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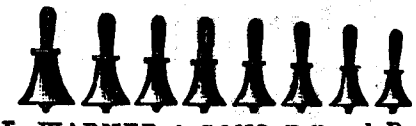

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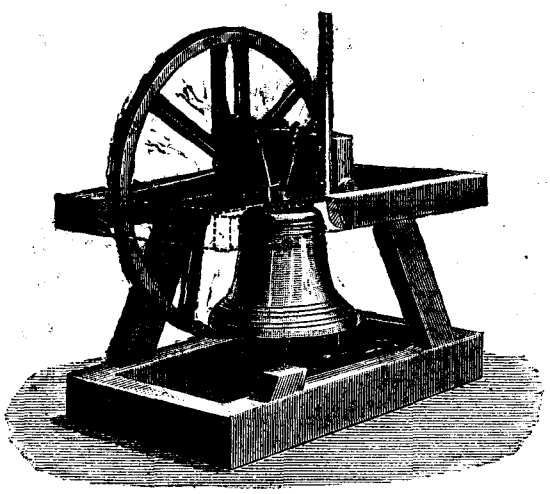

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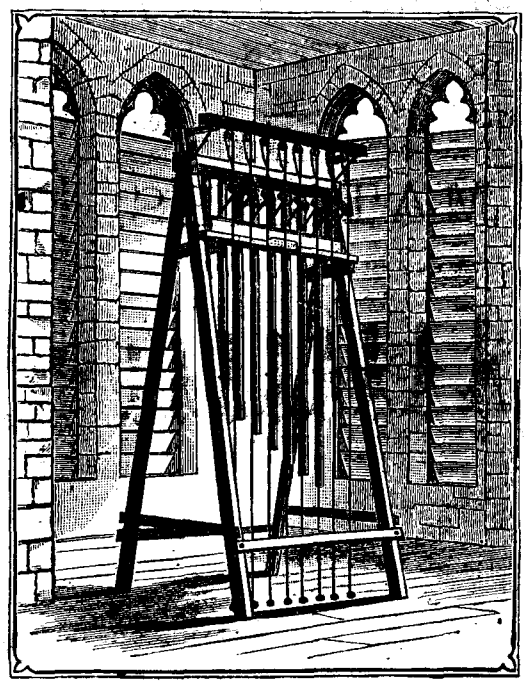

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VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday last, the Bradford Parish Church Society had their annual Easter outing. Leaving Bradford at 12.35, they arrived in Birmingham at 5.30, after a pleasant journey, when they were met at the station by Mr. Godden and Mr. Cartwright, who at once conducted them to one of the numerous ringing halls of the city, where a welcome cup of coffee was partaken of, and where they also had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Reynolds, who was on his way to join in the Cheltenham Cup peal. After a short stay, the party set off, under the kindly guidance of the two gentlemen aforementioned, on a tour of inspection for a couple of hours, after which breakfast was the order of the day. This over, a move was made for St. Martin's, where Kent Treble Bob Royal was indulged in. While this was going on, those not engaged in ringing strolled to the Great Western Railway station, where the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. Bassano, and Mr. J. W. Washbrook, were met on their way to Old Hill for peal ringing. After an all but too brief stay, these gentlemen resumed their journey, and the Bradford men, on the invitation of the steeple-keeper of St. Andrew's, Deritend, visited that church and rang a touch of Treble Bob. The sun was by this time on its downward course, and the calls of nature being too emphatic to be ignored, an adjournment for dinner was made. This over, a pleasant half hour was spent in the smoke-room of the Nelson Hotel in company with the Birmingham friends, including their old friend, Mr. Stevenson. Bishop Ryders church was next visited, and touches of Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Triples and Major rung by the visitors. Another stroll in the city, including a visit to the Free Libraries and Art Museum, followed, after which the welcome "cup which cheers but not inebriates" was partaken of in. It then being about an hour to the time of departure, the visitors and their brother-strings once more assembled in the Hotel, where pleasant chat was interspersed with handbell ringing; accompanied by old Mr. Johnson's inspiring fire of anecdotes, wit, sarcasm, and pieces of good sound advice to ringers of all ages. Nor must be omitted to mention the very valuable presentations made to Messrs. J. Broadley and Thos. Pollitt, by Mr. Godden on behalf of the Bradford company. which ceremony was performed by that gentleman in a most befitting manner, and the said presents duly acknowledged by the recipients amidst uproarious applause and laughter. Shortly before the time of departure, Mr. B. T. Bayley, on behalf of the visitors, thanked their brother-strings of Birmingham most heartily for the very cordial manner in which they had been received and accomodated that day. The remembrance of the kindly and generous way in which they had been treated by them, and especially by their secretary, Mr. Godden, would not readily fade from their memory. He trusted that their meeting together would form a bond of fraternal unity between them, and that the acquaintance and friendship made that day would not fade, but strengthen as years roll on. He concluded by giving a cordial invitation for a return visit, assuring the St. Martin's Guild of a very hearty reception should they at any time decide to visit Bradford.

Mr. Godden briefly replied, reciprocating the sentiments of goodwill uttered by the previous speaker, and added that if their visiting friends had enjoyed a pleasant outing that day amongst them, it was no less gratifying to them in being able to think that they had helped to make the visit of their Bradford friends to Birmingham as successful as possible.

A compulsory move to the station followed, and after a six hours' run, the company arrived in Bradford about 3.30 on Tuesday morning, after experiencing one of the most successful and pleasant holidays in the annals of the parish church company.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the above Association will be held at Soham, Cambridgeshire, on Monday, June 1st (Whit Monday), when the favour of the attendance of all members and persons interested in the Association is requested.

Ten bells. K. H. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A Quarterly Meeting of this branch was held at Beaconsfield on Easter Monday, at which a large number of members, chiefly from Boyne Hill and Marlow, were present, and several well-struck touches of Triples and Doubles were rung both at Beaconsfield and Wooburn. The business meeting was held in the Church House, Beaconsfield, and was presided over by the branch president, Rev. A. H. Drummond, Vicar of Boyne Hill. Amongst other items it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wycombe and Hughenden, on Whit Monday, if permission could be obtained. The President expressed his satisfaction at meeting the members present at Beaconsfield, and hoped that the local ringers might be induced to rejoin the Oxford Guild in connection with their own branch. Votes of thanks to the Rector (Rev. C. H. Cholmeley), for the use of the belfry and the Church House, and to the President for presiding, were carried unanimously. The members brought a most pleasant and successful outing to a satisfactory conclusion by meeting at tea in Beaconsfield, previous to returning to their respective localities.

BERKELEY BELLS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

These bells, which have been rehung with new stocks, wheels, &c., were re-opened on Easter Monday. About twenty ringers were present from Bristol, Thornbury, Westbury-on-Severn, Thampton, and Berkeley, but owing to the unsatisfactory go of the bells, the tenor in particular going so hard, it was most killing work to keep her up for covering the few 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles that were jumbled through, while to ring her in Minor was entirely out of the question. This was a great disappointment, as many of the ringers had come long distances, and hoped to have had some good ringing. However, having got a good brake from the "Berkeley Arms," a move was made for Stinchcombe, where there is a nice ring of six (tenor 17 cwt.) in capital order, and here some 6-scores of Doubles were rang first, then a 720 of Grandsire Minor. A. E. Thomas, 1; H. Howell, 2; A. E. Turner, 3; H. Thomas, 4; F. R. Howell, 5; J. E. Hern (conductor), 6. A 720 of Bob Minor was next tried for and, though the striking was good, the treble man, just before the finish, would persist in leading three whole pulls in succession, and so settled it. F. Allen (Westbury), 1; J. E. Heron (Newnham, conductor), 2; W. Gleed (Westbury), 3; F. R. Howell (Thornbury), 4; F. Trigg (Westbury), 5; T. Hart (Westbury), 6.

