s. 6d. a head.

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GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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

Having concluded my investigation of six-part peals, I will now ask you to kindly allow me to make some remarks touching upon the whole investigation, and thus set at rest all future speculation on the subject of six-part peals with two singles. It will be necessary just to mention that the composition of peals of Grandsire Triples with all in-course lead-ends consists of calling bells before five times. Although it does not always happen that a bell is called before five times in succession, in spite of everything the five bob leads will be found in the peal. Also in composing six-part peals we must *add* or *deduct* thirty bobs at a time, therefore to bob a set of 6-7's or any particular set of rows will cost thirty bobs; supposing the 5th to be fixed—the following would be a set of 6-7's:—

523467, 534267, 542367, 532476, 524376, 543276.

There is a similar set with the 5th in 3rd's, 4th's, and 5th's place, also four sets with the 6-7 in 4-5, and four sets with 6-7 in 2-3.

I will now endeavour to explain the different plans; I will first mention the plan with the 6th and 7th *always* before. I have already shown that to have a peal complete in this respect it must contain thirty-six extra singles, and that the most perfect arrangement comes with the 2nd *never* called before (except near the singles), and with no call on a 6-7.

The next plan. To bob all the 6-7's behind will cost 120 bobs, and to have this peal complete there must be sixty more calls including thirty-six extra singles, in this case the best arrangement comes with the 5th *always* called before, and the 6th and 7th *never* (except near the singles). This peal will be given at the end of these remarks.

I will here mention that having all the 6-7's behind does not include a row with a bob on 6-7 in the middle (4-5) or a course containing one of these rows, therefore the twenty-four courses having these rows are left out entirely, showing that the bobbing of the 6-7's behind have nothing to do with the courses containing 6-7 in the middle. It has been necessary to recognise these little things, so as to be able to decide on the different plans and problems.

Seeing that with all the 6-7's behind bobbed, or all the 6-7's in the middle, a peal could not be obtained with two singles, the next plan was to see what could be done with 120 bobs by bobbing two sets of 6-7's behind, and two sets in the middle—for it is not possible to get into the seventy-two courses unless we bob two of each; it is possible to have eight different tables by bobbing two sets of 6-7's behind. The most important feature of this plan is that the 6th and 7th should *never* be called before, the fact of Holt's famous Original having one bell called before thirty times and two bells *never* called before, made the plan look promising. I may say that I was somewhat surprised after arranging and examining the above-mentioned tables to find the result *nil*. The reason of this is very simple, and is sufficient to show that a six-part peal could not be obtained with the 6th and 7th *never* called before. To illustrate this, I must draw attention to three sets of courses containing the three fixed bells behind thus:—

234567	342567	423567	324576	243576	432576
234756	342756	423756	324657	243657	432657
234675	342675	423675	324765	243765	432765

We will suppose the above to be the course-ends. If we bob the fourth and fifth lead of all these courses, we simply hand the fourth lead of each course over to the main portion of the peal, and jump on to the fifth lead or course-end in the same set of courses, giving six three-part touches similar to the old touch with the 5-6-7 called home three times, not to mention as to in what form the main portion will appear. It is not possible to get into but *two* of these sets by calling the 5th before thirty times, so we must still have two of the short three-part touches, to call the 5th before sixty times would be to clash with the plan with the 7th *always* called before, even then it would not

come unless the 6th or 7th is called before thirty times, thus producing a transposition of Holt's six-part, or of one of the peals I have lately given.

I am inclined to think that most of the above facts were known to Holt, and that it was by this last plan that he first endeavoured to obtain a six-part peal; with the last plan and the next there is a general demand that one bell should be called before sixty times, this fact, I believe, suggested to Holt the plan with the 7th *always* called before.

The next plan was to have the 6th and 7th called before not more than thirty times each. With this plan the same kind of three-part touch crops up as in the last, and if we call the 5th before thirty times we get another kind of three-part touch similar to calling the 5th before three times with a double, and to force this kind of touch into the body of the peal, we get six three-lead bits.

With regard to a six-part with ninety calls, I may say that with three bells fixed it is only just possible in two cases to get into the 72 courses, producing two long three-part touches, and two short ones in each case—in one case the short touches containing twelve leads each, and in the other twenty-four. Although I have arranged a number of tables to ascertain this much in connection with the plans mentioned, it would have been possible to have worked the thing out from one table, but in that case it would have been necessary to have recognised twelve different sets of courses, and my readers will readily understand that with twelve sets to choose from there would appear to be an endless number of problems; however, in arranging different tables for the different plans I was enabled to see more clearly why peals would not come, and to glean a lot of interesting information.

In marking out the plan with no bell fixed, and which appeared so complicated that I found it advisable to mark the whole thing out from one table to make sure that nothing escaped, the number of problems was considerably reduced on account of three of the sets producing three-lead bits at first sight, leaving nine sets which gave sixty-nine problems for peals with 120 calls, not including fifty-seven reverse problems. There were the same number of problems for 150 calls, and in both cases there were twelve centre problems, for 180 calls there were forty-seven problems and thirty-seven reverse; in this last case the thing became so full of bobs that by referring to certain combinations with 120 calls, it was seen that forty-two problems gave three-lead bits at first sight. Out of the remaining five problems, in three cases the whole thing comes in six separate one-part touches, in no case does the thing come in six one-part touches with 150 calls, although I have previously stated that it does. With this plan there is a general demand that all the bells shall be called before an equal number of times, for instance, if we arrange a table similar in form to the table with the 7th *always* called before, or similar to having the 6th and 7th called before thirty times each, each bell must be called before ten times, also as it is possible to have three different tables by calling the 5th, 6th, or 7th before sixty times, so it is possible to have three different tables by calling each bell before ten times, but producing only one original peal.

(To be continued.)

MARKET RASEN, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Monday evening, March 18th, six members of the St. Thomas's society and the North Lincolnshire Association, rang 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), with the bells muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Charlie Bennett, of Hull, aged thirty-five years, who died on Tuesday, March 12th, and was interred on the following Sunday. The deceased was a life member of the North Lincolnshire Association, and attended at one of the meetings held at Market Rasen, in company with some of his brother-ringers, and delighted the company with his clever manipulation of the handbells. R. Tomlinson, 1; S. Marshall, 2; J. Hackney, 3; T. Steeles, 4; T. Gibbons, 5; H. Burkitt (conductor), 6. Mr. J. M. Richardson afterwards took the treble in a 120 of Grandsire Doubles.

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HATFIELD, HERTS.

The Annual Dinner of the Hatfield College Youths took place on Tuesday, March 19th, at the "Baker's Arms." The chair was occupied by Mr. E. P. Debenham, and Mr. H. H. Hankin the vice-chair; and amongst those present were Messrs. A. Shepherd, T. Gathard, H. G. Rowe, W. J. Rumney, J. Kentish, F. R. Stocks, J. Hollingsworth, W. J. Richardson, W. Powers, G. Smith, J. Shephard, D. Dollemore, H. Tharby, W. Whitby (Hon. Sec.), and the Rev. F. R. Pemberton. An excellent dinner was provided by Mr. and Mrs. J. Kentish. On the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were received, and a selection was given upon the handbells by Messrs. H. C. Rowe, J. Rumney, J. Shepherd, and W. Powers.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "Success to the Hatfield College Youths," said he was delighted to see that they had found such a good name for their Society. But there was cause for greater joy in the fact for having accomplished two peals during the present year, the first year of the society. It was a good augury for the future, and showed what steady perseverance and able management could do. He would very much like to see the society join the Herts Association. They had a good example set them at Bennington, which if they followed with the same determination, would result in greater success in future years. He coupled with the toast the names of Mr. W. Whitby (Secretary), and Mr. A. Shephard (Master). Both these gentlemen responded to the toast, saying they would do all they could towards making the society a success.

Mr. H. H. HANKIN then proposed "The health of the Rector and Clergy of the parish."

The Rev. F. R. PEMBERTON (curate), responded to the toast in the absence of the rector, and said that there was a project on foot for the adornment of the ringing-chamber. He hoped it would be carried into effect before long, and the chamber made more comfortable for ringers. Numerous other toasts were given, including the health of "The Conductor," Mr. H. G. Rowe; "The Host and Hostess," with musical honours. Both responded to the toasts. During the evening a plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells by J. Hollingsworth, 1-2; E. P. Debenham, 3-4; A. Shepherd, 5; W. Powers, 6; H. G. Rowe, 7-8; T. Gathard, 9-10. Several songs were also sung by various members of the society. The meeting was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne," every one having enjoyed one of the most pleasantest evenings that could be wished for.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—There will be a meeting of the above branch at St. Mary's parish church, Oldham, to-day Saturday, April 6th; bells ready at 3 p.m.; meeting at 5 p.m. in the school-room. It is hoped the members in the surrounding districts will turn up to make a good meeting.

