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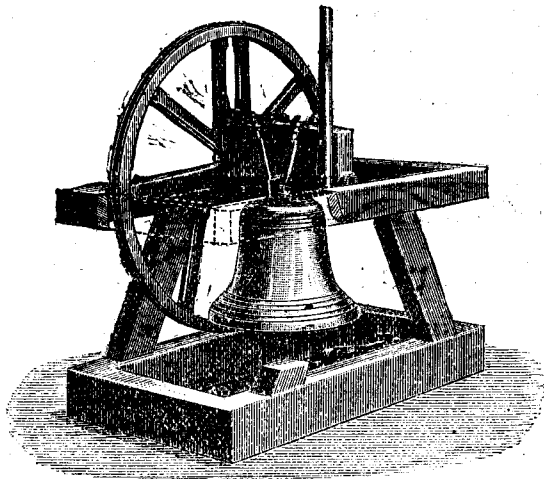
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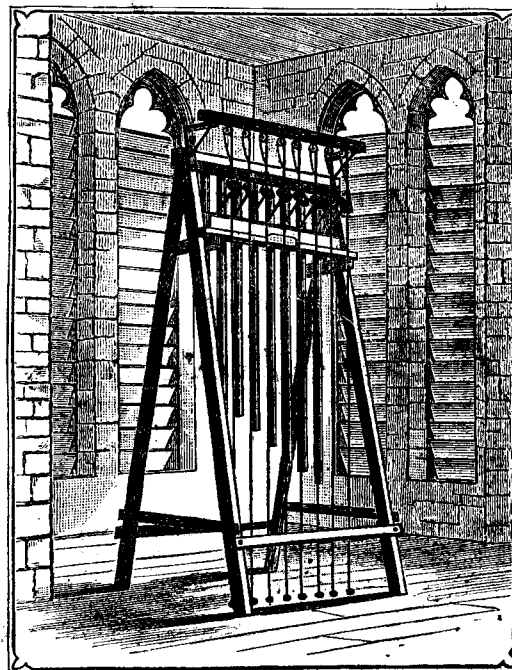
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On Sunday, March 31st, the morning being beautifully fine, a party of the North Notts Association walked from Retford to Gainsborough, for the purpose of ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the musical peal of bells, tenor 20 cwt. Leaving Retford shortly after 6 a.m., they arrived at Wheatley at 12.45, a distance of five miles from Gainsborough, and were delighted to hear very distinctly, with the wind against them, the sound of the parish church bells, which were ringing merrily for early morning service. On arrival at Gainsborough they refreshed the inner man, and afterwards proceeded to the tower, and everything being in readiness the bells were set in motion at 9.58 to the tune of Grandsire Triples, and at 10.44 J. F. Haigh and W. Skelton were safely through their first quarter-peal. The following took part in the ringing: C. Brewin, 1; J. F. Haigh (aged 16), 2; W. Skelton, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; J. W. Clark, 5; H. Haigh (conductor), 6; W. D. Tinker, 7; J. T. Hollingsworth, 8. H. Haigh, J. F. Haigh, W. Skelton, and J. W. Clark hail from Retford, and are members of the North Notts Association; H. Haigh is a life member of the North Lincolnshire Association, and this is his first quarter-peal as conductor. W. D. Tinker, J. C. Tinker, C. Brewin, and J. T. Hollingsworth are also members of the North Lincolnshire Association, and the visitors wish to thank them for the kind way in which they received them, and for having everything in readiness. This peal, the 6th and 7th of which were recast and rehung a few ago by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, are a splendid ring and in good going order.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—A GENERAL INVITATION.

On Easter-Monday next it is intended to unveil a handsome peal tablet in the above parish church, which will contain three peals by the local company, including the longest peal rung in the Eastern Counties, which was achieved in April of last year. The tablet has been erected by the parishioners at a cost of £6. The tower will be open to all who would like to be present, from 8.15 a.m. till 5.0 p.m. (excepting a short interval from 10 till 11), when a tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each, to which all will be heartily welcomed.

All who intend to be present at the tea will oblige by notifying the same on or before the 16th instant to the Master, Mr. John Britton, Valley Road, or to R. W. Stannard, Albert Street, Leiston.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter-Monday, April 22. The towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's churches will be open for ringing from 9.30 till 12.30, and in the afternoon from 3.30. At 12.45 p.m. there will be Divine Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, with an address by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance. Dinner will be provided at "The Peahen" hotel at 1.30 (the charge to members is 1s. 6d. a head) after which the business meeting will be held, at which the officers for the ensuing year will be elected, and other general business transacted. The chair will be taken by the president, Leonard Procter, Esq. Cheap tickets will be issued from London by certain trains on the Midland and Great Northern lines, irrespective of membership, further particulars of which I shall be happy to supply; and it is hoped that many friends in the metropolis will avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the ancient city.

In order that proper arrangements may be made I shall be glad to receive, not later, than Wednesday, the 17th instant, the names of those who intend to be present at the dinner. Members are reminded that when applying for the cheap tickets, it is necessary to produce at the provincial booking offices their receipts for the current year; and I have to add that Easter-Monday is pay-day.

To avoid confusion, I would ask members and friends arriving during the hours of ringing to make for St. Peter's in the first instance.

St. Albans.

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RINGERS' DINNER AT ECCLES.

On March 30th, the Eccles society held their opening dinner at their new meeting-house, "The Grapes" hotel.

The host invited a few ringing friends, including Mr. Samuel Wood of Ashton-under-Lyne, Mr. A. E. Wreaks of Manchester, Messrs. Eachus, Turner, Chapman, Thorp, and Downs, of Manchester Cathedral; Messrs. Ridyard and Derbyshire of Worsley; Messrs. C. and E. Cash, and the Pendlebury handbell ringers. The company met at 5.0 p.m., and very soon afterwards dinner made its appearance. Several courses having been brought round in excellent style, the tables were cleared, and necessary arrangements made for the enjoyment of a pleasant evening.

The chair was taken by Mr. J. Rogers, of Eccles, who after a few words of welcome to the visitors, proposed "The Health of the Queen and Royal Family," and "The Editor of 'THE BELL NEWS,'" which were drank with acclamation.

The Pendlebury handbell band rendered some fine selections on their bells, Masters Boardman and Royle, two youths of twelve summers, taking part in the performance very creditably, which included waltz, schottische, and other tunes. Courses of Grandsire Triples, Major, and Royal were given by other ringers, and also a course of Grandsire Triples, with sixteen bells, two octaves, in the key of C., were both struck well together, and received with applause.

Mr. Samuel Wood, in his usual talented style, gave on the piano some courses of Grandsire Caters, Royal, and Maximus, also a touch of Treble Bob Royal, which gave pleasure and satisfaction to all present. The harmony of the evening was well sustained by Messrs. Cash and Cordwell. Votes of thanks were given to the host and hostess for their kindness, to which the former suitably responded, and the singing of the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association will take place on Easter Monday, April 22nd, in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2 p.m. prompt, the tower of which will be open for a short time for ringing. Towers of the other churches in the city will be open during the day for ringing. The new peal of handbells, the property of the Association, will be rung for the first time at this meeting. All members are requested to meet at the house of Mr. J. Perks, "Pack Horse" Hotel, Worcester, and to note that all subscriptions not yet paid should be handed over at this meeting. The Hon. Secretary hopes to receive, on or before the above date, the names of each company in union, so that a correct list may appear in the Annual Report. Members to take this as sufficient notice, should they receive no other. Business—Election of officers for the ensuing year.

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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.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Derby, on Easter Monday, April 22nd, 1889, when the following towers will be open for ringing from 10 a.m., viz.: All Saints, 10 bells; St. Alkmund's, 8 bells; St. Andrew's, 8 bells; and St. Werburgh's, eight bells. Committee meeting in St. Andrew's parish room at 4 o'clock; Tea in the schools at 4.30, tickets 1s. 2d. each; General Meeting and election of officers immediately after tea.

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GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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

(Continued from page 2.)

With this plan it is also only just possible to get into the seventy-two courses with ninety bobs; here the greatest length is obtainable with six parts called alike, and the nearest approach to a six-part with the use of ninety bobs. I give this touch below, as I feel sure it will be of interest:—

4956.

6 7 2 4 5 3 2 The part given to be five times repeated,
4 7 6 3 2 5 5 with a plain lead single at the end of the third
3 7 4 5 6 2 5 and sixth parts. The missing leads, one of
7 4 3 5 6 2 4 which is left out of each part, form them-
5 4 7 2 3 6 5 selves into two three-lead bits, thus:—

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

5 4 3 7 2 6 5 One can be inserted in the first part at 2
7 4 5 6 3 2 5 after the third bob, and one similarly in the
4 5 7 6 3 2 4 fourth part, with a plain lead single and bob-
4 6 5 2 7 3 P.L. single to make 5040 if required.