THE UNITED COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A trial of skill in the art of change-ringing on eight bells will take place at All Saints' church, Glossop, on Saturday, May 18th, when the Association Cup will be competed for (according to the rules and circular), and three other prizes given, namely—First prize: the Association's Silver Cup, and eight silver scarf pins (with the Glossop Coat of Arms engraved on), and eight felt hats. Second prize: eight silk pocket handkerchiefs, with figured bells and ringing mottoes woven in by Edward Matthews, of Macclesfield. Third prize: eight silk neckties. The prizes are the gift of the Glossop ringers and friends. The draw for priority of ringing will take place at the house of Mr. James Sellars, "Bull's Head" Inn, at one o'clock. This competition is for members only. The officers and committe will sit at the above house to enrol new members and receive subscriptions.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting was held on Easter Monday at Elham, the the band of which place has recently joined the Association, their fine ring of eight having been put in order by Messrs. Warner, and the tower repaired at an expense of some £800. An enjoyable day was spent, the members visiting Lyminge, and also Folkestone. At the committee meeting between forty and fifty new members were admitted, and many were passed from probabion to full membership.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HERTS ASSOCIATION AT ST. ALBANS.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held on Easter Monday. There were present the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, the rector of the Abbey; Canon Wigram, rector of St. Andrew's, Hertford; the Revs. H. N. Dudding, vicar of St. Peter's; Lord William Gascoyne-Cecil, rector of Hatfield; P. Deedes, G. H. P. Glossop, and T. T. Blockley, curates of the Abbey; V. Faulkner, and W. C. Morgan, curates of St. Peter's; Messrs. H. Lewis, E. P. Debenham (Hon. Sec)., R. A. Fowler (Auditor), G. W. Cartmel, W. H. L. Buckingham, J. C. Mitchell, T. Waller, W. Battle, A. Barnes, A. Hull, E. Hull, H. Brewer, J. W. Brewer, R. M. Pratt, H. L. Waddington, N. N. Hills, T. Grant, W. Little, T. Conley, D. Gibbons, and E. R. Mitchell, of St. Albans; Messrs. J. G. Crawley, and H. Bottrill, of Hertford; S. Page, J. Kitchener, L. Chapman, N. Warner, J. Warner, Joseph Kitchener, W. Hobbs, C. Shambrook, and W. Smith, of Benington; H. G. Rowe, J. Shepherd, W. E. Powers, and G. Smith, of Hatfield; R. Jackson, and T. Webb, of Baldock; J. R. Haworth, E. Horrex, G. Mash, and W. Tyack, of London; G. Cornell, and L. Green, of Wanstead; E. Pemberton, of Ipswich; and other visitors. During the morning and afternoon, touches of Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters and Triples, were rung at St. Peter's; and Stedman and Grandsire Triples at the Cathedral.

At 12.45 p.m., a short service was held in the Lady Chapel, when the Archdeacon delivered an appropriate address, and the rev. gentleman afterwards presided at the dinner at the "Peahen" Hotel. After the final course had been completed, the Chairman claimed the attention of those present to business. The Secretary explained that the cause of the absence of the worthy President, was the recent death of a near relative, of which announcement was received with regret; and he also stated that he had received letters from several of the clergy in the district informing him of their inability to be present, and that he had not heard from a few other gentlemen who had been invited, but added, amid some amusement, that he attributhe reason to the letters having no doubt been miscarried in the post.

The minutes of the last District Meeting having been confirmed, the Secretary was called upon for his Report which was as follows:—

"In presenting my first report as secretary of this Association before the members, I feel I have cause to congratulate them upon the record. There are now eighty-one enrolled ringing members (besides three others whose provisional elections will be brought forward at this meeting for confirmation), comprising sixty-five resident and sixteen non-resident. The resident members represent nine districts, and as regards the non-residents, it is worthy of mention that the Association includes in its ranks the following:—The Revs. F. E. Robinson, C. D. P. Davies, G. F. Coleridge, and H. A. Cockey; and Messrs. A. Percival Heywood, J. W. Taylor, jun., J. W. Washbrook, C. F. Winny, and G. T. McLaughlin.

"During the ten months which have elapsed since I was elected to my office, there have been 28 peals rung by the Association, viz.: 18 on tower bells and 10 on handbells, all the latter being accomplished at St. Albans. Taking the tower peals first there has been one of Superlative Surprise Major rung at Braughing, on November 15th, composed and conducted by Mr. Washbrook; one peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, rung at Bennington on November 13ih; one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung at Baldock on November 14th, both under the same conductorship; one peal of Stedman Caters, rung at Hertford on November 12th, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson; three peals of Stedman Triples, the first at Hitchen on November 14th, and the second at St. Albans on November 16th, both conducted by Mr. Washbrook; the third being at St. Giles in the Fields, London, on December 15th, conducted by Mr. Mitchell; two peals of Grandsire Caters, both rung at St. Albans, the first on August 6th, conducted by Mr. Buckingham, and the other on September 29th, conducted by Mr Cartmel; and one peal of Bob Triples, rung at St. Albans on October 27th, conducted by Mr. Buckingham. The remaining eight peals were of Grandsire Triples; of these two were rung at Hertford, three at St. Albans, two at Hatfield, and one at Hendon; the secretary being the conductor in three instances, Mr. Baker twice, and Messrs. Buckingnam, Cartmel and Ellsmore, once each. Passing on to the handbell peals, I find that a peal of Bob Royal was rung on February 16th, compossd and conducted by Mr. Buckingham; three peals of Bob Major on the 6th October, and the 11th and 28th of February, the first two being conducted by Mr. Buckingham (the composer), and the last by Mr. Cartmel; three of Bob Triples on the 18th August, 18th January, and 12th March, all conducted by Mr. Buckingham; one peal of Grandsire Caters, on the 6th August, conducted by Mr. Cartmel; and two peals of Grandsire Triples on the 14th and 28th December, conducted by Messrs. Mitchell and Cartmel, respectively. Summarised—Mr. Buckingham conducted ten peals; Mr. Washbrook and Mr. Cartmel, five each; the secretary, three; Mr. Baker and Mr. Mitchell, two each; and Mr. Ellsmore, one. The busiest week was that from November 11th to 17th—the occasion of the visit to Hertford of the Revs. F. E. Robinson, G. F. Coleridge, and H. A. Cockey, and Messrs. A. Percival Heywood, J. W. Taylor, junr., and Washbrook—when six peals were rung in five days; while the day on which most peals were accomplished was August 6th, when one peal was rung at Hertford, and two at St. Albans, one being on handbells.

"There have been district meetings held at Hatfield on June 16th, at Baldock on October 13th, and at Hertford on February 23rd, which were fairly well attended. In accordance with a resolution passed at the Hatfield meeting, I, in conjunction with my brother officers, went through and revised the then existing rules, which alterations were adopted by the members at the next district meeting.

"I have to bring before you the balance sheet for the period that I have acted as secretary, which shows a balance in hand of £4 2s. 6d., against £4 1s, in the last account, so that the income has just covered the expenditure.