F. BIRTWISTLE, Branch Sec.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—The next ringing meeting of the above branch will take place to-day, Saturday, April 6th, 1889, at St. Paul's church, Ramsbottom. Bells ready at 3.30, meeting in the school at 6.30.

J. T. STOTT, Local Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTICE TO LOCAL COMMITTEE MEN.—A committee meeting will be held at my house on Wednesday, April 10th, at 3.30 p.m., to consider the following propositions to be brought forward at the annual meeting:—(1) admission of life-ringing members, being change-ringers, residing out of the diocese; (2) encouragement of change-ringing; (3) the advisability, funds permitting, of granting donations to towers in union with the Guild for belfry restoration or improvement.

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SANDIACRE, NEAR NOTTINGHAM.

A large clock has just been erected at this place, which strikes the hours, chimes the quarters, and shews time on two illuminated dials 5 ft. 6 in. across. It is fitted with all the latest improvements made and adopted by the makers, Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who are also now making clocks and chimes for Douglass, Isle of Man, Crossens, near Southport, and other places.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTON-ON-THAMES.—On Monday, March 25th, Messrs. Groves, Bennett, and Colburn, of Guildford, paid a visit to Walton to have a farewell pull with Messrs. Bromham, Bond, and Wickens, who are about to leave the village. A start was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was lost through a change-course after about 500 had been rung. T. Bond, 1; T. Colburn, 2; F. Bennett, 3; E. Bromham, 4; W. Groves, 5; G. Woodiss (conductor), 6; B. Wickens, 7; W. C. Anstead (Weybridge), 8. A 350 in the same method was conducted by F. Bennett. Also on handbells a 910 of Grandsire Triples. T. Colburn, 1; G. Woodiss (conductor), 2; E. Bromham, 3; T. Bond, 4; W. Groves, 5; F. Bennett, 6; B. Wickens, 7; F. Tingey, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

By the Arundel Branch at Arundel.—On Sunday, March 24th, 720 of Bob Minor. A. Mills, 1; F. Luxford, 2; T. Linfield, 3; G. Balchin, 4; C. Blackman, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Messrs. Hills and Linfield hail from Angmering. Also on Tuesday, March 26th, quarter-peal (1260) of Grandsire Triples. G. Baker, 1; G. Balchin, 2; O. Evershed, 3; F. Luxford, 4; W. Twigg, 5; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; R. Goatcher, 8.

By the Angmering Branch at Angmering.—On Thursday, March 21st, 720 of College Single. E. Parsons, 1; F. Finch, 2; T. Linfield, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. Clear, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, March 23rd, 720 of Yorkshire Court. E. Parsons, 1; J. Hills, 2; T. Linfield, 3; C. Clear, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. And on March 26, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 24 mins. E. Parsons, 1; J. Hills, 2; T. Linfield, 3; T. Parsons, 4; C. Clear, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 28th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. F. Finch, 1; C. Clear, 2; J. Hills, 3; T. Linfield, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 30th, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 25 mins. A. Mills, 1; J. Hills, 2; T. Linfield, 3; C. Clear, 4; C. Blackman, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Messrs. Blackman and Mills hail from Arundel. On Sunday, March 31st, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 25 mins. F. Finch, 1; T. Parsons, 2; T. Linfield, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. Clear, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Yorkshire Court, in 25 mins. E. Parsons, 1; C. Clear, 2; T. Linfield, 3; J. Hills, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. The last two were rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late William Cheeseman, who died on the 25th ult., and who was a member of the Angmering branch. Deceased was greatly respected, and as far back as 1853 presented the society with a peal of handbells.

By the Brighton Branch at St. Nicholas, Brighton.—On Tuesday, March 26th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 8 mins. J. Neves, 1; J. Searle (conductor), 2; H. Miles, 3; H. Boniface, 4; A. Bennett, 5; J. Cox, 6; W. Palmer, 7; E. Butler, 8. Also Wednesday, the 27th, short touches of Grandsire Triples. G. B. Bleach, 1; H. Miles, 2; P. Alfrey, 3; J. Fox, 4; A. Bennett, 5; H. Boniface, 6; W. Palmer, 7; E. Butler, 8. Conductor, J. Searle. With the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Ernest Charles Attree, of the St. Peter's branch.

By the Brighton Branch at St. Peter's.—On Sunday, March 31st, 504 of Stedman Triples, in 164 mins. J. Jay, 1; E. C. Merritt, 2; G. A. King, 3; A. A. Fuller, 4; G. Thwaites, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. Reilly (conductor), 7; H. Cornwall, 8.

By the Cuckfield Branch at Cuckfield.—On Saturday, March 16th, quarter-peal (1260) of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Parsons, 1; H. Miles, 2; H. P. Bennett (conductor), 3; R. Nash, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; W. Fox, 6; F. Hounsel, 7; E. Parsons, 8. Also on Sunday, 17th inst., quarter-peal (1260) of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Miles, 1; R. Nash, 2; H. P. Bennett, 3; W. Gibson, 4; A. Bennett, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsel (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. H. P. Bennett hails from Eastbourne, A. Bennett and H. Miles from Brighton. Great satisfaction was expressed at the going of the bells after their recent repairs.

By the Horley Branch at Horley.—On Sunday, March 24th, 840 of Grandsire Triples, in 28 mins. W. Wallis, 1; S. Howard, 2; T. Whitmore, 3; A. Ellis, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; B. King, 7; J. Hedgecock, 8.

By the Chailey Branch at Chailey.—On Tuesday, March 26th, for practice, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 26 mins. J. Reynolds, 1; J. Langridge, 2; A. Gorrings, 3; H. Cornwell, 4; W. Turner, 5; W. Pelling (conductor), 6. First in the method by all.

By the Crawley Branch at Crawley.—On Tuesday, March 26th, 2440 changes of Canterbury Triples, in 1 hr. 22 mins. W. Ward, 1; F. Wickens, 2; G. Wickens, 3; A. Ellis, 4; A. F. Hillier (conductor), 5; W. Collison, 6; F. W. Rice, 7; E. Pearce, 8. This was an attempt for a peal, but came to grief through the breaking of the treble rope.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Tuesday evening, March 26th, a large number of members of the above society met at St. Mary's church, Lewisham, by special invitation of the Vicar and Churchwardens, to take into consideration the advisability of establishing a branch of the society at that place.

The Vicar (the Hon. and Rev. Canon Legge) presided, and in opening the proceedings said that it gave him very much pleasure, as a member of the society of Trinity Youths, to welcome his brother-members that evening. They were probably aware that for a considerable time past it had been in contemplation to alter the existing state of things in that tower, and to place it if possible in the hands of that society. Therefore after a consultation with the Hon. Sec. (Mr. Thornton) it was decided to call a general meeting of the members and take their views upon the subject. The bells were in bad going order, but with as little delay as possible the necessary work should be proceeded with, in fact it was only through the illness of the gentleman entrusted with the work that nothing had been done. With regard to the Sunday duties, he understood from Mr. Thornton that several members had expressed their willingness to undertake these on alternate Sundays, and he thanked those gentlemen for their promised support. When the bells were put into good order, the tower would be thrown open to the society for practice on alternate Mondays, from 8.0 to 9.30 p.m., and he felt assured that under the society's auspices, change-ringing at Lewisham would flourish.

A few rules specially adapted for the belfry having been agreed to, Mr. William Bedwell was unanimously appointed steeplekeeper.

Mr. Fredk. W. Thornton then moved a hearty vote of thanks to the rev. Chairman for presiding, saying that by his presence there that evening Canon Legge had proved conclusively that he took great interest in the welfare and comfort of his ringers. He hoped they would have often the pleasure of his company in the belfry, and also that in the near future the name of Canon Legge would be added to the already long and illustrious list of clerical change-ringers.

The rev. gentleman having suitably replied, an adjournment was made to the belfry, and notwithstanding the bad go of the bells, several touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob were successfully brought round.

Whenever practicable, the bells will be rung for both services on Sunday, and visitors will be heartily welcomed. After Easter arrangements will be made, as stated above, for a fortnightly practice on Monday evenings.

ACCIDENT TO THE TENOR BELL AT ST. NICOLAS', GUILDFORD.