There are two plans I have adopted throughout for composing peals in equal parts; one of these has been in use for all methods ever since the commencement of change-ringing, which is to bob such rows or sets as will produce peals with each part called alike. The other plan, which it seems Holt was the first to adopt, is the reversing of the calling for the second half. This I shall in future call the *reverse bob* plan; it will be necessary to explain what I mean by *reverse bob*, and to do this I cannot do better than take Holt's six-part peal for illustration. If we examine the peal we shall find that 672453 is a bob row, and its reverse row 674235, is also a bob row, and so we shall find throughout the peal that every bob row has its reverse row bobbed also. Unfortunately the reverse bob row is not always found in the second half of the peal. This explains to some extent for the plain lead singles. I have every reason to believe that it was with the knowledge of this reverse bob plan that Holt obtained his ten-part and six-part peals. I hope to touch upon this point also, and on two interesting questions in connection with Holt's Original on some future occasion. It has been my endeavour throughout to obtain a six-part with each part called alike, also to ascertain why the calling of certain peals are reversed in the second half. To go further I must now give the key to a six-part table of lead-ends, with the 7th always called before. The following will represent twelve division-ends after the 7th has been called before five times in each:—

234567 342567 423567 243657 432657 324657
325467 435267 245367 426357 346257 236457

and the following are the twelve courses with the 7th in the hunt. Four of these courses are given in full to shew the position of the reverse leads, also the position of 5-6 in the centre rows:—

A	734652	742653	723654	743562	732564	724563
B	763245			754236		
C	726534			725643		
D	752463			762354		
E	745326			736425		
F	765423	765342	765234	756243	756432	756324
G	746352			725364		
H	734265			732456		
I	723546			743625		
J	752634			764532		

In composing peals from this table the secret lies in the inserting of these twelve courses into the body of the peal. I have previously stated that with 123 calls on this plan, there were 25 problems, this includes 12 reverse problems, and one centre. I will now show how the number may be reduced to six. To bob c throughout the set we get six three-lead bits; also to bob f or j we get two short three-part touches, so the six problems comes thus:— A-G, A-H, A-I, and B-G, B-H, B-I. To go on to D we simply get the reverse of the last three problems, and E the reverse of the first three. All this stands good for peals on the reverse bob plan so far as the first half of the set is concerned, but for the second half we must take care to bob the reverse rows. I will now show how to obtain Holt's six-part bob D for the first half of the set, and their three reverse rows for the second half, and G must be treated in the same way, and the problems will appear thus:

734652	743562
763245	*754236
726534	725643
*752463	762354
745326	736425
765423	756243
*746352	725364
734265	732456
723546	*743625
752634	764532

Now a glance at the problem will show, taking the previous arrangement of the table into consideration, that the peal could not come with each part called alike, and that the thing must be irregular in some way. The fact of the reverse bob being introduced, the peal does come in equal parts, but with the calling upside down in the second half, showing that we have not far to seek as to why the calling of certain peals are reversed in the second half. But there is always something in the foundation of the peal that has something to do with it. In this case it is the sixty bobs with the 7th before, with ten-part peals, it is the fifty bobs that uses up the two odd courses with the 2nd in the hunt. At almost the commencement of this investigation, I came to the conclusion that one of the laws of Grandsire Triples was that if a peal was required in equal parts, it must be obtained by the reverse bob plan, therefore any table of lead-ends not on the reverse bob plan, or to call the 6th and 7th before fifteen or forty-five times each, or to call every bell before twenty-one times each, would not be likely to produce a peal, although I have examined all such plans and problems, this explains why a peal will not come with 150 calls and no bell fixed.

Another item. If we glance at the following two courses to see in what order the reverse leads occur in the reverse course, it will be seen that they run backwards.

253746	235476
275634	243657
267453	264735
246375	276543
234567	257364

Again, if we look at the following two sets of first bobs, not only does the reverse set run backwards, but the intermediate leads also:—

752634	257364
657423	352476
456372	453627
354267	654732
253746	756243

These facts seem so connected with the reverse bob plan, that a peal in equal parts is not likely to be obtained by any other.

(To be continued.)

ERRATUM IN LAST WEEK'S ISSUE.—Line 19, for always before, read *always* called before. Line 30, for having all the 6-7's, read *bobbing* all the 6-7's. Line 32 and 33, second column, for marking and mark, read *working* and *work*.

Obituary.

ALBERT HOLT.

We regret to announce the death, after a severe illness, of the above ringer, late of the Holy Trinity company, Hull, which took place on Saturday, March 30th, at the age of 23 years. The deceased, who was a native of Luddenden, Yorks, had been about two years in Hull, joining the Yorkshire Association in 1888, during which time he had endeared himself to his brother-ringers by his quiet and unassuming disposition. He caught a severe chill, which resulted in inflammation of the lungs, to which he succumbed in eight days. His remains were conveyed to Sowerby and interred in St. Peter's church on the 3rd of April, Messrs. Pollard, Highfield and Jackson, of Hull, attending the funeral. A muffled peal was rung to his memory, particulars of which will be found in the proper place.

ROBERT RICHARDSON.

It is also our painful duty to announce the decease of this well-known London ringer, who died at his residence in Stoke Newington, on Saturday, March 30th, at the advanced age of 81 years. He was a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. At the early age of 13 he commenced ringing, and in 1829 began to take part in peal ringing. On July 22nd, 1889, he rang the 3rd in a peal of Grand-sire Triples at St. John-at-Hackney. About this time he also took part in peals at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, St. James', Clerkenwell, and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, was an active ringer at St. Matthew's, Clapton, and for some time one of the ringers at the old parish church, Stoke Newington.

The funeral took place on Thursday, April 4th, at Southgate Cemetery, a short service previously taking place at the old church, Stoke Newington, the Rector, the Rev. L. E. Shelford, and the Rev. Bloomfield Jackson officiating. The body was brought into the church, followed by the aged wife, several members of the family and grandchildren; several residents of Stoke Newington attending as a mark of respect. The Rev. Bloomfield Jackson read the burial service and committed the body to the grave. The coffin, which was covered with magnificent wreaths, was of polished elm, with brass fittings, and bore the following simple inscription: "Robert Richardson, died March 30th, 1889, age 81 years."

The deceased was for over forty years a regular attendant on practice nights at Waltham Abbey, having been associated with the ringers there ever since the year 1840, and as a mark of respect the ringers met on Saturday last and rung a muffled peal, the usual whole pull and stand. W. C. Dymock, 1; G. Pearce, 2; R. Holgate, 3; T. Mitchell, 4; D. Tarling, 5; G. Thurgood, 6; W. A. Alps (conductor), 7; T. Colverd, 8. At the meeting of the Society immediately afterwards, the Secretary was instructed to forward a letter of condolence to Mrs. Richardson in her sad bereavement, recognising the valuable assistance of their late friend, Mr. R. Richardson.

STAFFORD HAND-BELL RINGERS' DRAW.

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1236 Picture.	170 Tobacco Pouch.
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WALTER J. WEST, Hon. Sec.

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GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.—This company announce that on Thursday, April 18th, 1889, an express broad gauge excursion will leave Paddington Station at 8.5 a.m. for Exeter, Barnstaple, Torquay, Plymouth, and several intermediate stations, to return on Thursday or Friday, April 25th or 26th. On the same day an excursion train will leave Paddington at 12.10 p.m. for Bath, Bristol, Clevedon, Weston-Super-Mare, Chard, Bridgwater, Taunton, Tiverton, and other intermediate places, to return on Thursday or Friday, April 25th or 26th. On the same day, Thursday, April 18th, an Excursion Train will leave Paddington Station, at 11.30 a.m., for Oxford, Banbury, Warwick, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Hereford, Crewe, Stockport, Manchester, Shrewsbury, Welshpool, Llangollen, Chester, Birkenhead, and other intermediate stations, returning on Tuesday, April 23rd. Excursion Trains will also run on Saturday, April 20th, from Paddington Station, at 1.55 p.m., and on Easter Monday, April 22nd, from Paddington Station, at 7.15 a.m., for Swindon, Chippenham, Bath and Bristol. On Good Friday, April 19th, 1889, an Excursion Train will leave Paddington Station at 9.15 a.m., for Taplow, Maidenhead, Twyford, Reading, Tilehurst, Pangbourne, Goring, and Oxford, returning same day. On Easter Monday, April 22nd, 1889, an Excursion Train will leave Paddington Station at 7.40 a.m., Maidenhead, Twyford, Reading, Newbury, Hungerford, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, and Didcot, and other intermediate stations, returning the same day. Full arrangements for return and full particulars see small bills which, with all information relative to the above trains, may be obtained at Cook's Excursion Offices, Ludgate Circus, Fleet Street; at Kingston's Booking Office, Fitzroy Square, W.; at Jakins' Booking Office, 6, Camden Road, N.W.; and at Myers' Offices, 1a, Pentonville Road, N.; and 343, Grays Inn Road, W.C.