"As regards the progress of change-ringing in the county I think that the peal book is not a bad index; but at the same time the bands at St. Peter's, St. Albans and Hatfield are especially marked as coming into prominence, and I think that useful work is being done both at Sawbridgeworth and Baldock; but I should be failing in my duty in not mentioning the band at Bennington, which maintains its high position in the ringing world, the Hertford College Youths, and also the Cathedral Society, St. Albans; and I see in the ringing newspapers accounts of good performances at Bishop's Stortford under the conductorship of Mr. Tucker. It would be very desirable that change-ringing should be taken up more than it is on the western side of the county, as, with the exception of Oxhey; it is practically unknown. I know it is easier to point out a blot than to remedy it; and one of the difficulties in the way seems to be the want of a central line of railway to connect the two sides; as the absence of such communication prevents access, or at all events makes it difficult, to districts which might ultimately repay a visit. If sufficient support should be forthcoming to the Association I think that an allowance might be made under certain conditions towards travelling expenses when incurred for the purpose of instructing young bands desirous to learn the art, even if the question of a paid instructor could not be entertained.

"Turing to the performances of individual members, time will not admit of my going into the merits of non-resident members even if I coud do adequate justice to the subject, and I trust therefore that they will pardon the omission. I must however refer to the peal of Double Norwich Major containing 10,080 changes rung at Appleton, Berks, on the 28th January, 1888, in which Mr. E. Holifield rang the 2nd; the 12,041 of Stedman Caters, the 13,265 of Grandsire Caters, and the 15,041 of Stedman Caters accomplished on the 5th March, 11th April, and 31st December last year in all of which Mr. Baker took part and Mr. Holifield as well in the first two. The Rev. F. E. Robinson rang in all the four peals besides Mr. Washbrook, who composed and conducted them. I would also mention the two handbell peals of Grandsire Triples rung non-conducted, Messrs. Buckingham and Mitchell with Messrs. Winny and McLaughlin, the peal of Stedman Triples on handbells by the same four, and I have a word of praise to say about Mr. Rowe, of Hatfield, who as a young band has already conducted two peals. I think it may be considered almost a unique performance for any ringer to be conductor to his first peal, and that feat he has accomplished."

The Balance Sheet showed:—Receipts—Balance brought forward—£4 1s. od.; Ringing Members subscriptions—£4 12s. od.; Honorary ditto—10s.; Subscriptions paid in advance—1s.; Total—£9 4s. od.; Expenditure—Expenses of District Meetings, £1 19s. od.; Entry of peals—£1 8s. od.; Printing and Stationery, £1 7s. od; Postages and Secretary's Incidental Expenses—7s. 6; Total—£5 1s. 6; Balance in hand—£4 2s. 6d.

On the proposition of Mr. HAWORTH, seconded by Mr. BUCKINGHAM, the Report and Balance Sheet were received and adopted.

The provisional elections of Mr. E. Cains, of Hunsdon, and Messrs. T. Gathard, and W. E. Powers, of Hatfield, as members, were confirmed, and the following were duly elected members: Messrs. N. N. Hills, T. Grant, E. J. Mitchell, and E. R. Mitchell, of St. Albans; E. Bray, J. Craft, and A. Thurgood, of Baldock; and Mr. J. Shepherd, of Hatfield.

Mr. HAWORTH proposed, and Mr. CHAPMAN seconded, the re-election of Mr. Proctor as President.

Mr. LEWIS proposed, and Mr. J. W. BREWER seconded, the re-election of Mr. Debenham as Secretary.

Mr. J. C. MITCHELL proposed, and Mr. WADDINGTON seconded, the re-election of Mr. Fowler as Auditor.

CANON WIGRAM brought forward a motion with regard to entering notable peals in the appendix to the peal book, which was seconded by Mr. Crawley, but an amendment being proposed by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Buckingham, some conversation ensued, which terminated in the following resolution:—"That peals of exceptional merit rung by bands, some members of which belong to the Association, be entered in the appendix to the peal book upon permission being received at any meeting." The Secretary was subsequently authorised to enter the long peal of Stedman Caters rung at Appleton on December 31st. The next District Meeting was arranged to be held at Hitchin in June.

Mr. MITCHELL called the members' attention to the letter from Mr. Heywood, published in last week's ringing newspapers respecting the proposed formation of a Central Council of Change-Ringing Associations, but at the Chairman's suggestion, the further consideration of the same was postponed to a future meeting.

Votes of thanks having then passed to the Archdeacon for his address and for presiding at the Meeting, and to the Secretary for his services, the business meeting terminated. Ringing was then resumed in the two towers, which continued until six o'clock, when there seemed to be a universal desire to call "stand." It will be seen from the peal column that a peal of Bob Triples was rung on handbells in the evening by Messrs. Barnes, Cartmel, Buckingham, and Battle, while at St. Peter's the handbells were kept going for some time in touches.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting was held at Camberwell, by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Easter Monday, April 22nd. A considerable number of members mustered in the afternoon, and from three o'clock to five the bells of St. Giles's were sonnding merrily in touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples. After the five o'clock service more members arrived, and at six o'clock a party of thirty-eight sat down to tea at the Surrey Masonic Hall. At the subsequent business meeting eight new members were elected, and it was agreed to hold the next district meeting at Mitcham, and the annual meeting at Reigate. After the disposal of the business the majority of the members made their way back to the tower, and indulged in touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Treble Bob. Members attending the meeting came from the following districts:—Beddington, Carshalton, Croydon, Mitcham, Kingston, Reigate, Streatham, and various parts of London. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Members are informed that the Annual Report for 1888 is in the hands of the printers, and will be issued very shortly. Those members who have already paid their subscriptions, will kindly enquire of their respective Local Secretaries for copies, and others will be supplied on payment of their subscriptions. The Local Secretaries are the same as last year, with the exception that Mr. F. Nicholson, Alstone, Cheltenham, supplants Mr. F. E. Ward as Local Secretary for the Cirencester, Cheltenham, and Winchcombe Deaneries. PITT EYKYN, *Hon. Sec.*
Magor Vicarage, Mon.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

NOTICE.—The first monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Matthew's church, Holbeck, to-day, Saturday, April 27. Ringing will commence at 3.0 p.m. Ringing friends are cordially invited. H. W. NEEDHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

WHITCHURCH, OXON.

The members of St. Mary's Society of the above village, and members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, being of opinion that Easter Monday should not pass without their having a pull on different metal from their own light peal of six. Permission having been obtained of J. Martin Rough, Esq., to have a touch or two on the fine ring of eieht at Tilehurst, (Berks), about mid-day a move was made to that steeple, Mr. Routh kindly assisting. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung, followed by a 350 in the same method. A. C. West, 1; T. Pocock, 2; W. Lawrence, 3: C, Pocock, 4; C. Chapman, 5; E. Bushnell, 6; J Martin Routh, Esq. (conductor), 7; H. Smith. 8. Some visitors now arrived from High Wycombe and Hughenden (Bucks), and after some Doubles by the Wycombe band, another touch of 336 of Triples was rung. C. Pocock, 1; F. Biggs, 2; T. Pocock, 3; W. Lawrence, 4; R. Biggs, 5; E. Bushnell, 6; J. M. Routh, Esq. (conductor). 7; W. Higgs, 8. Mr. Routh expressed himself satisfied with the striking throughout this touch, and taking into consideration that it was the first attempt on the ropes (in any seven bell method) by the ringers of the 1st, 3rd, and 6th, a word of encouragement will not be out of place, Messrs. Biggs, hails from Hughenden; the brothers Pocock and Lawrence from Whitchurch; whilst Chapman, Smith, and J. M. Routh, Esq., were "at home." To this gentleman the Whitchurch band beg to tender their thanks for the great kindness shewn to them during the afternoon.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