On Sunday, March 31st, seven of the local band, with the assistance of a visitor from Shepperton, had rung a touch of 672 Grandsire Triples for morning service, the bells all going well as usual. At 3.15 p.m. your present correspondent went up alone into the belfry, it being his turn to ring the tenor for afternoon service. After about two or three minutes' ringing, while the bell was in full swing and without any notice whatever, there came a dull thud and a terrific blow, which shook the massive tower to its foundations, and quickly brought up one of the assistant curates and others. Examination showed that one of the gudgeons had broken; the bell had become jammed in the timbers of the cage, and was thereby prevented from crashing through the floors and down into the chancel of the church. The weight of the bell is given as 23 cwt. in the founder's list. Steps are being taken to have her rehung as soon as possible. It seems remarkable that there was no sign given beforehand of anything being wrong. The bell had been rung with perfect ease by a very young ringer as cover to 2520 changes only three days before the accident occurred.

F. W. J. REES.

Obituary.

HARRY PEARCE.

It is with deep regret we have this week to announce the very sudden death of Mr. Harry Pearce, which took place on Wednesday, March 27th, of heart disease, at the residence of his parents, Perryfields, Maidstone, at the early age of twenty-six years. He went to his work on Monday, apparently in good health, but at noon he was seized with a fit. Medical aid was called, and he was conveyed home. On Tuesday he appeared much better, and all thought he would resume his employment in a day or two; but alas! on Wednesday morning, on getting out of bed, he suddenly fell backwards and expired. The sad event caused wide-spread sympathy among his many friends, ringers and others. The grief of his relatives and friends was painfully manifest on Sunday last, the day of his funeral, when sixty ringers were present to pay a last tribute of respect to their deceased brother. His remains were borne to the grave by intimate ringing friends, and the funeral service impressively read by the Rev. S. Cartwright, curate of All Saints. Wreaths and flowers were numerous, among others being one each from the members of All Saints and St. Michael's. Being a member of several societies, and large numbers being present, it was difficult to catch all ringing faces. Messrs. Winny and Newman of the College Youths were present, of which deceased was a member. He was also a member of All Saints and St. Michael's, Maidstone, Sittingbourne, Staplehurst, Malling, Leeds, Aylesford, Birchington, Barming, and Linton Societies. By his death the Kent County Association and All Saints' company in particular lose a good ringer. In all he had rung nearly fifty peals, including Grandsire Caters and Triples, Bob Major and Triples. He was also a ringer of Kent Treble Bob and Stedman. As a conductor he was a safe bob-caller, having called Taylor's Bob-and-Single variation at the age of 19, also Holt's Original several times. He also in turn instructed the bands at Boxley, Bearstead, Aylesford, Barming, and at the time of his death was acting in that capacity at St. Michael's, Maidstone. On Monday evening the bells were rung muffled at St. Michael's, Leeds, and Aylesford. At the latter place a 559 Grandsire Triples was rung. — Cossan (Aylesford), 1; T. Durban (Aylesford), 2; R. Simmonds, 3; T. Mannering, 4; G. Pawley, 5; A. Moorcraft (conductor), 6; A. H. Woolley, 7; G. Moorcraft, 8. The bells of All Saints could not be rung owing to the 5th cracked bell having been taken away to the White-chapel Foundry to be re-cast, and another being out of its place.

JAMES SCALES.

On Tuesday, March 26th, in the parish churchyard, Baldock, Herts, were performed the last offices due to the mortal remains of James Scales—the oldest member of the Baldock Society, he having been a member for upwards of sixty years—who departed this life on the 22nd inst. at the mature age of 84 years. The deceased was a great lover of bells and ringing, although not a scientific change-ringer, as change-ringing was quite unknown in Baldock until about four years ago, when he was much too far advanced in life to commence to study the intricacies of the art. He had taken part in ringing out the old and ringing in the new year for fifty-seven years, the last time he ascended the tower for that purpose being on the eve of the new year of 1887. In the evening, after the funeral, the members rang the following touches, with the bells deeply-muffled, as a last token of their regard: A 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Webb, 1; G. Bray, 2; J. Cordell, 3; J. Phillips, 4; R. Jackson, 5; A. Thurgood, 6; R. Jackson (conductor), 7; G. Gentle, 8. Also 364 in the same method. T. Webb (conductor), 1; J. Craft, 2; J. Cordell, 3; G. Spicer, 4; R. Jackson, 5; A. Thurgood, 6; R. Jackson, 7; G. Gentle, 8. And another 350 in the same method. T. Webb (conductor), 1; E. Bray, 2; G. Spicer, 3; J. Craft, 4; J. Phillips, 5; A. Thurgood, 6; R. Jackson, 7; G. Gentle, 8.

HOW TO LEARN CHANGE-RINGING WITHOUT AN INSTRUCTOR.—By Charles Pearson, M.A. Price Threepence, by post Fourpence.—WILLIAM POLLARD AND Co. Printers, Exeter

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Time and tide will wait for no man."

Seven years have passed over us since that eventful Saturday morning when "THE BELL NEWS" made its first appearance amongst us as a monthly journal devoted solely to the interests of our art. I well remember the misgivings with which that event was accompanied, and of hearing the many prognostications of that failure which was inevitably to follow that venture. Happily, those misgivings have "vanished in thin air," and those prognostications been falsified by stern facts. Instead of failure, the monthly issue has developed into a weekly one, and even with this increased rate of publication, it is as much as it can do to keep pace with the requirements of the times.

Seven years constitute but a very small period of a nation's history, that is true; even in one's own life they might comprise nothing notable, and simply be "as the years that are gone." But, short though that period may be, comparatively speaking, it most certainly has comprised an era in our history as ringers unparalled in the past, and in all probability scarcely likely to be equalled in the future. To recount all the progress made during this time would require quite a volume; the results are visible all around us; we stand thus in a position to-day so infinitely superior both from a social and scientific standpoint that comment is absolutely superfluous.

That the publication of "THE BELL NEWS" has had a lion's share in this improvement, I think no one will dispute; it is therefore to our interests that the success of the paper should be even more marked than in the past. With its welfare the Exercise is intimately concerned. The more it thrives and circulates the greater will be our success. Our editor likens its past to seven courses of a peal just completed; I prefer its resemblance to the statutory seven years of apprenticeship, and think if it has been capable of accomplishing so much in the years of its minority, what may it not achieve now in its manhood, with the benefit of all its past experience to guide it and work upon? But, however ardent and painstaking may be the efforts of those who control it, they will be to a very great extent nullified if they are not backed up and supported by those for whom the paper exists. Seeing that the greater its circulation the more powerful will be its means of usefulness, all who have the welfare of the Exercise at heart should strive to increase that circulation. The fact of a whole band subscribing for but one copy amongst them is a scandal and a disgrace to us. I trust that such cases will speedily become more rare—if not even absolutely extinct—amongst us, and that no ringer worthy of his profession will content himself with less than having his own copy each week. Thus as "THE BELL NEWS" succeeds so will our art and work make progress, and those of us who are spared to the end of another septennial period will be able to refer with pride on their achievements since the day when last Saturday's paper was published.

With the close of the seventh year's publication comes very appropriately an interesting account of the doings of our brethren on the other side of the Equator. Mr. Beechey may rest assured that his detailed account of their ringing tour will be of much (not little, as he modestly assumes) interest to his "brother-ringers at home." Just as they will welcome news from the old country, so do we "at home" receive intelligence

of the doings of our brothers in the far-off parts of the British Empire. This visit of the Melbourne Society to Sydney cannot fail to be productive of much good, and I hope that before long we shall read of them accomplishing their first colonial peal and also of the formation of a strong association similar to the many which we so fortunately possess here. Who knows but that some day there may arise amongst them a Snowdon or a Heywood, who will impart such an enthusiasm amongst them, and give such an impetus to the work with which they are now earnestly struggling, that eventually their achievements may equal if not even eclipse those of their brethren "at home"? May it be so!

The Lancashire men, I see, have just received an addition to their number of rings by one of eight at Burnley. It is also pleasing to read of the manner in which the bells were obtained and the hearty good feeling which seems to have been evinced towards them by the townspeople generally, as shewn by the generous manner in which almost all the cost has been met. Not less gratifying is the account of their dedication, which ceremony appears to have been performed in a most befitting manner, and honoured by the Bishop of Sodor and Man. There can be no wonder that the Bishop spoke so feelingly on a subject when he could refer to the days of his boyhood, spent in the town, and so call to mind "the memories of days long gone by." It must have been exceedingly pleasing to all the good Burnley folk present thus to hear the Bishop speak of his early days in their midst, and that his appeal for the remaining funds necessary was not in vain was evinced by the sum of over £63 contributed. The sound of these bells has thus gone forth amid most auspicious surroundings, and it is to be hoped that their future will be equally fortunate.

FREE LANCE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The first Quarterly Meeting of this Guild was held at St. Martin's Mission Rooms, Birmingham, on Friday, the 29th ult., at 8 o'clock, under the chairmanship of W. Jones, Esq., one of the Guild's Vice-Presidents, and Churchwarden of St. Martin's.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. H. Godden, having reported on the financial position of the Guild, and the various measures under consideration by its officers, an application by a local band of ringers for incorporation with the Guild was considered, and the terms of admission arranged.