THE MIDLAND RAILWAY.—This company announce very convenient and cheap Excursions late on Wednesday next and early on the following (Thursday) morning, for the Midland, Yorkshire, Lancashire, and English Lake districts, for six days, from St. Pancras, Kentish Town, Victoria (L. C. & D.), Moorgate Street, Aldersgate Street, and Farringdon Street, to Keighley, Skipton, Colne, Carnforth, Lancaster, Morecambe, Kirby Stephen, Appleby, Carlisle, Silverdale, Arncliffe, Grange, Kents Bank, Cark, Greenodd, Haverthwaite, Windermere (Lake Side), Ulverton, Lindal, Dalton, Furness Abbey, Roose, Barrow, Askam, Kirby, Broughton, Coniston, Foxfield, Millom, Silcroft, Bootle, Ravenglass, Drigg, Seascale, Sellafield, St. Bees, and Whitehaven. To Scarborough, Whitby, Bridlington, Darlington, Durham, and Newcastle-on-Tyne. To Tutbury, Uttoxeter, Rocester, Ashbourne, Longton, Stoke, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Etruria, Hanley, Burslem, Tunstall, Longport, Harecastle, Lee, and Macclesfield. To Basford, Bulwell, Hucknall, Linby, Newstead, Annesley, Mansfield, Southwell, Newark, Lincoln, Chesterfield, Sheffield, Masboro', Rotherham, Barnsley, Wakefield, Normanton, Leeds, Armley, Shipley and Bradford. To Derby, Burton, Matlock-Bath, Bakewell, Buxton, Chapel-en-le-Frith, New Mills, Hayfield, Marple, Stockport, West Timperley, Warrington, Southport, Liverpool, Knutsford, Northwich, Woodley, Hyde, Guide Bridge, Ashton, Stalybridge, and Manchester (Central). To Leicester, Melton, Loughboro', Trent, Ilkeston Junction, Ilkeston Town, Langley Mill and Eastwood, Codnor Park, Pye Bridge, Pinxton and Selston, Alfreton, and Nottingham. To Hinckley, Nuneaton, Birmingham, Sutton Coldfield, Walsall, Willenhall, and Wolverhampton. To Pontefract, York, and Hull. The tickets for the above will be available for returning on Tuesday, April 23rd.

Tickets for starting from St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two previous days to the running of the Trains, at the Midland Booking Office, St. Pancras Station, and at the principal metropolitan receiving offices. An early application is requested. During the Easter Holidays Excursion Trains to London, at Similar Fares, will also run from Carlisle, York, Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield, Liverpool, Southport, Manchester, Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby, Leicester, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, and other stations.

On Good-Friday, April 19th, the Trains on the Midland Railway will run as appointed for Sundays, except the Newspaper Express leaving St. Pancras at 5.15 a.m., which will run to Bedford, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Sheffield, and Manchester, as on ordinary Week-days. The 8.55 a.m. Local Train Sheffield to Leeds, &c., will wait the arrival of the Newspaper Express at Sheffield.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"I give thee a voice; give thee words to God."
"Throw your soul into words."

Yet another peal dedicated. This time it is at Land's End that the sound of new bells mounted will vibrate. We are surely well on the way for compassing the length and breadth of our land with the sound of our national music. It seems, however, rather regrettable that, while they were at it, our friends of that remote region of Cornwall did not go in for a ring of six. But of course they knew their own circumstances the best, and to say the very least of it, the substitution of a musical ring of five is a vast improvement on the three cracked bells previously in their tower. Let us hope that these bells will sound like silvery tones amid the many storms on that wild coast for generations yet to come.

The Copley Scholars and the Trinity Youths are once more to the front—the former with its "Social," and the latter with an extension of its branches. Both are very satisfactory and commendable features, and bode well for future success. With Mr. Whitaker I do think this plan of holding "Socials" a good one; and consider it deserving of imitation, seeing that it is such a "creditable departure from the old style of ringers' meetings, inasmuch as they so well enable ringers' wives and friends to meet together in so sociable and pleasant a manner." There is nothing gained by exclusiveness, and the more we make our Art and work familiar with others, the more appreciated will it become.

It was with feelings of deep regret that I read of the death of Harry Pearce, of Maidstone. That one should have been taken away at the early age of twenty-six, is enough of itself to make us sad. It becomes the bounden duty of those ringers who have benefitted by his instruction and his labours on their behalf, to persevere in their work, so that the sound of the bells in the many towers which were witnesses of his labours may go forth in such a manner as to be a perpetual monument to his memory.

God's angel of death has also taken away the veteran James Scales, at the ripe age of four-score and four. Fifty-seven times, we are told, he ascended the tower of Baldock to assist in ringing out the Old Year. Now his place will know him no more.

These two deaths should provide us with abundant food for our thoughts, and cause us, while reflecting on the uncertainty of our sojourn here, to strive our utmost to do our duty in the brief space of time allotted to us. If we exercised this habit more fully, there would, I am convinced, be less jealousies and animosities existing amongst us, and we should all be found earnestly emulating each other's virtues for the common good.

It seems rather late now to refer to that much-debated subject of ringing during Lent. But I cannot help remarking on last Saturday's excellent leader on the point, as well as Mr. James' very sensible observations. Without a doubt, as I have had occasion to remark beforetime, our bells should be regarded as the outward voice of the Church, proclaiming alike its seasons of joy and sorrow, but to lay down a hard and fast line,

and stigmatise peal-ringing as "discreditable," and practising as "objectionable," during the whole six weeks of the Lenten season, appear to me to smack rather too much of Pharasaism. Seeing that the Church has laid down no settled rules as to our Lenten observance in such a direction, I do not see why each one should not act according to the dictates of his own conscience or opinions in the matter. If any one of us thinks it his duty to abstain from peal-ringing and even practising during this season, by all means let him have the courage of his opinions and regulate his actions accordingly; but if others do not consider such abstinence incumbent upon them as loyal sons of the Church, who possesses the right to judge them?

I cannot help observing in this direction that our good friend the Vicar of Drayton does not seem to be imbued with these exclusive notions about peal ringing during Lent, as I see his name figuring in two last Saturday. That fact alone should be conclusive enough to dispel any doubts about the "righteousness" of this thing, for however enthusiastic Mr. Robinson may be with regard to ringing matters, there could not be the smallest shade of a doubt as to his perfect consistency of conduct as a sound Churchman.

The question of Good Friday ringing is quite another matter. This is the one great fast-day of the Church's Year, acknowledged as such throughout the whole Christian world, as commemorating the Crucifixion of Our Lord and Saviour. No two opinions can therefore, I think, exist amongst us as to the nature of the ringing to be done on that day. In whatever form it might take—whether by chiming, muffled tones, or the slow ringing of the tenor or two or three of the larger bells in the tower, a peculiar distinctiveness should be given to the sound of our bells on that day. On this point, I believe we shall be mostly agreed; then let us on Good Friday next so perform our duty in this solemn manner, and on the Easter morning following so ring jubilant peals that the people will not fail to understand how we are celebrating the Church's great festival and commemoration of that day when "He rose again."

Just one more word and I have done for this week. This is to congratulate John C. Truss (the younger) of the Hughenden company, on his first peal. I have already had occasion to speak commendably of that youth's accomplishments in ringing, and am very pleased to see the report of his first peal rung on an inside bell, before attaining his fifteenth birthday. I really don't know whether to compliment him or Mr. Truss, *sen.* the most, or even the Hughenden band generally; but I would at least re-echo the good wishes expressed by their Vicar on the success of the peal.

FREE LANCE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this Branch was held at the parish church, Oldham, on Saturday, April 6th. Members were present from Rochdale, Oldham, Moorside, and Heywood, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung. A meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by Mr. Millett, *sen.*, of Heywood. The next meeting is to be held at All Saints' church, Rochdale, on Saturday, May 4th. Votes of thanks to the wardens and chairman brought the meeting to a close.

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"FORWARD;"

A New Method for an Even Number of Bells.

By JOHN CARTER.

PEALS OF MAJOR.

5120.					
1	2	3	4	5	6
I B O F					
4	3	2	1	5	6
1	2	5	3	4	6
3	1	5	2	4	6
2	5	4	1	3	6
1	6	3	4	2	5
4	3	2	6	1	5
6	2	1	3	4	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	4	6	2	1	5
2	3	6	4	1	5
4	6	1	3	2	5
3	1	2	6	4	5
6	2	4	1	3	5

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

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

Four times repeated.

Omitting the bob at o in the course marked * cuts away the 2½ courses braced and reduces it to 5056.

5120.					
1	2	3	4	5	6
I B O F					
4	3	5	2	1	6
2	6	3	1	4	5
1	4	6	3	2	5
3	2	4	6	1	5
6	1	2	4	3	5
4	2	3	1	6	5

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

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

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

Continued— I B O F

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

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

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

Four times repeated.

The following three peals are in 5 part and never has the 2nd in 6th's place at a course-end.

6080.					
1	2	3	4	5	6
I B O F					
5	6	2	3	1	4
3	2	6	5	1	4
6	3	2	5	1	4
5	2	3	6	1	4
3	5	2	6	1	4

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

The last eleven courses twice repeated produce 521364. The whole 4 times repeated.

6080.					
1	2	3	4	5	6
I B O F					
4	3	5	2	1	6
2	1	3	5	4	6
5	4	1	3	2	6
1	6	2	4	5	3

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

The last fifteen courses repeated produce

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

The whole four times repeated.