On Saturday last, April 20th, a ringing meeting of the above branch took place at St. Paul's church, Ramsbottom, when about thirty members from Helmshore, Bacup, Waterfoot, Rawtenstall, Bolton, Newchurch, and Ramsbottom attended. During the afternoon and evening several 500's of Grandsire Triples, touches of Plain Bob Minor, and College Single, were rung by mixed bands. A splendid knife and fork tea was served in the schoolroom by Mr. Schofield, Helmshore, the expense of the same being generously defrayed by the Vicar and Churchwardens. After tea a meeting was held in the upper school, presided over by the Vicar, who welcomed the members to his church, and expresseed a hope that the good work done by the Association would continue. Two new members were proposed, and a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for their kindness in providing such a splendid tea, was proposed by Mr. Smith (Bacup), and seconded by Mr. J. B. Taylor (Newchurch). A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the tower and school, was proposed by Mr. Joel Bedford, of Bolton (Hon. Sec. of the Association), who, in a capital speech, urged the members present to use all their influence in getting ringers to join the Association who are not members already, and to endeavour to get their ministers to become honorary members. The Hon. Sec. paid a very high eulogism to the Vicar who, he said, was an ornament to the Association. The Vicar then replied, and the next meeting having been arranged to be held at St. James's Waterfoot, several tunes were rung by the Ramsbottom ringers on their splendid peal of handbells.

CROSSENS CHURCH BELLS, LANCASHIRE.

The new bells lately hung at St. John's Church, rang on Sunday for Divine Service. Christ Church ringers, under the leadership of Mr. David Rimmer, officiated. The bells also gave out jubilant peals at the close of each service. An expert declared that only Wigan bells had a finer tone in all the county. The Rev. Canon Fergie was the special preacher, and his thoughtful and eloquent sermons were listened to with wrapt attention, and well they might be, for his chief points were powerfully enforced with choice phases and apt anecdotes. Alluding to the Marshside catastrophe, he prayed the bells might assist in the salvation of men's bodies as well as in the work of the salvation of their souls. Crossens is noted for its hearty congregational singing as well as its effective choir. Canon Fergie noted as unique that the choir, ringers, organist, aud other church officers were uupaid. The collection was for the bell fund and amounted to £16,

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Those Easter bells in spring,
Those glorious Easter chimes!
How loyally they hail thee round,
Old queen of holy times!"

The continuity of my weekly jottings has been once more broken by the press of other and more interesting matter; and I once more take up my pen after once more enjoying my brief Easter holiday, which has been to me this year a pleasant—though only too short—rest from toil. So it will have been, most likely, to many of us.

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I hope Mr. Heywood's letter will have received due consideration ere this by those of our Associations and Guilds who hold their annual meetings at Easter. Let me likewise add my humble but earnest recommendation to those others whose meetings occur later on, not to neglect this matter, but let Mr. Heywood have the required particulars as early as possible, so that the necessary steps for the first meeting of this Central Council may be taken without further delay. I cannot see myself what objection can be made b y any association to the proposal; but even should there be such, I say communicate the same in like manner, so that the opinions of all may be gathered and tabulated as Mr. Heywood desires. Remember the old adage, "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well—and quickly."

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"A Son of the Church" appears to be desirous of crossing quills with me on the much debated and debatable subject of peal-ringing in Lent. My friend may be assured that I am perfectly agreeable to such a course. At the same time, I must confess to being puzzled with his concluding queries. How any one could have misunderstood my previous remarks on the subject I fail to understand. Because I only mentioned one clergyman as a case in point, does he imagine that I imply in some way inversely from it that others are consequently unsound? So it would appear from his words; but let me take the liberty of requesting him to look over my remarks once more, when he will see that the very opposite of this was my contention. In fact, I take my stand on that good old rule—"In essentials, unity—in non-essentials, liberty—in *all things*, charity."

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The Oxford Guild have been adding to their long list of methods rung, by a 5088 of Duffield Major, at Appleton. It would be very interesting to see a list of the peals rung in this tower. If these bells were capable of feeling, I imagine they would be "at home" in almost any method ringable by this. The statement that this peal—"the first in the method by all"—was rung without any previous practice, speaks volumes in favour of the method as one easy of accomplishment, and no less to the credit of the eight who thus "pulled it off."

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Mr. Cavill is not to have the credit of being the inventor of a new method. I have been of opinion for some time back that it is well nigh impossible to produce a new six-bell method on the whole-lead plan. Had my suggestion (made some time ago) of making and publishing a complete collection of these Minor methods been taken up, it would have been the means of saving much trouble in this direction. Methods which are now resting in manuscript at the bottom of drawers, or at best known only to local companies, would by this means be brought to light and give greater scope to the efforts of our brethren whose skill is confined to six bells. Such a collection, I am convinced, would be of much service; then why should we not have it?

Our Burton friends must have fully satisfied themselves with their performances on the 3rd instant, which are, however, quite in keeping with their excellent record. There are not many companies, I imagine, which could show such a report of a day's ringing as this one.

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I am obliged to Mr. James Cotterell for the twelve-score of Plain Bob Minor without singles, which he has favoured me with, in reply to my request a short time ago, on behalf of an old ringing friend, who thought such a thing unattainable. But he is of a difierent opinion now.

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I am also obliged to an old and esteemed friend for a copy of the reprint of that account of the "Six Days' Change-ringing in the Midland Counties," which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" on February 16th last. It is a very pleasing and interesting little pamphlet, well printed' and otherwise creditably "got up." As a souvenir of a memorable holiday (if, indeed, such it might be called) I do not doubt it will be valued and carefully preserved not only by those who had the pleasure of taking part in Mr. Taylor's "Outing," but also by those who, like myself, are fortunate enough to possess a copy.

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Had not Mr. Cashmore's letter been amply dealt with by the Editor, I should have taken occasion to remark upon it. As it is, there can be no need, for I believe the opinions of most ringers will be in coincidence with what is expressed in the leading article. The proposal certainly does—to my mind—appear somewhat of a reflection on our Canadian brethren; if the good people of Toronto felt any desire to possess a ring in their city, as proposed by Mr. Cashmore, I think they would not be long in getting it; and if such is not the case, then why offer them something which they don't want, and which, through this indifference, would be so likely to be disregarded? I am only too sorry to find such an indifference to ringing existing in Canada; and think Mr. Cashmore would do well, instead of asking here for subscriptions, if he endeavoured to gain the sympathy of his brother Canadians; if he were successful in this, I am certain our small donations would be worse than unnecessary.

FREE LANCE.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday last about thirty members of this Association visited Chailey, the occasion being the third District Meeting for the present year. An account of the business meeting and ringing will appear in next week's "BELL NEWS." At East Grinstead, by a mixed band, a 5040 of Canterbury Pleasure Triples was rung in 3 hrs. and 6 mins.; and at Arundel, by members of the Arundel and Warnham Branches, a 5040 of Canterbury Pleasure Triples, in 2 hrs. and 38 mins. Peals of Grandsire Triples were also attempted at Southover, by a Brighton band, and at Cuckfield by a band composed of members of the Cuckfield, Brighton, and Steyning branches.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

A large new chiming clock has been started this Easter in the parish church of this well-known health resort. It is the gift of Mrs. Bailey, in memory of her late husband. All the latest improvements are incorporated in the clock, which has two dials, each six feet across; strikes the hours, and chimes the Cambridge quarters. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, carried out the work.