Various resolutions relative to the development of the science in the neighbourhood, and the arrangement of social gatherings for the purpose of fostering mutual good feeling, were then discussed and decided upon, and the Secretary was instructed to have the following circular printed and distributed among the neighbouring clergymen and gentlemen interested in change-ringing:—

"This Guild having in view the desirability of developing scientific change-ringing as an adjunct to the services of the Church, and with a desire to improve the status of ringers in this neighbourhood, and especially in the county of Warwick, solicits the co-operation and correspondence of fellow-ringers, and any clergymen and gentlemen interested in the science. On receipt of applications—addressed to the secretary—either for incorporation with the Guild, for instruction, or for advice on the subject of bells and ringing, the Guild will at once depute one or more of its members to attend to the same."

The meeting, after having passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, then broke up.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the above Society will be held at the "White Swan" Hotel, Edmund Street, on Monday, April 8th, at 8 p.m., when all members are earnestly requested to attend.

W. BROOK, Sec.

11 Tennant Street.

JASPER W. SNOWDON'S WORKS.

ROPE-SIGHT: 1s. 6d. THIRD EDITION. Commences by explaining how to manage a bell; deals with Change-Ringing on three, four, five, six, seven, and eight Bells in the PLAIN BOB METHOD, giving touches and peals in each case; and closes with instructions for Conducting, &c., &c. (143 pages).

STANDARD METHODS: 2s. 6d. SECOND EDITION. Contains full explanations and rules for ringing all the best methods, from five to eight bells, with plain-course diagrams of each printed in full, with coloured lines. (40 pages of diagrams and 87 of descriptive letterpress).

GRANDSIRE: 2s. 0d. THE METHOD, ITS PEALS, AND HISTORY. WITH PORTRAIT AND MEMOIR. EDITED BY HIS BROTHER, WM. SNOWDON. COMPLETE WITH AN APPENDIX BY THE REV. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, M.A., OXON. Commences with ringing on five, six, and seven bells, for the benefit of a learner; gives instructions on composing, proving, varying, and reversing conducting and calling round; and ends with a general survey of the practical and scientific aspect of the composition of triples—thus forming a complete reference book for all Grandsire ringers. (210 pages).

TREBLE BOB. 3s. 2½d. PARTS I. AND II. COMPLETE. Part I. contains instructions for pricking, transposing, proving, composing, and conducting peals; an essay on the *In and Out-of-course* of the changes; and a history of the various compositions and performances. Part II. contains classified peals of Minor, Major, Royal, and Maximus, with their reverse variations; remarks on the different qualities; particulars of first performances, composers' names, &c., &c. (236 closely printed pages). Part II. (136 closely printed pages) may be had separately, 2s. 1½d.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 1s. 0d. Contains rules and instructions for pricking and ringing the method; a linear diagram of the plain course; a collection of touches and peals; instructions for proving; and a history of the earlier performances, with a list of peals down to 1884. (78 pages).

A few copies are still left of "An Account of the Society of Union Scholars." (49 pages). Post free, 8½d.

Forwarded, Post Free, on receipt of remittance, by WM. SNOWDON, Old Bank Chambers, Leeds.

MR. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD'S WORK.

"DUFFIELD:" A MUSICAL METHOD FOR 8, 10, AND 12 BELLS, containing full directions for ringing, pricking, and proving the method; together with a collection of Peals of Major, Royal, and Maximus. also an Explanatory Appendix. By ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, M.A. Post free on receipt of 1s., from BEMROSE & SONS, 23, OLD BAILEY, LONDON, AND IRONGATE, DERBY. Also, gratis on application, from A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, DUFFIELD BANK, near Derby, a Broadsheet, containing diagrams and directions for ringing the method.

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Everything for insertion in this Journal to be addressed "The Editor of THE BELL NEWS, Walthamstow, London." Letters forwarded for publication, and performances under 5000 changes must reach us not later than Wednesday morning; and the insertion of any communication arriving later than the first Postal delivery on Thursday morning cannot be guaranteed in that week's number. When it is found impossible from want of space to insert all touches forwarded, the earlier ones will have the preference.

All communications respecting advertisements must be addressed to the office of "THE BELL NEWS," Walthamstow, London.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. KELLEY.—We did not say the peal was false. From the figures sent we were unable to decipher it.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1889.

THE columns of "THE BELL NEWS" are not the place for a treatise on Lenten observance. But as the question of peal-ringing in Lent has been raised by certain correspondents, one of whom stigmatises it as a "discreditable practice," we may be excused for a brief reference to this matter. It is no doubt good that ringers, like any other body of Churchmen, should carry into practice the teaching of the Church by some self-denial at this season. And so far as peal-ringing is the amusement rather than the business of ringers, it offers an opportunity

for such abstinence; of which, in fact, the Exercise does largely avail itself, as the reduced dimensions of our peal column at this time bear witness. For those who think it right from conscientious motives to abstain from ringing peals at this season we have nothing but approval; and their example may well be followed by others. But when it comes to laying down positive rules on such a matter, and condemning others who view it differently, we do not see our way so clearly. We cannot forget that the main principle of Lenten self-denial has many applications, varying (whatever be the point in question) with different temperaments and different circumstances. And as with bodily fasting, so with other forms of abstinence, conscience must be the guide, subject to the essential condition that our observance, whatever it be, is inward and spiritual rather than formal and outward. It is, in fact, impossible to make hard-and-fast rules on such a subject; and no man, surely, can sit in judgment upon the motives or conduct of another in this matter without a touch of Pharisaism. While, therefore, we think that Lent may very fitly be observed by giving up some of the amusement to be got from ringing, we must decline to condemn those who see no harm in ringing a peal at this season, and do not scandalise others thereby.

In some parishes, we believe, the bells are chimed instead of being rung for Divine Service during Lent; while in others no practice at all is allowed upon the bells. This latter regulation must, we should think, injuriously affect the ringing at Easter, a time when above all others the best skill of ringers should be put forth. And as for the distinction between chiming and ringing, we should hardly have thought it worth making as a mark of Lenten observance, though there is much to be said for occasional chiming for service at any period of the year. The justification, however, for these or any other outward observances is the desirability of impressing upon people in every possible way the fact that this is a special season to be specially observed; and viewed in this light, no one can say that they are useless. On one particular point raised by one of our correspondents, most of us will probably be agreed, viz.—that, as Easter Day is greeted with the most cheerful sound our bells can give, so on Good Friday, if the bells are heard at all, they should express by their muffled tones the solemnity of that day. We have no desire to sermonise; but we would suggest in conclusion that Lent may be marked by self-denial and self-restraint in other indulgences than peal-ringing—not least in the luxury of finding fault with others.

It is remarkable that shortly after the above comment upon ringing in the Lenten season was written, we received a letter from Mr. HENRY LAW JAMES, formerly of Caius College, Cambridge, upon the same subject. And we will conclude our week's editorial with Mr. JAMES' observations. He says:—

"I have noticed several letters in 'THE BELL NEWS' lately on this subject, and think that as so much has been said against peal-ringing in Lent, it would be unfair to give no answer. I cannot see why we should not ring peals during Lent. Lent is a season of the year during

which the Church commemorates Our Lord's fasting in the wilderness; but why should these forty days be any more holy than any other days? If any one does consider them so, let him observe them. But can any one with Christian charity say that our belfry reform is not more than skin deep in the face of Romans xiv., 5-6. And then what of peal-ringing itself, is it wrong? Certainly not, since it is exercise of the powers which God has given us, to improve them, and also to shew that we have improved them. Our peals must be rung for the glory of God, as all our lives must be lived for his glory, and if peal-ringing is contrary to his glory in Lent, it must be always. Peal-ringing is a pleasure to us, and we are told to rejoice in the Lord alway. It is the fact that Christian people have been bound by rules like some would have us all bind ourselves with; nothing has kept so many people back. Wordly people say that Christians are dull and gloomy, and have no pleasure, but this is a great deal our own fault. Let us shew the world that we are happy, and that our Christianity does not take away our happiness, and let us remember what Paul said to the Galatian Church: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Gal. vi. I hope that this letter will be taken in the spirit in which I write it, asking for Christian charity."

The publication of correspondence is deferred till next week. We have also a review from our contributor who writes under the *nom de plume* of "Scrutator," and several touches, which we are compelled to defer in like manner.

The Metropolis.

WESTMINSTER, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 30, 1889, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNY Treble.	FRANCIS L. DAVIES.. .. 5.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. 2.	HENRY R. NEWTON.. .. 6.
CHARLES MEE 3.	RICHARD T. WOODLEY .. 7.
JOHN N. OXBORROW 4.	JOHN M. HAYES Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON and Conducted by JOHN MURRAY HAYES.