8000.

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

The last eleven courses twice repeated produce:—

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

The whole four times repeated.

A 720 OF FORWARD MINOR.

By L. LONGNEY,

Croome, Worcestershire.

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

Five times repeated.

*A single instead of a bob in the 3rd and 6th parts.

A DATE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR.

By E. FRANCIS, Norwich.

1889.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
W B M H							
2	5	4	3	6			
4	2	5	3	6			
6	5	2	3	4			
2	6	5	3	4			
5	3	2	6	4			
2	5	3	6	4			
3	6	2	5	4			
2	3	6	5	4			

These eight courses repeated with a single at home at the last course-end.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1889.

WE print on another page an appeal for Canada, and while thus obliging our correspondent, as it is our pleasure at all times to do, certainly cannot endorse the appeal by stating that our sympathies are with him. By a coincidence, just as Mr. CASHMORE's letter came to hand some weeks ago, we were printing for this column our impressions as to the love of bell music as it exists in the United States; when penning those lines it did not occur to us to include Canada, being imbued with the idea that, for the purposes of our argument, that part of the American continent was almost identical with our own island. Not but what we are fully aware that the art of ringing has no existence in Canada, but we know of our own knowledge that the means for its practice exist at more than one large town in the Dominion.

At the Cathedral of Quebec is a very musical peal of eight, hung for ringing, having also a Sanctus bell, making up nine. In the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Montreal is a peal of ten, with tenor 53 cwt., replicas of Bow and York Cathedral bells: the front eight of this peal are hung for ringing, the 9th and tenor being hung rigid. At neither of these towers is any effort made to attempt even round ringing, Quebec being simply played upon by key board, while at Montreal from one to six bells are clanged, the number varying with the different portions of the daily service. From the statement that the City of Toronto contains one hundred and seventeen churches, it is evident that there is no lack of funds, and we hardly

think it would be compatible with the dignity of the churchmen of this city to accept of the eleemosynary sixpences of a lot of working men. There are numberless ways in our estimation in which such sixpences could be better bestowed. At the same time our correspondent's suggestion is not without point. We would suggest to him that the appeal should be made to the loyal Churchmen of the colony, or of that part of it for which he pleads. Ringers would be very loth to subscribe to the erection of a ring of bells in their own country, even, unless they had sure guarantees that they would be rung in a scientific manner.

The Metropolis.

TOTTENHAM.—THE ALL HALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY, AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD F. STRANGE .. Treble.	JOSEPH WAGHORN 5.
GEORGE GRIFFIN 2.	HENRY A. BARNETT .. . 6.
THOMAS C. GROVE 3.	GEORGE B. LUCAS .. . 7.
JOHN BARBER 4.	WILLIGM PYE-ENGLISH .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWARD F. STRANGE.

This is a one-part peal having the 6th at home at the last seven course-ends, and was the conductor's first attempt at calling a peal in the method.

The Provinces.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE AND UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 5, 1889, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH W. SHAW* .. Treble.	JAMES H. SHAW 5.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE 2.	JAMES RADCLIFFE .. . 6.
FRANKLIN BRIERLEY .. . 3.	JOHN T. DICKEN .. . 7.
JONATHAN PILLING 4.	WILLIAM SCHOFIELD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY and Conducted by FRANKLIN BRIERLEY.

*First peal. Joseph W. Shaw and J. T. Dicken hail from Friesland, the rest belong to the local company.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 5, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES DIXEY Treble.	JOHN POLLARD 5.
TOM STOCKDALE 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. . 6.
JAMES HIGHFIELD .. . 3.	ROBERT CHAFFER .. . 7.
FREDERICK MERRISON .. 4.	JOHN WM. DALE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

This peal, which contains 106 bobs and 14 common singles, was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Albert Holt, who died on the 30th March, 1889.

SKIPTON.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1889, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

F. ANDERSON Treble.	W. MASON 5.
J. BOOTHMAN 2.	J. MCKELL 6.
C. LANGSTROTH .. . 3.	W. BILLOWS 7.
W. WELLOCK 4.	W. D. HILLARY .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

First peal of Oxford by the entire company, except McKell. Messrs. Langstroth and McKell hail from Gargrave.

MIRFIELD, YORKSHIRE.—THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 6, 1889, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5200 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

HERR VON COLLINSON Treble.	WALTER BARROWCLOUGH .. 6.
TOLSON CRAWSHAW 2.	RALPH ELLIS 7.
WILLIAM HOLMES 3.	HENRY HINCHLIFFE .. 8.
SAM PEACOCK 4.	BENJAMIN ROBINSON .. 9.
WALTER PEACOCK 5.	JOAH PEACOCK Tenor.

Composed by ABRAHAM SYKES, of Huddersfield, and Conducted by JOAH PEACOCK.

This peal is in one continued course, and was the first ever rung on ten bells in one course.

WARNHAM—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 6, 1889, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble.	ALFRED MILLS 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	FELIX KNIGHT 6.
WALTER WADY 3.	HENRY BURSTOW 7.
THOMAS ANDREWS 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY and conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, April 6, 1889, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S THREE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble.	CHARLES STANBRIDGE .. 5.
WILLIAM SMITH 2.	JAMES PLANT 6.
HENRY BASTABLE 3.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 7.
ARTHUR J. JONES 4.	THOMAS MILLER Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS RUSSAM.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, also the first peal by the St. Martin's Guild. The above is taken from *Rope-Sigh*, page 94.

HADLOW, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 7, 1889, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM BELL Treble.	ALCHIN MOORCRAFT .. 5.
JOHN GRANSBURY 2.	EDGAR POPE 6.
WILLIAM E. POPE 3.	ALFRED PALMER 7.
JOSEPH E. TILLMAN 4.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WM. HARRISON, and Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as the last mark of respect for Mr. Harry Pearce, of Perryfields, Maidstone, who died March 26th, and was interred at Maidstone Cemetery, Sunday, March 30th.

LOWICK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 7, 1889, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. CHAPMAN,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GILBERT'S SIX-PART.

A. E. CHAPMAN 1-2.	*R. DUNKLEY 5-6.
A. H. MARTIN 3-4.	J. B. MARTIN 7-8.

Conducted by J. B. MARTIN.

*First peal. The above peal is the first by the above Association in this method double-handed. A. E. Chapman hails from Rushden; and J. B. and A. H. Martin from Higham Ferrers, and R. Dunkley from Lowick. Umpire—Mr. Charles Swan

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 8, 1889, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

HEBER DERBYSHIRE Treble.	JOHN WELSBY 5.
FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE .. 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD 3.	JOHN BAGULEY 7.
JAMES HENRY RIDYARD .. 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, of Birmingham, and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

This is the first peal in the method rung in Lancashire, and in the method by all the above, who are of the local company. The peal is the first on page 26 of Snowdon's Double Norwich Court Bob, and contains the 6th 24 times wrong and right.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 6, 1889, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE "HALBERD" INN, NORTHGATE STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM MOTTS 1-2.	JAMES MOTTS 5-6.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 3-4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 7-8.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Umpires: Messrs. S. Tillett and A. Bowell.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, April 10th, 1889, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE "HALBERD" INN,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM MOTTS 1-2.	JAMES MOTTS 5-6.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 3-4.	*ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 7-8.

Conducted by JAS. MOTTS.

*First peal on handbells. Umpires: Messrs. H. Bowell and S. Tillett.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 9th, 1889, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

AMMON BUCKLEY* Treble.	*JAMES HINCHLIFFE 5.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE 2.	*THOMAS LANGFIELD .. 6.
FRANKLIN BRIERLEY 3.	*JOHN A. LAWTON 7.
JONATHAN PILLING 4.	WILLIAM SCHOFIELD .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON and Conducted by FRANKLIN BRIERLEY.

*First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 9, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. BOWELL,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

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

HENRY BOWELL, 9-10.

Composed by the late JOHN COX and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Umpire, A. Bowell. All the above are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Norwich Diocesan Association.

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

On Friday, April 5, 1889, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM WAKLEY Treble.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	HARRY WAKLEY 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON 4.	THOMAS HOLMES Tenor.

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

Rung with the bells half muffled on the second anniversary of the death of the Rev. James H. Fish, first Vicar of St. Paul's, and founder of the St. Paul's Society.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 5, 1889, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed and conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal of Duffield Major by all the band, and was rung without any previous practice.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 6, 1889, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Treble.	G. ESSEX 5.
E. MENDAY 2.	WILLIAM NAPPER 6.
THOMAS NEWMAN 3.	J. M. ROUTH, ESQ. .. 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4.	CHAS. HOUNSLOW Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Stedman by G. Essex.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY AND
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1889, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

*WILLIAM LITTLE Treble.	E. PERCY DEBENHAM .. 5.
†HENRY BREWER 2.	WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 6.
THOMAS WALLER 3.	GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 7.
JESSE W. BREWER 4.	ARTHUR HULL Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD PERCY DEBENHAM.