BELL MOULDER WANTED.—Apply to GILLETT AND JOHNSTON, Croydon.

"FORWARD;"

A New Method for an Even Number of Bells.

By John Carter.

In last week's issue I saw a 720 of Forward Minor by Mr. L. Longney. If the 2nd division of the first part and the 3rd course of the third part is written, you will see the repetition. Minor requires careful proving.

Peals of Royal.

The following peal is a five-part composition, and contains the 6th forty-five times wrong and right.

5000.

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

Four times repeated.

5000.

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

Continued—

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

Four times repeated.

6000.

Adding from above peal.

1 5 2 6 4 3

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

The whole four times repeated.

7000.

Also adding from the above peals.

1 6 5 2 4 3

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

The whole four times repeated.

A DATE TOUCH OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

1889.

By Y. Green, *College Youths.*

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

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

A 504 OF UNION TRIPLES.

By the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, *Ringmer.*

5 2 4 3	B and H
4 5 2 3	B
2 4 5 3	B
5 4 3 2	I and O

Repeated.

Rung on April 14th, 1889.

MUSICAL DATE TOUCHES OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By H. Dains, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

1889.

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

By using inverse calling to the 3rd 4th and 5th courses, a similar touch is produced.

1889.

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

By using inverse calling to 2nd, 3rd, and last courses, a similar touch is produced.

1889.

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

Rounds produced as pointed out by Mr. York Green.

1889.

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

Rounds as directed by Mr. Y. Green.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By W. H. L. Buckingham, *St. Albans.*

2 3 4 5 6 7 8	W	M	H
4 2 3 5 6			–
3 4 2 5 6			–
2 5 3 4 6	–		–
3 2 5 4 6			–
5 3 2 4 6			–
2 4 5 3 6	–		–
5 2 4 3 6			–
4 5 2 3 6			–
6 2 4 5 3	–	–	–
4 6 2 5 3			–
2 4 6 5 3			–
3 6 4 5 2		–	–
4 3 6 5 2			–
6 4 3 5 2			–
2 3 6 4 5	–	–	–

Twice repeated.

JASPER W. SNOWDON'S WORKS.

ROPE-SIGHT: 1*s.* 6*d.* 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: 2*s.* 6*d.* 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).

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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.*

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1889.

IT is always pleasant to be able to refer to efforts made to advance and extend the practice of change-ringing into districts where the art has not yet gained a foothold, and we were therefore glad to read in our last number of such efforts being made by the members of a small but energetic body known to our readers as "The North Middlesex Association." This society, though only at present, we believe, aspiring only to practice of six bells, is nevertheless rendering most valuable aid, and it cannot be doubted that its operations will at no distant period effect a most happy transformation in those parts where its work is situate. At the last quarterly meeting, so we read that "various propositions relating to the advancement of the art in the district were made, and finally a committee was appointed to draw up a circular, setting forth the objects of the Association, to be distributed amongst the clergy and any gentlemen interested in church work."

This is certainly a very happy mode of procedure, and we compliment the members of this Association upon their public spirit, as it may be termed, and fervently hope that the example they have set may become widely contagious.

Passing from this to the various meetings held last Monday, several reports of which have not yet reached us, a belief is indulged in that the proposals and suggestions of Mr. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD have been eagerly debated and uniformly approved of. If this belief is to be realised, that gentleman's hands will be strengthened for further efforts in the cause, and he will have reason to hope that his valuable aid in the extension of the science is not altogether thrown away.

The Metropolis.

LONDON.—THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 20, 1889, *in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES PETTIT	..*Treble.*	GEORGE DORRINGTON ..	5.
HENRY LANGDON	2.	ISAAC G. SHADE	6.
SAMUEL JOYCE	3.	MATTHEW A. WOOD ..	7.
WILLIAM COOTER	4.	JOSEPH WEST	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by M. A WOOD.

LONDON.—THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 22, 1889, *in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHUKCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

JAMES PETTIT	..*Treble.*	CHARLES A. CLEMENTS ..	5.
MATTHEW A. WOOD	2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ..	6.
WALTER S. WISE	3.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN ..	7.
FRANCIS E. DAWE	4.	ALFRED P. GODDARD	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

Messrs. Wise, Clements, Gifford, Blackbourn and Goddard are from Salisbury.

The Provinces.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION,

On Monday, April 15, 1889, *in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight and ½ Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS,

Being a 720 *each of the following:*

Duke of York, Yorkshire Delight, Kent, Merchant's Return, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Violet.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by JONATHAN PILLING.

Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving England to take up his abode in America, his brother-ringers wishing him every success in his new home. The brothers Dicken and J. W. Shaw hail from Friezland; the rest are of the local company. *First peal as conductor.

DISS, NORFOLK.—THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 18, 1889, *in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. J. SOUTER,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 size in C.

WILLIAM IRELAND* ..	1-2.	*JOHN SOUTER	5-6.
GEORGE ARCHER*	3.	EDWARD BATRAM ..	7-8.
ELIJAH BROOME*	4.	ELLIS HAYWARD.. ..	9-10.

Composed by H. DAINS, of London, and Conducted by WILLIAM IRELAND.

*First peal in the method. Umpire—Mr. J. Rudd.

WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH).

On Friday, April 19, 1889, *in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JESSE GARMAN	..*Treble.*	ALFRED MILLS	5.
CHARLES BLACKMAN	2.	WILLIAM SHORT	6.
WALTER WADEY..	3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER ..	7.
THOMAS ANDREWS	4.	WALTER CHARMAN ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN and Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

The above was rung with the bells muffled.

CAPEL, SURREY.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CAPEL BRANCH)

On Sunday, April 21, 1889, *in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS,

Being a 720 *each of the following:*

College Single, Bob Minor, Oxford Bob, New London Pleasure, Oxford, Kent, and Violet.

Tenor 7¼ cwt.

CHARLES WEEDEN ..	..*Treble.*	ALFRED D. MILLS	4.
ROBERT JORDAN	2.	*JOHN AKEHURST	5.
EDWIN JORDAN	3.	DAVID JORDAN	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by DAVID JORDAN.

*First peal inside.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 21, 1889, *in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

G. TREAGUS..	..*Treble.*	W. CHALLEN	5.
G. BALCHIN..	2.	W. TWIGG	6.
C. BLACKMAN	3.	F. LUXFORD	7.
G. BAKER	4.	A. MILLS	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by FREDERICK LUXFORD.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ARUNDEL AND WARNHAM BRANCHES.)

On Monday, April 22, 1889, *in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. TWIGG*	..*Treble.*	W. CHARMAN	5.
F. LUXFORD*	2.	W. SHORT	6.
C. BLACKMAN	3.	H. CHANDLER	7.
T. ANDREWS	4.	A. MILLS	..*Tenor.*

Composed by W. CHARMAN and Conducted by H. CHANDLER.

*First peal in the method.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, April 22, 1889, *in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

G. HALE	..*Treble.*	T. LEWIS	5.
E. BUSH	2.	*E. BRYANT..	6.
J. NIX	3.	E. BOYLOIN	7.
H. SMITH	4.	E. J. DOWLER	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by E. BRYANT.

This is the first peal of Triples ever rung on the bells. *First peal as conductor. First peal by the local band.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1889, *in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

EDWARD DEWEY..	..*Treble.*	*ALFRED T. HILLIER ..	5.
FREDERICK W. RICE	2.	FREDERICK WICKENS ..	6.
WALTER WADEY..	3.	MARCUS HEFFER	7.
STEPHEN BROOKER	4.	ARTHUR HUGGETT ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by H. BURSTOW and Conducted by ALFRED T. HILLIER.