Mr. Mee hails from Ipswich.

The Provinces.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 22, 1889, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

HENRY TUBB Treble.	JESSE AVERY 5.
WILLIAM BENNETT 2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD.. .. 6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW.. .. 3.	FREDERICK WHITE .. 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 1, 1889, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor about 26 cwt. in Eb.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
CHARLES TOLLEY 2.	JOB HOWES 6.
WILLIAM C. BASTON.. .. 3.	WILLIAM FINCH 7.
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW 4.	WILLIAM JEFFERY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

The above peal was rang on the middle eight, owing to the tenor clapper being out.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE BRIGHTON BRANCH)

On Thursday, March 28, 1889, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES SEARLE Treble.	ARTHUR A. FULLER .. 5.
GEORGE THWAITES* 2.	HARRY WESTON 6.
GEORGE A. KING 3.	JOHN JAY, SEN. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4.	*JOHN MOCKETT Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE THWAITES.

*First peal as conductor. *First peal. The above peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. E. C. Atree, a member of the Brighton parish church society of amateur change-ringers from the formation of that society in 1882, who died at Mentone, South France, on the 17th ult., and was buried at Brighton on the 27th.

WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 28th, 1889, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

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

Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. James Broadwood, who died on Saturday, March 23rd.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 28, 1889, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES GRATRICK Treble.	JAMES BARRATT 6.
JOSEPH TURNER 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN 7.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN 3.	ERNEST BISHOP.. .. 8.
JAMES WOOD 4.	SAMUEL WOOD 9.
THOS. G. DOWNES 5.	JOHN EACHUS Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD and Conducted by JOHN EACHUS.

The above was rung as a farewell peal to Mr. E. Bishop, who is leaving Lancashire to reside in Wiltshire.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 30, 1889, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

MARTIN MURPHY Treble.	WILLIAM LONG.. .. 5.
JOHN SANDERS 2.	JOHN MURPHY 6.
CHARLES WILLIAMS 3.	JAMES PLANT 7.
WILLIAM STRINGER 4.	FRANCIS HALES.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PLANT.

The above was rang with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Bishop Ullathorne.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, March 29, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt, in F.

WILLIAM HUTTON Treble.	ABRAHAM HARDMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM R. BARRETT .. 2.	ERNEST BISHOP .. 6.
FRED RUDMAN 3.	WILLIAM FIELDING .. 7.
ARTHUR BARRETT 4.	WILLIAM TURNER Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

The above was rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Rudman, and also as a farewell peal for the conductor, who is leaving Lancashire for Swindon, Wilts.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, March 30, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT HART Treble.	PETER NUTTALL 5.
JAMES HIGSON 2.	JAMES MAY 6.
WALTER GORTON 3.	JOHN WHITEHEAD 7.
WILLIAM GORTON 4.	*WILLIAM TAYLOR Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WHITEHEAD.

Messrs. Hart, Higson, Gorton (2), Nuttall, May, and Whitehead, belong to the parish church company; Taylor to All Souls. *First peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1889, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH Treble.	FREDK. SMITH 5.
JOHN BENTLEY 2.	HERBERT FAIRHEAD .. 6.
WILLIAM SHELDRAKE* .. 3.	JAMES SOUTER 7.
WILLIAM J. FORD 4.	CAPTAIN MOORE Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

Rung as a farewell peal to W. J. Ford, who is leaving England to take up his abode in South America. His brother ringers wish him every success in his new home. *Seventy-six years of age.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 30, 1889, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. Treble.	FRANK BISSLEY 5.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 2.	CHARLES SMITH 6.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.* .. 3.	JOHN C. TRUSS, SEN. .. 7.
FREDERICK DENTRY* .. 4.	ROBERT SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

*First peal. John C. Truss, Jun., has not yet attained his 15th year, and rang very correctly throughout. Rung on the occasion of the 31st birthday of the conductor, his second attempt at calling Triples. On the completion of the peal the Vicar came into the belfry and complimented the band on their success.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 30th, 1889, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

W. SPIERS Treble.	A. J. KIMBREY 5.
E. ALDWORTH 2.	J. SHORT 6.
W. H. ADKINS 3.	J. BROWN 7.
A. BURGESS 4.	G. J. HOLLOWAY Tenor.

Conducted by J. SHORT.

This peal was rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rt. Hon. John Bright, and Col. Charles Lindsay, late M.P. for Abingdon; both being buried the same day. This is G. J. Holloway's first peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, March 31, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. JAMES MOTTS,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM MOTTS 1-2.	JAMES MOTTS 5-6.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 3-4.	FREDERICK TILLET .. 7-8.
*WILLIAM WARD 9-10.	

Composed by G. MENDAY and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal on handbells, and first attempt. The above are all members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and Messrs. Motts, Garrett and Tillett are members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society. W. Ward hails from Ufford, near Woodbridge, Suffolk. Umpire—Mr. H. Bowell.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—THE HERTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 2, 1889, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 28 cwt.

HENRY J. ROWE Treble.	*E. PERCY DEBENHAM .. 5.
WALTER POWERS 2.	*HERBERT BAKER 6.
W. JOHN RICHARDSON* .. 3.	*THOMAS GATHARD 7.
JOSEPH HOLLINGSWORTH .. 4.	*JOHN KENTISH Tenor.

Conducted by E. PERCY DEBENHAM.

Mr. Baker hails from Hertford, and Mr. Debenham from St. Albans. All the above with the exception of Mr. H. Baker belong to the Hatfield College Youths. *College Youths. T. Gathard and W. Powers were proposed members of the Herts Association before starting.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 2, 1889, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM DYE Treble.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 5.
GEORGE PERRY 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
WALTER WHITING 3.	HARRY PEPPER 7.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON and Conducted by WILLIAM DYE.

This is a three-part peal, for calling see Snowden, Part II., page 23.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP.—On Sunday evening, March 17th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; A. Chew, 4; A. White, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 17th, for evening service, a 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins. J. Eachus, 1; A. Mills, 2; T. Andrews, 3; W. Short, 4; D. Jordan, 5; W. Collinson (conductor), 6; W. Charman, 7; G. Woodman, 8. W. Collinson hails from Crawley; Mills, Jordan and Eachus from Capel; the rest belong to the local band.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST.—On Thursday, March 7th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Double Bob in 24 mins. T. Elles, 1; W. Court, 2; W. H. George, 3; J. Lee, 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5; W. Selby, 6. First 720 by all, except the conductor, and the first on the bells.

PETWORTH.—On Tuesday, March 19th, by the kind invitation of the Rev. —. Hollond, some members of the above visited this place, where they were joined by Messrs. Baker and Challen, of Arundel, and rang the following touches. A 252 Bob Triples. T. Elliss, 1; W. H. George, 2; C. Tribe, 3; W. Court, 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5; G. Baker, 6; W. Selby, 7; J. Lee, 8. Also 252 Bob