*First peal. †First with a bob-bell. This is G. W. Cartmel's 50th peal.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEYWOOD (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, March 26th, at St. Luke's church, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 11 mins. A. E. Wrecks, 1; G. Hoyle, 2; F. Birtwistle, 3; J. Millett, 4; J. Harrison, 5; E. Bishop, 6; J. Eachus (conductor), 7; J. Millett, 8. Tenor 22½ cwt. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq. Longest length in the method by all except Messrs. Wrecks and Bishop.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday afternoon, April 7th, for Confirmation Service at St. Edward's church, Mr. John Carter's date touch of Grandsire Triples (1889 changes), in 1 hr. and 5 mins. L. W. Copsey, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; G. Roughton, 3; J. Pegrum, 4; B. Keeble, 5; M. L. Myhill, 6; W. Nash, 7; S. James, 8. This is the first date touch by all the above. Tenor 17½ cwt.

CALVERLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, March 31st, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 1 min. J. Cordingley (Calverley), 1; E. Keightley (Calverley), 2; M. Moore (Keighley), 3; W. Smith (Keighley), 4; J. Lilley (Shipley), 5; A. Smith (Keighley), 6; J. A. Ross (Shipley, conductor), 7; W. Davison (Calverley), 8. Composed by J. Cordingley. Tenor 11 cwt.

DISS (Norfolk).—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday, March 25th, at the house of Mr. J. Souter, a date touch of Grandsire Caters (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. Ireland, 1-2; E. Broome, 3-4; J. Souter (conductor), 5-6; E. Batram, 7-8; G. Archer, 9-10. Composed by G. Hayward, of Bromsgrove.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, April 6th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 18 mins. R. C. Burrell, 1; A. Edwards, 2; A. Tarbun, 3; W. Rowland, 4; W. J. Piper, 5; H. F. De Lisle, Esq., 6; W. Hawkes, 7; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 8; W. Lincoln (conductor), 9; J. Parmenter, 10. Tenor 22 cwt. Messrs. Burrell, Rowland, and Parmenter belong to the St. Mary's company; the rest are from parishes in the neighbourhood.

Miscellaneous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RINGMER (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, March 31st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Union Triples in 42 mins. G. Taylor, 1; A. Washer, 2; A. Slarks, 3; C. Painter, 4; H. Jones, 5; G. Washer, 6; Rev. C. D. P. Davies (conductor), 7; F. Banks, 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Union by all the above except the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and the first quarter-peal in the method ever rung on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, March 30th, at St. Mark's church, the local met to attempt Mr. H. Johnson's six-part peal of Double Norwich Court Bob, but after getting in the fifth part it came to grief through a mis-call on the part of the conductor, having rung 3488 changes in 2 hrs. 17 mins. H. Derbyshire, 1; F. Derbyshire, 2; J. Ridyard, 3; J. H. Ridyard, 4; J. Welsby, 5; T. Derbyshire, 6; J. Baguley, 7; R. Ridyard (conductor), 8. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs. This is the longest length by all in the method.

BACUP.—On Sunday evening, March 17th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, six members of the above Association rang 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; A. Chew, 4; A. White, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday morning, March 31st, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 26½ mins. Z. Lord, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; A. Chew, 4; A. White, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. And in the evening, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, standing as in the morning. Also on Tuesday evening, April 2nd, for practice, 720 Kent in 27 mins. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; Z. Lord, 4; A. White, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, March 27th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 29 mins. F. Calvert (first 720), 1; J. Horrocks, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, March 31st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. L. Digweed, 1; J. Harding, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

STAPLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, April 1st, at the church of All Saints, 408 Stedman Triples. J. G. Tillmon, 1; A. E. Nunn, 2; R. Edwards, 3; W. Collison, 4; H. G. Pope, 5; A. Palmer, 6; E. Pope (conductor), 7; T. G. Colvin, 8. This touch was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. Harry Pearce.

BOBBING (Kent).—On Tuesday, April 2nd, at the parish church, 120 Stedman Doubles. E. Price, 1; C. Willshire, 2; P. Simms, 3; E. Apps, 4; Rev. E. W. Carpenter (conductor), 5; W. Overy, 6. Also a plain course of Stedman Doubles, with S. Nicholls, 1; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 4; E. Price, 5; the rest as before. Messrs. Simms, Willshire, and Price hail from Sittingbourne; the rest belong to the local company. First attempt at Stedman by all except the conductor.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Sunday, April 7th, for Divine Service, 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). J. Prebble, 1; R. Andrews, 2; J. Andrews, 3; A. Tanton, 4; C. Laker, 5; J. H. Cheeseman (conductor), 6. Also after service two more 720's (the first with nine bobs

and six singles). J. Prebble, 1; J. Andrews, 2; A. Beer, 3; C. Laker, 4; A. Tanton (conductor), 5; J. H. Cheeseman, 6. The second with twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles. J. Prebble, 1; R. Andrews, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Andrews, 4; C. Laker, 5; J. H. Cheeseman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18½ cwt. These were rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Cresswell, of Elham, physician to the local sick club, and also to the late Mr. H. Pearce, ringer of Maidstone.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Saturday evening, March 30th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring Taylor's bob-and-single variation of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 3000 changes in 1 hr. 50 mins., it came to grief through a shift-course. J. Perrins, 1; W. Short, 2; T. Briggs, 3; E. Gilbert, 4; C. Boughton, 5; H. Martin (conductor), 6; J. Broad, 7; W. Horne, 8. Messrs. Short and Boughton hail from Clent; Martin from Belbroughton; the rest belong to the local company.

STOULTON (Worcestershire).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, March 25th, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. S. Cotton (conductor), 1-2; W. Page, 3-4; F. Owen, 5-6. And on Thursday, March 28th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 16 mins. H. B. Kingsford, 1-2; S. Cotton (conductor), 3-4; *W. Page, 5-6. *First 720 on handbells. Also on Friday, March 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 37 mins. *H. B. Kingsford, 1-2; W. Powell, 3-4; S. Cotton (conductor), 5-6; *F. Owen, 7-8. *First quarter-peal on handbells. And 560 Grandsire Triples. S. Cotton, 1-2; H. B. Kingsford, 3-4; W. Powell (conductor), 5-6; F. Owen, 7-8. Also 720 Bob Minor. *H. B. Kingsford (conductor), 1-2; W. Powell, 3-4; S. Cotton, 5-6. *First 720 on handbells as conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday evening, March 31st, at St. Margaret's church, 1421 Grandsire Caters, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late John Bright. G. Burrows, 1; T. Bennett, 2; W. A. Clayton, 3; T. Wilson, 4; W. Cooper, 5; J. Bennett, 6; J. Cooper, 7; A. Millis (conductor), 8; J. Buttery, 9; W. Walker, 10. This is the longest touch of Caters by the brothers Bennett.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Saturday, March 23rd, at the church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. J. Beanen, 1; F. Cullum, 2; H. Harman, 3; J. C. Harvey (conductor), 4; W. Watchorn, 5; R. G. Carter, 6; H. Harvey, 7; F. Palmer, 8. This was rung on the occasion of the opening of the Woolwich Free Ferry.

ERITH (Kent).—On Friday, March 29th, for practice at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. G. Cullum, 1; F. Hunter, 2; E. C. Richards, 3; E. Barnett (conductor), 4; F. Cullum, 5; G. Conyard, 6; J. Garard, 7; D. Barnes, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITCHURCH (Oxon).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday evening, April 1st, at the residence of Mr. Lawrence, the St. Mary's band rang 360 Stedman Doubles, being the first 120's in the method ever rung in this village by local ringers. T. Pocock, 1; W. Lawrence, 2; W. Pocock, 3; C. Pocock (conductor), 4; E. Bushnell, 5; J. Nicholls, 6. Afterwards three plain courses of Grandsire Triples, and a 42 in the same method, conducted by W. Lawrence. This was the first course by several of the band, and in this they were kindly assisted by one of the "fair sex," who rang the second.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

AUGHTON NEAR ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Saturday, March 30th, at the parish church, an attempt to ring Haley's Variation peal of Stedman Triples proved unsuccessful through a change-course, after ringing 3852 changes in 2 hrs. 27 mins. W. James, 1; C. Sharples, 2; H. Coley, 3; N. Spencer, 4; J. Aspinwall, 5; W. Bentham, 6; J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 7; J. Martin, 8. The ringers of the 2nd, 4th, and 6th, belong to the local company, and is their first attempt for a peal in this method; the remainder are from Liverpool.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Monday, March 11th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Charlton, 1; E. Titt, 2; *T. Bozzard, 3; F. Charlton, 4; J. Pallister, 5; J. Cleminson (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob bell. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as above, with the exception of T. Bozzard, who rang the treble. On Sunday, March 24th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. T. Bozzard, 1; W. Charlton, 2; H. C. Mayne, 3; W. Howard, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. W. Howard hails from York, and is vice-president of the Yorkshire