*First peal as conductor. W. Wadey hails from Billingshurst; and S. Brooker from Leatherhead.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1889, *in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

COX'S SIX-PART. Tenor 30 cwt in D♭.

ALFRED HINDS	..*Treble.*	FREDK. PALMER	5.
WILLIAM E. POPE	2.	A. EDGAR NUNN	6.
ROBERT EDWARDS	3.	GEORGE NEVE	7.
JOSEPH G. TILLMON	4.	THOMAS G. COLVIN..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by A. E. NUNN.

Messrs. Pope, Tillman, Palmer and Colvin hail from Staplehurst, and this is the quickest peal on the bells

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1889, *in Two Hours aud Fifty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17½ cwt.

LEONARD W. COPSEY ..	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM NASH..	5.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS.. ..	2.	MARK L. MYHILL	6.
GEORGE ROUGHTON*	3.	GEORGE NEWSON	7.
WALTER PEGRUM	4.	SAMUEL JAMES	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by ACKLAND JAMES PERKINS.

*First peal. First peal by local band since 1813.

CHELTENHAM.—THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1889, *in Nine Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 15,227 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt., 2 qrs., 16 lbs.

F. MUSTY	..*Treble.*	C. H. HATTERSLEY.. ..	6.
G. PHILLOTT	2.	W. PLANT	7.
S. REEVES	3.	W. T. PATES	8.
H. ROBERTS..	4.	T. REYNOLDS	9.
F. E. WARD	5.	A. H. HUMPHREYS ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., of Birmingham, and Conducted by W. T. PATES.

The above is the longest peal ever rung on ten bells in any method, and it may also be added is the longest time that any set of ringers have stood to ring. Mr. J. Belcher. the captain of the *local* band, remained in the church the whole time as Umpire and attested the truth of the peal. This is the first peal of Grandsire Caters conducted by W. T. Pates.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. CARPENTER'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E.

GEORGE CARTER	*Treble.*	JAMES RANN	5.
GEORGE PERRY	2.	WILLIAM LEBBON	6.
E. ATHERTON BACON	3.	WALTER CLARK	7.
FREDERICK FREEMAN	4.	JAMES PRIEST, JUN.	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM LEBBON.

DISS, NORFOLK.—THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1889, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLEBOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

W. IRELAND	*Treble.*	J. SMITH	5.
G. ARCHER*	2.	E. HAYWARD	6.
E. BROOME*	3.	A. HURT	7.
W. SALTER	4.	J. SOUTER	*Tenor.*

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by W. IRELAND.

*First peal. J. Smith hails from Hackney, London, the rest are local men.

ST. ALBANS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1889, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. CARTMEL,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

ALFRED BARNES	1-2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	5-6.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL	3-4.	WALTER BATTLE	7-8.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Umpire—Mr. Tom Grant. Rung on the occasion of the conductor's 23rd birthday.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 22, 1889, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE (R.C.)

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WM. MIDGLEY	*Treble.*	*THOS. G. SAREL	5.
HY. WARD*	2.	WM. BIGGIN	6.
WM. FOX†	3.	JAS. A. DIXON	7.
GEO. O. DIXON†	4.	THOS. DIXON	*Tenor.*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by THOS. DIXON.

*First peal in any method. †First peal of Major. First true peal on the bells by their own company.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE,

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY BOWER*	*Treble.*	WILLIAM GARDINER	5.
FRANK WILLEY†	2.	‡JAMES REW	6.
EDWIN F. RIPPON	3.	WILLIAM SMITHSON	7.
CHARLES BOWER	4.	JOSEPH ROWLEY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by FRANK WILLEY.

*First peal in any method. †First peal as conductor. ‡First peal with a bob bell. Joseph Rowley's first peal with tenor. All the above are members of the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.

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PUTNEY, SURREY.—THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S TEN-PART.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN	*Treble.*	WILLIAM W. THORNE	5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE	2.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL	6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY	3.	*JOHN W. KELLEY	7.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD	4.	†T. HERVEY BEAMS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. F. WINNY,

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal. T. H. Beams hails from Seaford; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore hails from Canterbury.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service at the church of the Holy Trinity, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1889 changes, in 1 hr. and 10 mins. C. Jackson (composer and conductor), 1; T. F. Mallaby, 2; J. Highfield, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; J. Pollard 5; W. Southwick 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Good Friday, April 19th, for evening service at the parish church, a date touch (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins., in the following methods: 449 Plain Bob Minor, 360 Yorkshire Court, 360 College Single, 360 Canterbury Pleasure, and 360 Oxford Bob. H. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; E. Menday, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. The bells were rung half-muffled. The 449 of Plain Bob was composed by C. E. Wilson, of Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday, April 11th, at Christ Church, a date touch (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins., in the following methods: 449 Plain Bob Minor (composed by C. E. Wilson, of Walton); 720 College Single Minor, and 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Yates, 1; T. Barton, 2; W. J. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. This is the longest length by the ringer of the second. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, April 20th, at the church of St. Paul, with the bells half-muffled, a date touch of Grandsire Triples 1889 changes, in 1 hr and 18 mins. T. Griffin, 1; H. Malborn, 2; J. Astbury, sen., 3; R. Schofield (conductor), 4; E. Lightfoot, 5; W. Walker, 6; J. Lawton, 7; D. Chapman, 8. Composed by E. Nicolls. R. Schofield hails from Sedgley; Malborn from Wednesbury; the rest are from Walsall.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, April 16th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-six bobs and twenty-four singles), in 27 mins. E. J. Norman, 1; G. Carrington, 2; J. Hall, 3; J. Bonsall, 4; R. T. Parkins, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. Composed by Rev. E. W. Carpenter, of Bobbing. The above is the first 720 in the method by all. Also by the same band, five courses of Forward Minor. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday evening, February 19th, six members of the above rang for practice 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 26 mins. H. G. Gardener, 1; F. Hannis, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; J. Yeates, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; H. Barnes, 6. Also on Tuesday, February 26th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 26½ mins. W. Peglar, 1; F. Hannis, 2; H. Downham, 3; G. Price, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; J. Yeates, 6. And on Tuesday, March 5th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26½ mins. E. E. Bewick, 1; W. Peglar, 2; H. Downham, 3; D. J. Aston, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, March 26th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 26 mins. H. Barnes, 1; T. Beacall, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; J. Yeates, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; A. A. Waite, 6. And two touches of Forward Minor. J. Yeates, 1; T. Beacall, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; H. Barnes, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A.