Triples, with J. Lee, 4; —. Challen, 6; W. Court, 8. And 1260 Bob Triples. T. Elliss, 1; W. H. George, 2; C. Tribe, 3; W. Court, 4; W. Selby, 5; G. Baker, 6; G. Williams, 7; J. Lee, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. T. Elliss, 1; W. Court, 2; C. Tribe, 3; W. H. George, 4; G. Baker, 6; W. Selby, 7; G. Williams, 8. And 215 Grandsire Triples. T. Elliss, 1; W. H. George, 2; C. Tribe, 3; —. Challen, 4; G. Williams, 5; G. Baker, 6; W. Selby, 7; J. Lee, 8. This is the first attempt by all of the band on eight bells, with the exception of Messrs. Baker, Challen, and Williams. The members of the band wish through the medium of this paper, to thank the rector and also the steeple-keeper for the use of the bells, and for having everything in readiness, and hope before long to be able to score a peal of Triples.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Monday, March 18th, at St. Thomas's church, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob, in 27 mins. *W. A. Pugh, 1; R. Beasley, 2; C. Beasley, 3; H. Woodhall, 4; *G. H. Pagett, 5; †H. Harris (conductor), 6; A. Orford, 7. *First 720 in the method. †First 720 as conductor. On Saturday, March 23, 503 Grandsire Triples. W. A. Pugh, 1; H. Woodhall, 2; C. Barrett, 3; G. B. Raybould, 4; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 5; A. Orford, 6; H. Harris, 7; G. H. Pagett, 8. On Monday, March 25th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. A. Pugh, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; W. F. Hartshorne, 3; J. H. Parsons, 4; A. Orford, 5; H. Harris (first 720 as conductor), 6. And 420 Bob Triples. A. Orford, 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; W. F. Hartshorne, 3; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 4; J. Guest, 5; C. Barrett, 6; H. Harris, 7; W. A. Pugh, 8. Messrs. Beasley and Woodhall hail from Cradley; A. E. Parsons and Raybould from Old Hill; J. H. Parsons from Wollaston; the rest are local men.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, March 14th, at St. Michael's church, for practice, 336 Bob Major. W. T. Prior, 1; R. Tabor, 2; W. Morris, 3; G. Prior, 4; W. Prior, 5; H. Prior, 6; P. Springham, 7; H. J. Tucker, 8. Also a touch of 117 changes of Stedman Triples. H. J. Tucker, 1; W. Prior, 2; W. Morris, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, 5; F. W. Chapman, 6; P. Springham, 7; T. Newman, 8. Conducted by H. J. Tucker. And a plain course of Bob Triples. T. Newman, 1; F. Harris, 2; H. J. Tucker, 3; F. W. Chapman, 4; H. Prior, 5; G. Prior, 6; P. Springham, 7; G. Cowland, 8. On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. H. J. Tucker, 1; F. Harris (first 360), 2; F. W. Chapman, 3; G. Prior, 4; P. Springham, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6; T. Newman, 7; G. Cowland, 8. The Messrs. Prior hail from Stansted, Essex; Tabor from Harlow, Essex; Morris and Springham from Sawbridgeworth, Herts; the rest belong to the local company. On Monday, March 25th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles). W. T. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; H. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; F. W. Chapman, 5; H. J. Chapman (conductor), 6. Also a touch of 1056 Bob Major, in 42 mins. T. Newman, 1; W. T. Prior, 2; F. W. Chapman, 3; W. Prior, 4; C. Prior, 5; G. Prior, 6; H. Prior, 7; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 8. This touch was rung to celebrate the erection of a peal-board recording a peal of Bob Major rung at the above church on December 31st, 1888.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY (Berks).—On Sunday, March 17th, at the church of St. Nicholas, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Stillman, 1; J. Powers, 2; C. Swain, 3; G. Batt, 4; T. C. Couch, 5; D. Geater (conductor), 6; J. Hussey, 7; R. Sawyer, 8. Also on Sunday, March 24th, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. R. Sawyer, 1; D. Geater (conductor), 2; J. Powers, 3; C. Swain, 4; G. Batt, 5; T. C. Couch, 6; J. Hussey, 7; J. Witts, 8. And 97 Grandsire Triples. R. Sawyer, 1; T. C. Couch, 2; C. Swain, 3; J. Powers, 4; D. Geater (conductor), 5; G. Batt, 6; J. Hussey, 7; J. Targett, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, March 31st, for Divine Service at St. Peter's-in-the-East, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Finch, 1; C. Tolley, 2; E. Hind, 3; P. Hind, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. And in the evening another 720. W. Jeffery, 1; E. Hind, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; A. Browning, 4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5; W. Finch, 6.

WOOBURN (Bucks).—On Friday, March 29th, at St. Paul's church, eight members of the above Guild started for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2857 changes the 2nd cast her rope and set. W. Lawrence (conductor), 1; H. Buckingham, 2; J. C. Truss, jun., 3; F. Dentry, 4; F. Bissley, 5; C. Smith, 6; J. C. Truss, sen., 7; J. W. Washbrook, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Thursday, March 21st, at St. Werburgh's church, with the bells half-muffled, 742 Grandsire Triples. J. Ridgway, 1;

W. H. Poyser, 2; A. Taberer, 3; J. Newbold, 4; R. Redgate, 5; L. Lomas, 6; J. Howe, 7; G. Slack, 8. The above was rung as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. Moody, who was churchwarden at the above church for eighteen years. And on Sunday evening, March 24th, 1386 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. F. Whiting, 1; W. H. Poyser, 2; W. H. Sevier, 3; G. Newbold, 4; R. Redgate, 5; L. Lomas, 6; J. Howe (conductor), 7; G. Slack, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL.—On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service at the parish church, 7: Kent Treble Bob Minor and 360 Plain Bob. J. Haspray, 1; C. Baxter, 2; W. Smith (conductor), 3; J. Parr, 4; J. Hughes, 5; J. Rowlands, 6. For evening service, 360 College Single and 72 Plain Bob Minor, conducted by J. Hughes. For practice on Wednesday, March 20th, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor, conducted by W. Woodis, instructor. On Sunday, March 24th, for Divine Service in the morning, 168 Oxford Single Bob and 120 and 180 Plain Bob Minor, conducted by J. Hughes. And for evening service, 360 Grandsire Minor, conducted by W. Smith, the ringers standing as above. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday morning, March 24th, at St. Nicolas' church, for Divine Service, 447 Grandsire Triples, and 168 (six singles). C. W. Miller, 1; T. H. Colburn, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; F. W. J. Rees, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; F. Bennett, 6; W. Grove, 7; E. Stone, 8. F. Bennett conducted the first touch, and W. Grove the second. Also for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples, with Queens and Tittums, with E. Heathorn (first 504), 1. And on Wednesday, March 28th, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Guildford to the church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 34 mins. †C. W. Miller, 1; †T. H. Colburn, 2; *J. Heathorn, 3; F. W. J. Rees, 4; *J. J. Jones, 5; F. Bennett (conductor), 6; W. Grove, 7; *E. Stone, 8. Tenor 22½ cwt. *First half-peal. †First half-peal with a working bell. †First half-peal with a bob bell. This is the first half-peal in Guildford by a local band for many years.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THURLEIGH (Beds).—On Saturday, March 23rd, at the parish church, several 6-scores were rung in the following methods: Stedman Doubles, Stedman Slow Course, New Doubles, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Bob Doubles, by W. G. Biggs, C. W. Clarke, I. Hills, W. Baldwin, from Bedford; J. Dickens, A. J. Barcock, W. Page and C. Allen (Sharnbrook); D. Osborne, Thurleigh. This ring of five, tenor about 16 cwt. in F, have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the go of the bells leave nothing to be desired. And on handbells a 336 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Barcock, 1; W. Page, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; W. G. Biggs, 5-6; I. Hills, 7-8. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

SHARNBROOK (Beds).—On Saturday, March 16th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; G. Burton (Rushden), 2; L. Bell, 3; E. Coleman, 4; A. J. Barcock, 5; W. Page, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. Allen, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; E. Coleman, 3; L. Bell, 4; W. Page, 5; A. J. Barcock, 6. Also 720 Yorkshire Court (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Dickens, 1; C. Allen, 2; E. Coleman, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; A. J. Barcock, 5; W. Page (conductor), 6. Also a course of Double Stedman Slow Course Minor. C. Allen, 1; W. Page, 2; L. Bell, 3; E. Coleman, 4; A. J. Barcock, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. Also 120 Bob Doubles. W. Page, 1; T. Bransome, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; E. Coleman, 4; A. J. Barcock (conductor), 5; L. Bell, 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. C. W. Clarke, 1; L. Bell, 2; E. Coleman, 3; A. J. Barcock, 4; W. Page, 5.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, March 24th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 360 and 120 of Bob Minor. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; J. Hayes, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday evening, March 26th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 28 mins. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; C. H. Howard (Braintree), 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, March 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 360 Plain Bob. J. Robinson, 1; F. Bridger, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Bridger, 1; F. Arnold, 2; E. Moses, 3; F. Sanders, 4; R. Arnold, 5;

W. Sadler (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Bob, conducted by R. Arnold. Also 240 Violet Treble Bob. And on Tuesday, March 26th, for practice, two 120's of College Exercise.

BOURNE (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, March 18th, at the Abbey church, 720 College Single. N. Moxon, 1; J. T. Woolley, 2; T. Blackbourn, 3; W. Hudson, 4; F. W. Flatters (conductor), 5; R. Sharp, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, with J. Ball, 1. And on Thursday, March 21st, 720 London Single. W. Sewell, 1; J. T. Woolley, 2; T. Blackbourn, 3; T. S. Smith, 4; F. W. Flatters (conductor), 5; R. Sharp, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

BRISTOL.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, March 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins. G. Daltry, 1-2; J. Hinton (conductor), 3-4; F. Price, 5-6; C. H. Gordon, 7-8.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Sunday afternoon, March 17th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, three 120's Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. R. Hutton, 1; J. Hilling, 2; J. Cullum (conductor), 3; A. Dunnett, 4; J. Hinchley, 5. And on Saturday, March 23rd, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob, with R. Hutton (conductor), 1. Also on Monday, March 25th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, with R. Hutton (conductor), 1. And 144 Grandsire Minor. R. Hutton (conductor), 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; A. Dunnett, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; J. Hinchley, 6.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, March 31st, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Holt's ten-part peal. *E. Everson, 1; J. Upton, 2; *G. Morris, 3; M. Jacobs, 4; *H. Henson, 5; H. J. Castle (conductor), 6; E. Everson, 7; H. Draper, 8. *Longest touch of Triples.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Tuesday, March 26th, for practice at the parish church, three 6-scores of Stedman's Slow Course. A. Humm, 1; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 2; W. Hazell, 3; J. King, 4; A. Fuller, 5. First in the method by all. Also two 6-scores of St. Simon's Doubles, and a 6-score of Plain Doubles, with A. Taylor, 4; the rest as before. Messrs. Hazell and Fuller hail from Little Bentley; the rest belong to Great Bentley.