Association. On Monday, April 1st, for practice, 1624 Grandsire Triples. T. Bozzard, 1; J. Cleminson, 2; W. Charlton, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; T. Wick, 8. On Wednesday, April 3rd, meeting one short for a peal of Grandsire Triples, through the tenor man not putting in an appearance, a 882 was rung on the back seven, standing as above. On Sunday, April 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Bozzard, 1; W. Charlton, 2; H. C. Mayne, 3; F. Charlton, 4; J. Pallister, 5; J. Cleminson (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT (Surrey).—On Saturday evening, April 5th, at St. Anne's church, several touches of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and 360 Plain Bob Minor. W. Stevens, 1; T. Gould, 2; O. Harding, 3; F. Francis, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Stevens, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis, 3; O. Harding, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. And for evening service, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Stevens, 1; H. Stapleton, 2; T. Gould, 3; O. Harding, 4; E. Spooner (conductor), 5; R. Weeks, 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON.—On Thursday, March 28th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. A. E. Collins, 1; W. States, 2; R. E. Pearson, 3; H. Brooker (conductor), 4; A. Bruce, 5; C. H. Kitching, 6; T. Verrall, 7; F. G. Hermon, 8. Rung to celebrate the 34th birthday of C. H. Kitching. Also 377 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Collins, 1; A. Arnold, 2; G. Burt, 3; W. C. Palmer, 4; W. States, 5; F. G. Hermon, 6; H. Brooker (conductor), 7; B. Blake, 8. Tenor 27 cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday, March 31st, for Divine Service at St. Edward's church, the last 980 of Holt's Original, in 33 mins. L. W. Copsey, 1; W. Pye, 2; G. Roughton, 3; W. Pegrum, 4; B. Keeble, 5; M. L. Myhill, 6; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 7; S. James, 8. On Friday evening, March 29th, 503 Grandsire Triples, on handbells. M. L. Myhill, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4-5-6; W. Nash, 7-8. And on Saturday, April 6th, for practice, three courses of Stedman Triples. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; G. Pearl, 2; J. Gobbett, 3; *W. Pye, 4; B. Keeble, 5; *M. L. Myhill, 6; W. Nash, 7; ———, 8. *First touch in the method. Also on handbells, 700 Grandsire Triples, taken from the Original. G. Pearl, 1-2; J. Gobbett, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; M. L. Myhill, 7-8.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, March 16th, the following members of this Association met at the parish church and attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5184 changes, but after ringing nearly two hours the fourth rope missed wheel, which caused a collapse. S. Slater (Glemsford), 1; J. Bonney (London), 2; F. Wells (Glemsford), 3; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 4; H. Dice (Melford), 5; H. Smith (Lavenham), 6; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 7; H. Harper (Sudbury), 8. The same peal was again attempted on Saturday, March 30th, when after ringing 3 hrs. and 10 mins. with six more leads to ring, the second rope broke. S. Slater, 1; P. S. Scott, 2; G. S. Brown, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; H. Smith, 5; F. Wells, 6; A. Symonds, 7; H. Harper, 8.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Saturday, April 6th, at the parish church, a peal of 5184 Kent Treble Bob was to have been attempted, but meeting one short, the following rang on the back six a eighteen-score of Mr. Carter's new method—Forward Minor, this being the first attempt by all the band. S. Slater, 1; C. Sillitoe, 2; W. Gridley, 3; R. Mingay, 4; J. Lee, 5; G. Maxim (conductor), 6. Also some touches of Forward Major were afterwards rung on the handbells. And on Sunday, March 7th, for morning service, 720 of Plain Bob. G. Maxim, sen., 1; J. Lee, 2; C. Sillitoe, 3; R. Mingay, 4; W. Gridley, 5; G. Maxim, jun., (conductor), 6. Also 300 Plain Bob. G. Maxim, sen., 1; J. Lee, 2; W. Gridley, 3; R. Mingay, 4; C. Sillitoe, 5; G. Maxim, jun. (conductor), 6.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Tuesday, February 19th, at St. Michael's church, 1024 of Kent Treble Bob. C. Prior (Stanstead), 1; W. Prior (Stanstead), 2; J. Campin (Sudbury), 3; G. Prior (Stanstead), 4; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 5; F. W. Chapman (Stortford), 6; H. Prior (Stanstead), 7; H. J. Tucker (Stortford), 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—Recently at the meeting house, St. Gregory's Street, the following members of the local company rang on handbells retained in hand a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, being the first quarter of Brook's Variation. W. B. Ransom, Esq., 1; G. S. Brown, 2; W. Howell, 3; A. Scott, 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Harper, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7-8. This is the longest touch on handbells by all the above. Also on Wednesday, March 20th, the

bells of St. Peter's were rung during the day muffled, as a tribute of respect to Miss Rosalind Andrews, fourth daughter of G. W. Andrews, Esq., J.P., who is churchwarden at the above church, whose funeral took place that day. Before the ceremony, 576 of Bob Major was rung. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; C. Sillitoe, 3; W. Cross, 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; W. Griggs, 7; H. Harper, 8. After the service, two touches of 336 in the same method, standing as before. In the afternoon 864 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Griggs, 3; W. Cross, 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe, 7; H. Harper, 8. Also a short touch of Stedman Triples. In the evening for service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled. W. Cross, 1; M. Silvester, 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Griggs, 4; H. Harper, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe, 7; W. Bruce, 8. This is the first quarter of Brook's Variation. The whole of the ringing was conducted by C. Sillitoe.

THE NORTH MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Sunday evening, April 7th, after Divine Service at the parish church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Russell, 1; F. Pratt, 2; W. Webb, 3; J. Barrett, 4; J. Edmunds (conductor), 5; W. Childs (Edgware), 6. Also another 360 in the same method. W. Childs, 1; F. Sparks, 2; F. Pratt (conductor), 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; J. Edmunds, 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). H. Martin, 1; F. Sparks, 2; C. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; T. Card (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also another 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Tucker, 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. Prachett, 3; W. Webb, 4; C. Martin (conductor), 5; J. Edmunds, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

PIMLICO.—On Saturday, April 6th, at St. Gabriel's church, for the Confirmation by the Bishop of London, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Pemberton (Ipswich), 1; H. Langdon, 2; G. T. McLaughlin, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; R. T. Hibbert (Reading), 5; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6; W. H. George (first 504 inside), 7; W. T. Cockerill, 8. And on handbells at the Denbigh Arms, Denbigh Street, 504 Stedman Triples. H. R. Newton, 1-2; C. F. Winny (conductor), 3-4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5-6; R. T. Hibbert, 7-8. Also on Sunday evening, April 7th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, by the All Saints (Fulham) society, (being also members of the above), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins., taken from Shipway. J. G. Green, 1; N. E. Snow, Esq., 2; W. E. Garrard, 3; J. W. Kelley (conductor), 4; W. Carter, 5; J. Nicholls, jun., 6; W. H. George, 7; S. How, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Saturday, April 5, at the parish church, 546 of Grandsire Triples. A. Mills, 1; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 2; O. Evershed, 3; C. Blackman, 4; F. Luxford, 5; W. Twigg, 6; G. Balchin (conductor), 7; R. Goatcher, 8. Also on Sunday, April 6th, 360 of Canterbury Minor. F. Luxford, 1; T. Parsons, 2; T. Linfield, 3; C. Clear, 4; C. Blackman, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Our correspondent adds:—"The Grandsire Triples was rung on the electric apparatus lately fixed in our belfry, and I might add that the quarter-peal in the issue for Saturday, March 23rd, by the Arundel branch, was also rung on the apparatus."

BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, April 6th, at the parish church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Bashford, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Smith, 3; W. Sadler, 4; E. Moses, 5; J. Bashford, 6; T. Boniface, 7; W. Hawkins, jun. (conductor), 8. Also 480 Stedman Triples. J. Bashford, 1; F. Smith, 2; G. Croucher, 3; W. Sadler, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Burkin, 6; W. Hawkins (conductor), 7; W. Mayne, 8.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, April 7th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 240 Woodbine. T. Watson, 1; *W. Moore (Bocking), 2; S. Hammond (conductor), 3; F. Bumpstead, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. *First 720.

BRIGHTLING (Sussex).—On Friday, March 22nd, at the parish church by the Dallington society, 240 and 180 Grandsire Doubles, on the back six. J. Booth, 1; E. Lovell, 2; J. Jones, 3; P. J. Peters (conductor), 4; J. Gadd, 5; G. Sands, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

BURTON-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, April 3rd, at St. Paul's church, touches of 504 Grandsire Triples, 468 Stedman Triples, 544 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, six courses each of Forward and Duffield Major, and short lengths of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, and London Surprise Major were rung, the occasion being the opening and presentation to the town of a bridge built at a cost of £7000, by Lord Burton, to supersede the ferry boat which from time immemorial has plied across the river Trent between Burton proper and what are now the outlying portions of the borough. It may be noted that though so many methods—ten in all—were rung, yet there was no break down during the day, the ringing being particularly good throughout.

CLIFTON.—On Thursday, March 28th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). H. Pring, 1; C. Burden, 2; J. Hinton, 3; G. Daltry, 4; G. Colston, 5; C. Trevett, 6; *S. Phillips (conductor), 7; A. Morgan, 8. *First attempt as conductor, and was rung on the occasion of his twenty-second birthday.