Waite (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. A. A. **Waite (conductor)**, 1; T. Beacall, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; H. Roberts, 4; **H. Mitchell**, 5; G. Tedman, 6. And on Sunday afternoon, April 7th, **after Divine Service**, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 26½ **mins.** H. Barnes, 1; H. G. Gardener, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; G. Miles, 4; **H. Mitchell**, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday **morning**, April 14th, prior to Divine Service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor **(thirty-two** bobs and two singles), in 26½ mins. H. Roberts, 1; J. **Yeates**, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; A. A. Waite, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; **H. Barnes**, 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. J. Yeates **(conductor)**, 1; A. A. Waite, 2; H. Roberts, 3; D. J. Aston, 4; H. **Mitchell**, 5; H. Barnes, 6. Also three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. **H. Rocerts**, 1; A. A. Waite, 2; J. Yeates, 3; H. Barnes, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; G. Tedman, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Easter Sunday morning, for Divine Service at St. Thomas's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). *J. Crump, 1; J. Pagett, 2; G. H. Pagett, 3; C. Barrett, 4; A. Orford, 5; H. Harris (conductor), 6. *First 720 on the treble. Also for evening service, 756 Bob Triples. W. A. Pugh, 1; J. Pagett, 2; G. H. Pagett, 3; W. F. Hartshorne, 4; C. Barrett, 5; A. Orford, 6; W. Harris (conductor), 7; J. Crump, 8. And after service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), with the sixth and tenor covering. W. A. Pugh, 1; C. Barrett, 2; A. Orford, 3; H. Harris, 4; J. Pagett, 5; J. Crump, 6; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 7; J. Bird, 8. J. Pagett hails from Ripley, Derbyshire.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGHENDEN (Bucks).—On Saturday, April 6th, for practice at the parish church, 518 Grandsire Triples. T. Goodchild, 1; W. Goodchild, 2; F. L. Free. 3; H. Stratford, 4; R. Riggs, 5; J. Evans (conductor), 6; J. Hussey, 7; E. Elbarn, 8. J. Hussey hails from Newbury; E. Elbarn from Amersham; the rest belong to the local company. Also on Wednesday, April 10th, 1260 Stedman Triples. J. C. Truss, jun., 1; F. G. Riggs, 2; T. Goodchild, 3; H. Stratford, 4; R. Biggs, 5; J. Evans, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; Joe Evans, 8. First in the method by all except the conductor. And 360 Plain Bob. *J. C. Truss, jun., 1; T. Goodchild, 2; R. Biggs, 3; F. G. Biggs, 4; J. Evans, 5; *J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. *First touch in the method. J. C. Truss hails from Great Marlow; J. W. Washbrook from Oxford; the rest belong to the local company.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST.—On Wednesday, April 4th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Yorkshire Court. T. Elliss, 1; W. Court, 2; W. H. George, 3; W. Selby, 4; C. Tribe, 5; G. Williams, 6. And on Thursday, April 11th, 720 in the same method standing as before. First 720 by all in the method, and the first on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Easter Sunday, for the early service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Digweed, 1; F. Ring, 2; G. Hayes, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And for the mid-day service, 720 Plain Bob. H. Digby, 1; M. Digby, 2; F. Ring, 3; G. Hayes, 4; J. Brown, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. First 720 by M. Digby with a bob-bell. Also for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Digweed, 1; W. Harper, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. Brown, 4; G. Hayes, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, April 21st, 1889, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. Smith, 1; A. Biggs, 2; J. Bamard, 3; C. Couchman, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; W. Wood (conductor), 6; W. Arnold, 7; H. Wallace, 8.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Easter day, at the parish church, for the 7 o'clock service, 168 of Grandsire Triples. A. Hore, 1; A. Harris, 2; W. A. Cooke, 3; W. Preston, 4; W. Evans, 5; J. Baker, 6; W. Haigh (conductor), 7; T. A. Baxter, 8. Also 350 of Grandsire Triples. P. Taffs, 1: A. Harris, 2; W. Evans, 3; W. Preston, 4; W. Gable, 5; W. Haigh, 6; W. A. Cooke (conductor), 7; A. Hore, 8. Also 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Harris, 1; W. Preston, 2; W. A. Cooke, 3; G. Lindoff (conductor), 4; W. Evans, 5; J. Baker, 6; W. Haigh, 7; A. Hore, 8. And after evening service 672 of Grandsire Triples. A. Harris, 1; W. Preston, 2; J. Baker, 3; G. Lindoff, 4; W. Evans, 5; W. A. Cooke, 6; W. Haigh (conductor), 7; A. Hore, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP.—On Tuesday evening, April 16th, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Omerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; Z. Lord, 4; A. White, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Woodbine. W. Omerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; W. Smith (conductor), 4; A. White, 5; Z. Lord, 6.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Easter Day, at 7 a.m., at St. Peter's church, 503 of Grandsire Caters. A. Hull, 1; A. **Barnes**, 2; E, Hull, 3; E. J. Mitchell, 4; W. H. Buckingham, 5; H. **Brewer**, 6; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 7; W. H. L. Buckingham, 8; **W.** Battle, 9; J. W. Brewer, 10. And at 10 a.m the last 742 of Holts Original. T. Conley, 1; J. W. Brewer, 2; E. Hull, 3; H. Brewer, 4; A. Barnes, 5; E. P. Debenham, 6; T. Waller (conductor), 7; **W. H.** L. Buckingham, 8. Also at 2.30 p.m. some plain courses of **Stedman** Caters. G. W. Cartmel, 1; *A. Barnes, 2; J. C. Mitchell, 3; *J. W. Brewer, 4; E. P. Debenham, 5; *H. Brewer, 6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7; *W. Battle, 8; T. Waller, 9; A. Hull, 10. And at 8.30 p.m, another course with *D. Gibbons, 10 the others standing as before. *First in the method. *Chiming.*—On Good Friday, for Divine Service in the morning, 560 of Bob Major. H. Lewis, 1-2; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5-6; T. Waller, 7-8.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Easter Sunday morning, at the parish church, for Divine Service, the local company rang 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. T. Elcox, 1; W. Martin, 2; T. Fowles, 3; T. Griffiths, 4; J. Reynolds, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. Also for evening service 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, standing as above.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday morning, April 21st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. F. Radley, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; J. Hayes, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. S. Sargent (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Moore, 2; S. Hammond, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; E. Carter (conductor), 6. The Messrs. Hammond, and Rudkin, hail from Braintree; E. Carter from London; the rest belong to the local company.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Easter Day, for evening service at St. James's church, 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and thirty singles). B. E. Howe, 1; J. Sugden, 2; J. Mawson, 3; B. T. Copley (conductor), 4; G. Titterington (composer), 5; S. Palframau, 6.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Good Friday, for Morning Service at the parish church, on the front six, 720 Bob Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles). B. T. Copley, 1; S. Clark, 2; H. Raistrick, 3; T. Pollitt, 4; J. Cotterill (composer and conductor), 5; J. W. Cundall, 6.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Friday, February 22nd, at the residence of Mr. R. Hutton, 1008 Bob Major. R. Hutton, 1-2; J. Hilling, 3; G. Smith, sen., 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; A. Dunnett, 6; J. Hinchley, 7-8. And on Sunday, March 24th, on the tower bells, 720 Plain Bob Minor, conducted by R. Hutton. Also on handbells, 336 Bob Major. J. Fox, 1; J. Hilling, 2; A. Dunnett, 3; J. Cullum, 4; R. Hutton (conductor), 5-6; J. Hinchley, 7-8. And on Sunday, March 24th, 448 Bob Major. W. Downs (first touch), 1; J. Hilling, 2; A. Dunnett, 3; R. Atkins, 4; R. Hutton (conductor), 5-6; J. Hinchley, 7-8.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, April 21st, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Barnett, 1; R. Jefferies, 2; C. Bate, 3; J. Kitchener (conductor), 4; H Griffin, 5; T. Smith, 6.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Thursday, April 11th, for practice, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. A. H. Cocks, Esq., 1; W. E. Yates, 2; H. Collins, jun., 3; C. Smith, 4; W. Sutton, 5; J. C. Truss, sen., 6; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 7; A. W. Truss, 8.