GREAT BROMLEY (Essex).—On Wednesday, March 27th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hazell, 1; A. Knowles, 2; J. Starling, 3; A. Fuller, 4; J. Taylor, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. First 720 by A. Knowles.

HUDDERSFIELD.—On Thursday evening, March 21st, 720 Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. M. Jessop, 1; J. Barrowclough, 2; F. Lockwood, 3; T. Haigh (conductor), 4; H. Kaye, 5; C. Tunnaby (first 720), 6.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Tuesday, March 26th, for practice, 504 Bob Triples. F. R. Stocks, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 3; J. Shepherd, 4; W. E. Powers, 5; J. Kentish, 6; T. Gathard, 7; G. Smith, 8. Also 252, with J. Hollingsworth, 8. On Friday, March 29th, on handbells, 504 Plain Bob Triples. J. Shepherd, 1; W. Powers, 2; E. P. Debenham, 3-4; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 5-6; J. Kentish, 7-8. Also 360 Bob Minor. J. Shepherd, 1; W. Powers, 2; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 3-4; H. G. Rowe, 5-6. Also several plain courses of Stedman Doubles, standing as above, and a plain course of Grandsire Major. W. Powers, 1-2; J. Shepherd, 3-4; E. P. Debenham, 5-6; H. Rowe, 7-8. E. P. Debenham hails from St. Albans.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service at St. Margaret's, Westminster, by the All Saints, Fulham Society, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 46 mins. A. S. Gough, 1; J. G. Green, 2; N. E. Snow, 3; F. Davey, 4; F. W. Kelley, 5; J. W. Kelley (conductor), 6; W. E. Garrard, 7; J. Nicholls, jun., 8; C. F. Winny, 9; S. How, 10. And on Sunday evening, March 31st, for Divine Service at the church of St. Dunstan, Stepney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins. G. Hartnup, 1; W. Cecil, 2; C. Relton, 3; H. Springall (conductor), 4; S. Parmenter, 5; E. Hall, 6; S. Joyce, 7; G. Barell, 8. The above contains twelve 4-6's, twelve 7-4's, and twelve 6-7's, and was composed by J. H. Barrett.

MANUDEN (Essex).—On Thursday, March 28th, at the parish church of St. Mary, for practice, two 6-scores of Grandsire. W. Harvey, 1; H. Prior (conductor), 2; G. Harvey, 3; G. Prior, 4; F. W. Tharby, 5. The above was rung on the occasion of the thirteenth birthday of the ringer of the treble, it being also his first 6-score. Also five 6-scores Grandsire, each called differently. G. Harvey, 1; J. Harvey, 2; H. Prior (conductor), 3; G. Prior, 4; F. W. Tharby, 5. And two 6-scores Grandsire. F. W. Tharby, 1; J. Harvey, 2; A. M. Key (conductor), 3; J. Harvey, 4; G. Prior, 5. Also two 6-scores Canterbury Pleasure. F. W. Tharby, 1; J. Harvey, 2; A. M. Key, 3; H. Prior (conductor), 4; G. Prior, 5. First in the method on the bells, and first in the method by all. Tenor 11 cwt.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, March 28th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 29

mins. H. Cartwright, 1; H. Mason, 2; A. E. Parsons, 3; G. Raybould, 4; W. Green, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, March 31st, 720 College Single Minor, in 28 mins. W. Foxall, 1; A. E. Parsons, 2; W. Bird, 3; H. Cartwright, 4; R. Bird, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, March 31st, at the residence of Mr. A. E. Chapman, 2520 Bob Triples, and 672 Grandsire Triples, 420 Canterbury Triples, 840 Bob Triples, and a course of Bob Major. A. E. Chapman, 1-2; A. H. Martin, 3-4; R. Dunkley, 5-6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7-8.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Tuesday, March 12th, for practice at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 360 Double Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. †T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on March 21st, for practice, 720 Double Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Cavill, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and the first 720 in the method on the bells. Also 120 Bob Minor. G. Jordan, 1; G. Gray, 2; I. Hammond, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 120 Bob Minor, with W. Cavill, 1; the rest as before. And on Sunday afternoon, March 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (four bobs and fourteen singles). T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. †First 720 in the method.

STAPLETON (near Bristol).—On Tuesday, March 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. G. Jennings (first 720), 1; A. Bawn, 2; C. Burden, 3; A. Pike, 4; J. Bawn, 5; G. Guy (first 720 as conductor), 6.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Monday, March 25th, for practice at the church of SS. Peter and Mary, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering, in 28 mins. C. Bedwell, 1; W. Souter (conductor), 2; G. Ponder, 3; J. Souter, 4; E. Buckle, 5; J. Wade, 6; W. Driver, 7; R. Catchpole, 8.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, March 17th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly (first 720), 2; R. Hurst (first 720), 3; H. N. Spinks (first 720), 4; J. Nightingale (first with a bob bell), 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. And in the evening a 720 in the same method standing as above. Tenor 9 cwt.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Thursday, March 21st, at Holy Trinity church, Barking Road, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. *G. Brown, 1; H. Randall, 2; A. E. Wright, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; R. Lowe, 5; A. White (first 720 as conductor), 6. *First 720 of Minor.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Sunday, March, 24th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 26 mins. G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; W. Cooley, 4; A. Garrett, 5; S. (conductor), 6.

WROTHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, March 10th, a member of the Igham company paid a visit to Wrotham, and with seven of the local band rang for evening service 360 Bob Minor, with the 4th and tenor covering. F. Taylor, 1; F. Shoobridge (Igham), 2; W. Taylor, 3; D. Phyal, 4; G. A. Osborne, 5; R. Edge (conductor), 6; C. Taylor, 7; J. Rodgers, 8. And after service 360 in the same method. W. Osmer, 1; F. Taylor, 2; W. Taylor, 3; D. Phyal, 4; G. A. Osborne, 5; R. Edge (conductor), 6; F. Shoobridge, 7; J. Rodgers, 8. And a 720 (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Osmer, 1; F. Taylor, 2; W. Taylor, 3; D. Phyal, 4; G. A. Osborne, 5; F. Shoobridge (conductor), 6; C. Taylor, 7; J. Rodgers, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

WARWICK.—On Saturday, March 30th, in St. Mary's belfry, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 30 mins. B. Jealous, 1-2; J. Hardy (conductor), 3-4; E. Brassington, 5-6. On Monday, April 1st, at St. Mary's church, some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Bayliss (conductor), 1; W. Male, 2; —, 3; J. Hardy, 4; B. Jealous, 5; E. Brassington, 6. This was rung as a farewell touch to B. Jealous.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE (Gloucestershire).—The above band of ringers has been for some few weeks past under the tuition of Mr. F. K. Howell, of Thornbury, who has taught them Grandsire Doubles, of which they can now ring several, each called differently. This is the first six-score by any local ringer for many years. And on Thursday, March 28th, their attention was turned to Plain Bob Doubles and Grandsire Minor, each of which a plain course was accomplished both on hand and tower bells. Bob Doubles.—A. Parker, 1; F. Shephard, 2; H. Organ, 3; E. Polton, 4; F. K. Howell, 5; G. Stephens, 6. Grandsire Minor.—A. Parker, 1; G. Stephens, 2; F. Shephard, 3; E. Polton, 4; H. Organ, 5; F. K. Howell, 6. Tenor about 19 cwt.

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The following two peals are in three equal parts, and contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th in sixths place at a course-end.

5016.

I 2 3 4 5 6	H	I	B	O
5 3 2 4 1 6	-	-	-	-
2 5 3 4 1 6	-	-	-	-
4 3 5 2 1 6	-	-	-	-
5 4 3 2 1 6	-	-	-	-
2 3 4 5 1 6	-	-	-	-
4 2 3 5 1 6	-	-	-	-
3 4 2 5 1 6	-	-	-	-
5 2 4 3 1 6	-	-	-	-
4 5 2 3 1 6	-	-	-	-
2 4 5 3 1 6	-	-	-	-
3 5 4 2 1 6	-	-	-	-
2 6 5 1 3 4	2	-	-	-
1 5 6 2 3 4	-	-	-	-
2 1 6 5 3 4	-	-	-	-
6 2 1 5 3 4	-	-	-	-
1 6 2 5 3 4	-	-	-	-
5 2 6 1 3 4	-	-	-	-
6 5 2 1 3 4	-	-	-	-
1 2 5 6 3 4	-	-	-	-
5 1 2 6 3 4	-	-	-	-

The first eleven courses three times repeated produce 123564. The whole twice repeated.