DALLINGTON (Sussex).—On Friday, April 5th, at the parish church, 240 Grandsire Doubles. J. Booth, 1; E. Lovell, 2; P. J. Peters (conductor), 3; *W. Crouch, 4; J. Gadd, 5. And 120 in the same method. J. Booth, 1; E. Lovell (conductor), 2; P. J. Peters, 3; W. Crouch, 4; *G. Sands, 5. *First 120. Tenor 12 cwt.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Saturday, March 16th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. C. Clarke, 1; F. Sinkins, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; J. Basden, 4; W. Wilder, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Also on Saturday, March 23rd, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. J. Parker (first 720), 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; A. Andrews, 3; F. Sinkins, 4; H. Reeves, 5; C. Clarke, 6.

GLEMSFORD.—(Suffolk)—Handbell Ringing.—On Thursday, April 4th, at the residence of Mr. Samuel Slater, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 20 mins. A. E. Smith, 1; R. S. Theobald, 2; A. Clarke, 3; J. Wheeler, 4; R. B. Smith, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. The above are all single in the company, except the conductor.

KELSEALE (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, April 7th, for Divine Service, an attempt for a date touch of Bob Major came to grief after ringing about 1150 changes, in 44 mins. F. Argent, 1; W. Drew, 2; J. Coleman, 3; F. Page, 4; G. Moy, 5; F. Thompson, 6; W. Fisher, 7; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 8. For evening service, 360 Grandsire Minor. F. Page, 1; W. Drew, 2; G. Moy, 3; W. Fisher, 4; F. Thompson, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. Messrs. Argent and Stannard hail from Leiston; the rest belong to the local company. Longest touch in the method by F. Argent.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, April 3rd, the local company rang for practice at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. H. Taylor, 1; *G. Burnham, 2; G. Jackson, 3; S. Norwood, 4; T. Bettison, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all. *First 720 with a bob bell.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 6th, at the ringers' meeting room, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Smith, 1; H. Parker, 2; T. King, 3; W. Snell, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5-6. This was the first attempt at a 720 by the 2nd and 3rd men, who only began to learn to ring seven weeks ago, and all are in the employ of the mat and matting firm of Messrs. Roper and Sons.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, April 2nd, at St. Mary's church, Stoke Newington, with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. Robert Richardson, who died on Saturday, March 30th, at the age of 81 years. He was for upwards of 25 years steeple-keeper and pew-opener of the above church, and was deeply respected by all who knew him. H. Scarlett, R.C.Y.S., (conductor), 1; T. Ringrose, 2; G. Chalkley, 3; F. Nunn, 4; W. Waterman, 5; H. Spencer, 6. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector and Churchwardens for allowing them the use of the bells on this occasion.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 7th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 26 mins. G. Wood, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; W. Baddeley, 4; J. W. Brough, 5; J. Wood (conductor), 6.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—Recently at the parish church, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Adler, 1; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 2; T. Lingard, 3; G. Winter, 4; J. Clarke, 5; T. Bates, 6; H. Horwood, 7; A. Palmer, 8. Handbell Ringing.—And five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Clarke, 1-2; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 3-4; G. Winter, 5-6. Also on Thursday, March 28th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. B. Cooke, 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; G. Winter, 3; H. Horwood (conductor), 4; T. Bates, 5; J. George, 6. And several courses of Grandsire Triples. J. George, 1; J. Ballard, 2; W. Adler, 3; T. W. Chapman, 4; G. Winter, 5; T. Bates, 6; H. Horwood, 7; W. Towe, 8. Also a course of Grandsire Triples, with J. B. Cooke, 1. This was rung to oblige J. B. Cooke, of Rugby, and J. George, of Coventry. And on Saturday, March 30th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2787 changes in 1 hr. 40 mins., it was stopped by a person knocking at the belfry door for a passing bell to be rung. W. Adler, 1; J. Swinfield, 2; J. Clarke, 3; G. Winter, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 6; H. Horwood, 7; T. Bates, 8.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, April 4th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles), in 29 mins. H. Cartwright, 1; R. Bird, 2; A. E. Parsons, 3; H. Mason, 4; W. Green, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Oxford, in 29 mins. W. Green, 1; H. Cartwright, 2; H. Mason, 3; A. E. Parsons, 4; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 5; R. Bird, 6. On Sunday evening, April 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27

mins. A. H. Bassano, 1; G. Raybould, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; J. Palmer, 4; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 5; W. Green, 6. First 720 of Keat on a bob bell by G. Raybould.

OLMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, April 8th, at the parish church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Major (1272 changes), in 49 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar (conductor), 2; H. Ellis, 3; W. Ellis, 4; W. B. Lloyd, 5; C. Sharples, 6; G. Prescott, 7; W. J. Taylor, 8.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, April 8th, at the parish church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. G. T. Hoad (conductor), 1; F. Linter, 2; G. H. Croucher, 3; J. Bashford, sen., 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Kenward, 6; E. Moses, 7; J. Howard, 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by all except E. Moses. All the above are members of the Surrey Association except the tenorman.

ROWLEY REGIS (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, April 6th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. H. Bennett, 1; R. Baker, 2; B. Lowe, 3; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 4; J. Bate, 5; J. Oakley, 6; T. Mills, 7; H. Bate, 8. A. E. Parsons hails from Old Hill.

SALISBURY.—On Sunday evening, March 31st, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. M. Lush, 1; C. A. Clements, 2; A. P. Goddard, 3; W. S. Wise, 4; S. Lawrence (conductor), 5; T. Blackburn, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; J. Hallett, 8.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 31st, at the parish church, before morning service, 360 Bob Minor. E. J. Norman, 1; J. Bonsall, 2; J. Hall, 3; G. Carrington, 4; H. W. Wilde, 5; R. T. Parkins (conductor), 6. Also before evening service 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. E. J. Norman, 1; J. Bonsall, 2; J. Hall, 3; G. Carrington, 4; R. T. Parkins, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, April 2nd, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). E. J. Norman, 1; J. Cheney, sen., 2; J. Hall, 3; J. Bonsall, 4; H. W. Wilde, 5; R. T. Parkins (conductor), 6. The above is the first 720 of Bob Minor by J. Cheney since the year 1872. Also on Saturday, April 6th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 28 mins. J. Cheney, 1; J. Bonsall, 2; J. Hall, 3; G. Carrington, 4; R. T. Parkins, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. All the above, except one, are members of the Midland Counties' Association.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday, April 7th, for Divine Service in the morning at All Saints' church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), and 408 in the same method (ten bobs and two singles). C. Duncombe, 1; F. Saunders, 2; E. Radley, 3; A. Chaplin, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor, Braintree), 5; W. Radley, 6.

STONEV STANTON (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, April 6th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. R. Aldham, 1; G. Winter (first 720), 2; H. Briggs, 3; W. A. Needham, 4; J. Clarke, 5; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 6. First 720 as conductor. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. *J. Clarke, 1; J. Swinfield, 2; H. Briggs, 3; J. Noble, 4; *T. W. Chapman, 5; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt. in A. *First touch in the method. Messrs. Chapman, Winter, and Clarke hail from Nuneaton; Aldham and Needham from Barwell; Swinfield from Earl Shilton.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Friday, March 29th, at the residence of Mr. Robert Gowers, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Papworth, 1; R. S. Theobald, 2; A. Clarke, 3; J. Wheeler, 4; R. B. Smith, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 ever rung by a local company.

TAUNTON (Somersetshire).—On Sunday evening, March 31st, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Dart, 1; C. E. May, 2; G. E. Harbour, 3; T. W. Radford, 4; J. Burge, 5; J. Maddock, 6; T. Doble (conductor), 7; J. Summerhayes, 8.

TREWESBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, March 31st, for Divine Service at the Abbey, 1008 Stedman Triples. S. Cleal, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; F. J. Moore, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; T. Devereux, 6; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Hampton, 8.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, April 7th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 40 mins. G. B. Lucas (conductor), 1; A. Fox, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Barber, 4; W. Pye-English, 5; H. A. Barnett, 6; J. Waghorn, sen., 7; C. Davidson, 8.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, March 18th, for practice at the old tower, 384 Bob Major. G. Archer, 1; W. Smith, 2; E. Norman, 3; C. Herbert, 4; W. Mynard, 5; M. Lane, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (conductor), 7; W. E. Turney, 8. Also 464 Bob Major. G. Archer, 1; W. Smith, 2; E. Norman, 3; C. Herbert, 4; A. Morrison, 5; W. Mynard, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; M. Lane (conductor), 8. And on Monday, March 25th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Archer, 1; W. Smith, 2; C. Herbert (first 720 at Woburn), 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

"SCRUTATOR" AND THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIR,—I am obliged to Mr. Jerram for his letter. The omission to note their peal of Stedman Triples, which I freely acknowledge, was certainly unintentional on my part. I had intended making special mention of that peal in my review, but somehow overlooked it afterwards. It was certainly not my desire to leave out anything which could be said in their favour, and am only to sorry I omitted this creditable feature. Mr. Jerram exonerates the printer in some degree with reference to my criticisms. That is frank and generous on his part, but I do hope, for the credit of his Guild, that he will give the necessary instructions for an improvement in future reports. He speaks very regretfully of their members, many of whom, he says, "have no intention of ever being anything else but round-ringers." That is truly a sorry state of affairs, and I cannot help sympathising most heartily with him and his brother officers on having such a set of men in their midst. How any intelligent man will be content to go on week after week aspiring to nothing higher than rounds and "Stoney" passes my comprehension. But the officials of the Salisbury Guild may be assured of my best wishes towards them in what is evidently a difficult and thankless work. I do hope that the "march of intellect" may ere long penetrate their midst and, as it has done in other places, make round-ringers the exception, and good scientific change-ringers the rule. No one will be more happy to see that come to pass than he who thus signs himself

SCRUTATOR.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Referring to your report of the 5040 Grandsire Triples I conducted at Radcliffe on the 29th ulto., the peal was the composition of Mr. John T. Hollis, and should have read "Hollis's five-part," and not "Holt's five-part."

ERNEST BISHOP.

THE STANSTEAD METHOD.

SIR,—I notice in last week's issue you publish a method by Mr. J. Cavill—Stanstead Double Bob Minor. No doubt our friend will pardon me for saying the method is not a double one (and has been produced before) for the simple reason that at the treble lead 2nd's place is made, and when the treble is behind 3rd's place is made. To make it a double method either 2nd's and 5th's place must be made (which is Double Oxford Bob) or 4th's when the treble is at lead, and 3rd's when behind. This also has been produced before.

R. CARTWRIGHT.

AN APPEAL FOR CANADA.

SIR,—Will you allow me through the medium of your valuable paper to make an appeal to the ringing fraternity of England. Toronto, the queen city of Canada, boasts of 117 churches of various denominations, and only one of the above number being the proud possessor of a peal of bells, viz., St. James' Cathedral. These are not hung for ringing, but are chimed by the carillon. The situation of some of the churches for the distribution of bell sounds are all that could be desired, but that of St. Simon, on Howard Street, standing as it does on the edge of a beautifully wooded ravine, some 300 ft. deep, claims to be the finest. One thing is wanted—a musical peal of say six bells—instead of which comes from this and other churches, the monotonous sound of a single bell. No sweet chimes to summon worshippers on Sundays; no joyous peals to welcome festive Christmas, or the advent of a new year. The object of this appeal is to ask the English ringers one and all if they will contribute one small sixpence each towards defraying the cost of a ring of six bells for the above church? Since I have been here I have mentioned this project to quite a number of ringers and non-ringers, and have hardly failed to elicit a promise. If the captains of every belfry would undertake to collect and remit to you (if this is not asking too much of you) I feel sure this appeal will not be in vain, but will be the starting in a distant land of a society similar to those giving so much pleasure to change-ringers and hearers at home.

E. J. CASHMORE.

THE SEVEN-BELL PEAL AT SOUTHGATE.

SIR,—In reply to the two letters in a previous issue, first, unsophisticated Mr. Groves, by allowing me to be an authority upon the fitness of intending candidates for Colney Hatch, innocently admits my "soft impeachment," directed against the ringers of seven-bell peals. I do not pretend to be an authority on the subject of seven-bell peals? My only object was to bring into prominence what I may term a "bastard" peal, and which is an outrage upon all sound and harmonious methods of ringing, and is discountenanced by the principal conductors in our metropolis. With respect to the letter signed "Very old Ringer," my simple answer is that I don't answer letters from anonymous correspondents.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The next meeting of the above will take place at St. James', West Derby, near Liverpool, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready from 2 p.m. By kind permission the business meeting will be held in the parish church schools at 5.30. Short service in the church at 6.30 p.m. 40 Lowther Street, Liverpool. J. R. PRITCHARD, Branch Sec.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, April 13th, at Christ Church, Barlow Moor Road, Withington. Ringing to commence at four o'clock. Meeting in the belfry at seven o'clock.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting is fixed for Easter Monday at Elham. Permission has also been obtained to ring at Lyminge. There will be a Committee Meeting in the Elham National School-room at 12 noon. Allowances (2s. and 1s. 6d.) will be paid between eleven and one at Elham. Those who purpose attending are requested to communicate with

Wrinsted Court. R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN, Hon. Sec.

INTENDED VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM.—The Bradford Parish Church Society intend visiting Birmingham on Easter-Monday on their annual outing. They will be glad to meet any brother-strings who may think of being in Birmingham on that day. Mr. Godden has kindly promised to make all necessary arrangements for a pull in the various belfries of the district.

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 BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday next. St. Paul's (eight bells), and St. Mary's (six bells), will be at the service of the ringers. Members subscriptions received by the Treasurer at 2 p.m. Meat Tea (1s. 6d.), at 3. Business Meeting at 4. Short special choral service at St. Paul's, with address by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, at 5. Business and tea at the Mission Room, All Hallows Lane.

CHARLES HERBERT, Hon. Sec.

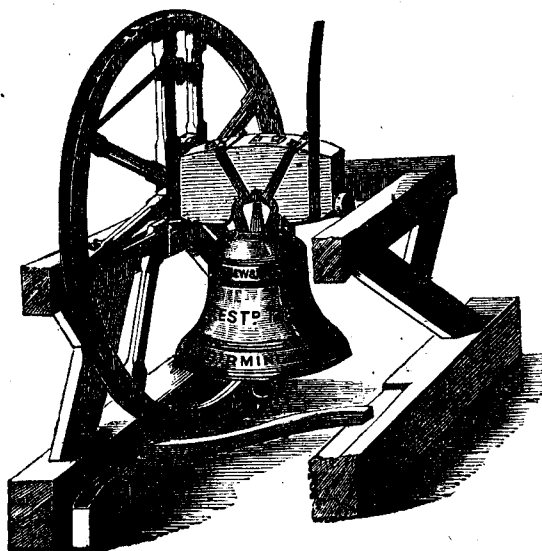
NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th. Further particulars will appear in next week's issue.

JOHN W. WATSON.

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NOTICE.—On Easter Monday, April 22nd, eight members of the Worcester and Adjoining Districts Association will attempt a long peal of Bob Major, 10,080 changes, at Hagley.



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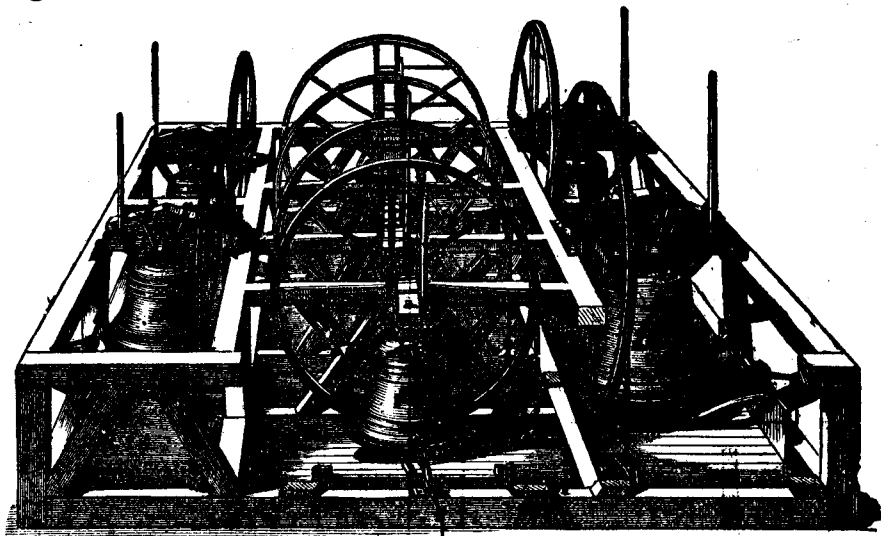
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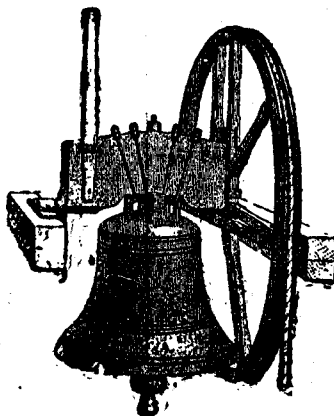
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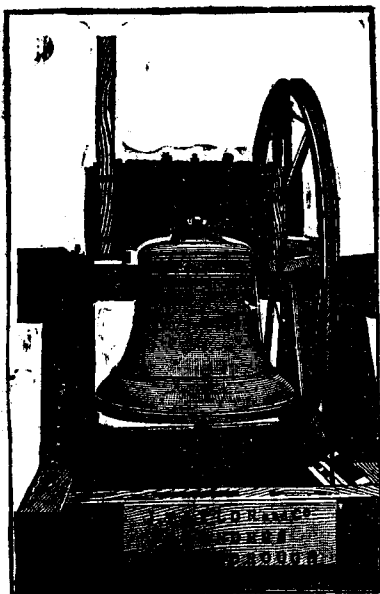
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