5088.

I 2 3 4 5 6	I	B	O	F
5 3 2 4 1 6	-	-	-	-
2 6 3 5 1 4	-	-	-	-
5 3 6 2 1 4	-	-	-	-
6 5 3 2 1 4	-	-	-	-
2 3 5 6 1 4	-	-	-	-
5 2 3 6 1 4	-	-	-	-
3 5 2 6 1 4	-	-	-	-
6 2 5 3 1 4	-	-	-	-
3 6 5 2 1 4	-	-	-	-
1 5 6 2 3 4	-	-	-	-
6 1 5 2 3 4	-	-	-	-
2 5 1 6 3 4	-	-	-	-
1 2 5 6 3 4	-	-	-	-
6 5 2 1 3 4	-	-	-	-
2 6 5 1 3 4	-	-	-	-
5 2 6 1 3 4	-	-	-	-
1 6 2 5 3 4	-	-	-	-
2 1 6 5 3 4	-	-	-	-
6 2 1 5 3 4	-	-	-	-
5 1 2 6 3 4	-	-	-	-

The last eleven courses three times repeated produce 123564. The whole twice repeated.

The following peal is in three parts only the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th's place at the course-end.

5280.

I 2 3 4 5 6	I	B	O	F
4 5 2 3 1 6	-	-	-	-
2 4 5 3 1 6	-	-	-	-
5 2 4 3 1 6	-	-	-	-

Continued—I B O F

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

The last eleven courses twice repeated produce 123564. The whole twice repeated.

By calling a bob at o marked * in the two first divisions of the first part only, cuts away the four following courses and reduces the peal to 5024.

This peal is a four part composition and never has the 2nd and 3rd in 6th's place at a course-end.

5120.

I 2 3 4 5 6	I	B	O	F
4 6 2 3 5 1	-	-	-	-
*2 4 6 3 5 1	-	-	-	-
6 2 4 3 5 1	-	-	-	-
3 4 2 6 5 1	-	-	-	-
6 3 2 4 5 1	-	-	-	-
2 6 3 4 5 1	-	-	-	-
4 3 6 2 5 1	-	-	-	-
6 4 3 2 5 1	-	-	-	-
5 3 4 2 6 1	-	-	-	-
4 5 3 2 6 1	-	-	-	-
2 3 5 4 6 1	-	-	-	-
5 2 3 4 6 1	-	-	-	-
3 5 2 4 6 1	-	-	-	-
4 2 5 3 6 1	-	-	-	-
5 4 2 3 6 1	-	-	-	-
2 5 4 3 6 1	-	-	-	-

The last eight courses three times repeated produce 532641. The whole three times repeated.

In the 2nd course marked * by calling the bob at o instead at b in the first part only, cuts away two courses and reduces it to 5056.

A CORRECTION.—The band who rung the 2688 of Bob Major at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, reported last week, were composed of St. Cuthbert's and St. John's Societies, four members of each taking part.

The following peal is in five parts, and never has the 2nd in 6th's place at a course-end.

5120.

I 2 3 4 5 6	I	B	O	F
4 5 2 3 1 6	-	-	-	-
3 1 5 2 4 6	-	-	-	-
2 6 1 4 3 5	-	-	-	-
4 3 6 1 2 5	-	-	-	-
1 2 3 6 4 5	-	-	-	-
6 4 2 3 1 5	-	-	-	-
2 4 1 3 1 6 5	-	-	-	-
3 1 6 4 2 5	-	-	-	-
4 6 2 1 3 5	-	-	-	-
2 4 6 1 3 5	-	-	-	-
1 3 4 6 2 5	-	-	-	-
6 2 3 4 1 5	-	-	-	-
4 1 2 3 6 5	-	-	-	-
3 6 1 2 4 5	-	-	-	-
2 1 4 6 3 5	-	-	-	-
6 4 3 1 2 5	-	-	-	-
1 3 2 4 6 5	-	-	-	-
4 2 6 3 1 5	-	-	-	-
3 6 2 4 1 5	-	-	-	-
4 1 6 2 3 5	-	-	-	-
2 3 1 6 4 5	-	-	-	-
6 1 4 3 2 5	-	-	-	-
3 4 2 1 6 5	-	-	-	-
6 2 4 1 3 5	-	-	-	-
4 2 3 1 6 5	-	-	-	-
1 6 2 3 4 5	-	-	-	-
3 4 6 2 1 5	-	-	-	-
6 3 4 2 1 5	-	-	-	-
1 4 3 2 6 5	-	-	-	-
2 3 4 1 6 5	-	-	-	-
1 4 6 3 2 5	-	-	-	-
3 2 4 6 1 5	-	-	-	-

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I 2 3 4 5 6

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

Stanstead, Essex.

A fire broke out on Wednesday evening at Trinity Church, Tunbridge Wells, it is supposed through the overheating of a flue from the sunlight burner. The fire brigade were quickly in attendance, but could not extinguish the outbreak for about a couple of hours. A service was being conducted in the church when the fire broke out.

THE WALTHAM ABBEY SOCIETY.

The Second Annual Ringing Festival of the above society will be held on Easter Monday next. The steeple will be open to visitors for ringing from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Dinner will be provided at the "Green Dragon" Inn, Market Place, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. All visitors whose intention it is to dine with the company, are particularly requested to notify the same not later than Tuesday, April 16th, to

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The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at St Albans on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Further particulars will be announced in next week's "BELL NEWS."

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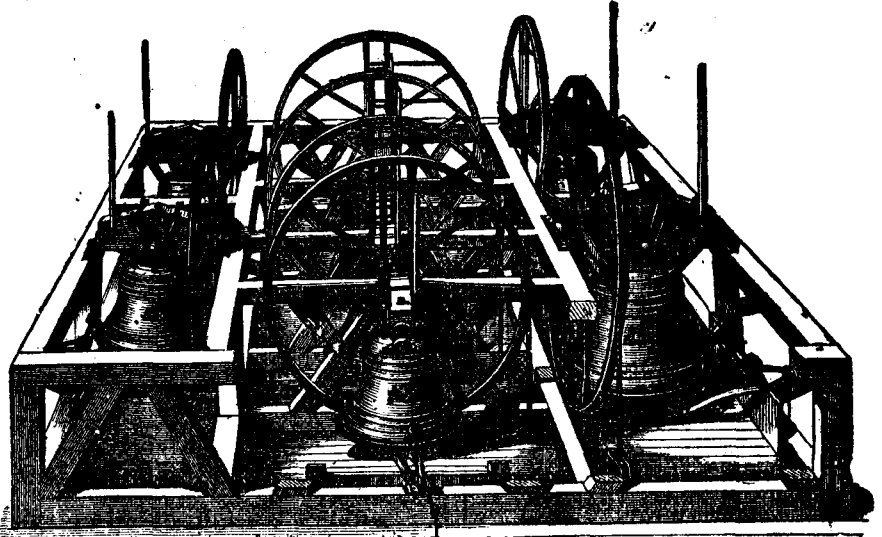
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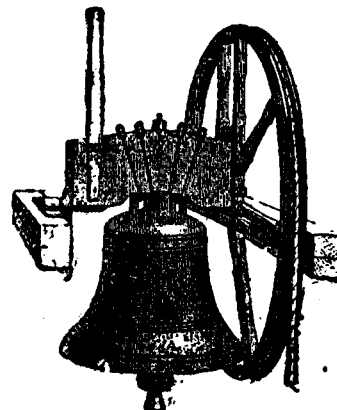
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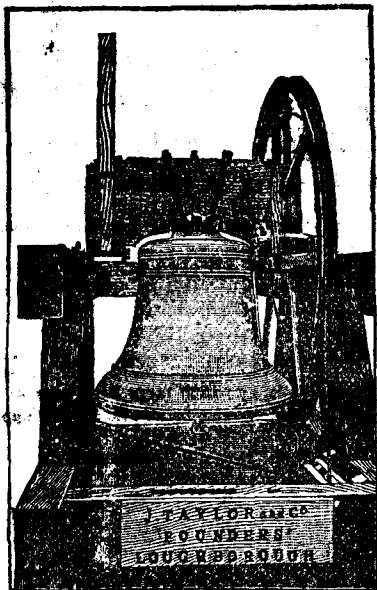
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