HATHEROP (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, April 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. T. Barnett, 1; T. Smith, 2; T. Eaton, 3; H. Griffin, 4; M. Williams, 5; J. Kitchener (conductor). 6.

HUDDERSFIELD (Yorks).—On Thursday, April 11th, at the parish church, 720 Treble Bob in 24 mins. *G. Wood, 1; J. Barrowclough, 2; T. Haigh (conductor), 3; *E. Weir, 4; H. Kaye, 5; *F. Holmes, 6. *First 720.

HUNDON (Suffolk).—On Easter Monday, the Poslingford society rang at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor, in 35 mins. C. Rawlinson (first 720), 1; W. Atkinson, 2; F. W. Hicks, 3; D. Gridley (conductor), 4; A. Burling, 5; C. Howe, 6.

LIVERPOOL.—On Thursday, April 11th, at the Cathedral church, of St. Peter, 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 31 mins, the tenor covering. W. Woodhead, 1; J. Moore, 2; R. Williams, 3; J. Brown, 4; T. Hammond (conductor), 5; C. Williams, 6; J. Martin, 7. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Ryle, the beloved wife of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Liverpool.

MONEWDEN (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday evening, April 14th, 720 Bob Minor in 19 mins. R. H. Hayward (conductor), 1-2; J. Tarrant, 3-4; A. Moore, 5-6.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, April 14th, for Divine Service at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Foster, 1; J. Drewitt, 2; G. Welling (conductor), 3; E. Burtenshaw, 4; J. Fayers, 5; D. Burtenshaw, 6; A. S. Wightman, 7; J. Currell, 8. Mr. Wightman hails from Helmingham, Suffolk.

NORTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, April 14th, at St. James' church, five of the local company, with Mr. H. Ward, from Sheffield, rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins., and 108 of Grandsire Minor. G. Butcher, 1; H. Ward, 2; J. Gaucher, 3; J. Biggin, 4; J. Atkin, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. Also on Monday evening four of the local company, with Messrs. T. Searl and W. Fox, of Sheffield, rang 720 of Bob Minor. G. Oates, 1; T. Searl, 2; W. Fox, 3; J. Biggin, 4; J. Gaucher, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. And 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Oates, 1; J. Gaucher, 2; W. Fox, 3; J. Biggin, 4; J. Atkin, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11½ cwt.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, April 14th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. Wood, 1; E. Glover, 2: J. Morton, 3; J. Wood, 4; J. W. Brough, 5; W. Baddeley (conductor), 6.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, April 11th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor. J. Palmer, 1; R. Bird, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; A. H. Bassano, 4; W. Green, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by A. H. Bassano and W. Green. And on Sunday, April 14th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. H. Bassano, 1; R. Bird, 2; W. Green, 3; H. Mason, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. E. Parsons, 6; W. Bird, 7; G. Raybould, 8.

POSLINGFORD (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the morning, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Burling, 1; G. Basham, 2; C. Rawlinson, 3; F. W. Hicks, 4; C. Howe (conductor), 5.

ROWLEY REGIS (Staffordshire).—On Friday, April 19th, for evening service, with the bells half muffled, 720 Bob Minor. D. Woodhouse, 1; J. Bate, 2; H. Bennett, 3; R. Baker, 4; J. Oakley, 5; S. Mills (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the band. And on Sunday, April 21st, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples. D. Woodhouse, 1; J. Bate, 2; R. Baker, 3; B. Lowe, 4; J. Oakley, 5; H. Bennett, 6; S. Mills (conductor), 7; B. Oakley, 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday morning, April 14th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. S. Hodges, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; E. Duff, 3; J. Muggridge, 4; C. Latter, 5; J. Willshire, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; H. Martin, 8. Also for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Muggridge, 1; J. Colthup, 2; E. Duff, 3; J. Willshire, 4; C. Latter, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6; R. Sharvill, 7; E. Mankelow, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs. in F. Messrs. Duff and Willshire hail from St. Stephen's, Westminster; the rest belong to the local company.

WALTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, April 14th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's parish church, 360 Graudsire Minor. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. H. Hurst, 3; H. N. Spinks, 4; J. Nightingale, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, April 21st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. E. Youngs, 1; C. Nunn, 2; D. Mayes, 3; T. Davey, 4; G. Catermole (conductor), 5; S. Kemp, 6. Also after service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. E. Youngs, 1; T. Davey, 2; D. Mayes, 3; C. Nunn, 4; G. Catermole (conductor), 5; S. Kemp, 6.

WOKING (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, April 7th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 216 Grandsire Minor, being the longest touch by the band. Also 108 and 72 in the same method. G. W. Furlonger, 1; J. W. Purdue, 2; C. B. Ryde, 3; W. C. Ryde, 4; F. C. Ryde, 5; F. Arnold (conductor), 6.

DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN.

A complete set of Cambridge chimes and chiming machinery has just been fixed at St. Thomas's church, by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. The same firm made the clock and chimes at Peel Church, and they are now making clocks for Buxton Town Hall, Crossens Church, Southport, Horncastle, etc.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting will be held at Warminster, on Wednesday, May 8th. Service in St. Deny's church at 11.45 a.m. Meeting for election of officers and other business in the St. Deny's school at 12.30. Dinner at the Town Hall at 1.15 p.m.

J. R. JERRAM, *General Secretary.*

Review.

[BY SCRUTATOR.]

"HOW TO LEARN CHANGE-RINGING WITHOUT AN INSTRUCTOR," by Charles Pearson, M.A. (Pollard, Exeter, 3d).—The title of this little work, at first sight, reminds one of the "fetching" advertisements we see sometimes offering "A fortune for a shilling!" or promising an abnormally large sum per week for performing the most infinestimally small amount of work. If any one gets hold of this book under the impression that he will by its means blossom into a first-rate peal-ringer in something less than no time, he will find himself thoroughly mistaken. But the author does not pretend to anything of the sort, and his opening remarks fully explain the scope of the book. He says: "It sometimes happens in a country parish that there is a ring of five or six bells and a band of ringers who desire to learn scientific change-ringing, but who are unable to get regular instruction. In such a case I venture to recommend the system by which I learnt to ring a 6-score, many years ago, and which I believe to be as good a way as any other of getting through the difficulties of the early stages, while it has the advantage of teaching the young ringer how to use his hands before he need trouble himself much with principles." The plan he suggests is that of each man "learning by heart the order in which he follows the other bells." That, he at once admits, is not scientific ringing, but is of opinion that "by the time a band can ring a 6-score in this way they will be able to look about them and learn anything they please." In elucidation of his plan, he then proceeds to give the figures of the plain five-bell hunt, a course of Grandsire Doubles, and the work of each bell in it. After that, he deals in like manner with the whole 120 of the same method, concluding with a similar treatment of Stedman Doubles. To old and experienced ringers, and likewise to younger ones who have the privilege of being attached to and taught by a good band, this mode of learning might be of but little use, if it was not even considered objectionable, but for those it is not intended. Its aim is, as Mr. Pearson observes in his prefatory remarks, to give a lift on the way to those who are unfortunately unable to obtain practical teaching from experienced ringers, and are thus compulsorily dependant upon their own resources to master the initial stages of change-ringing. To those the book will prove useful, and I cordially commend it. There is also another good purpose which it might be made to serve, namely in cases where the clergyman or some gentleman in the parish who takes special interest in the bells, but who has not time or opportunity to master its intricacies, is desirous of learning something about change-ringing. The perusal of this little work by such would, while giving them some insight into the science shew them also that there is something more than the mere pulling of a bell-rope required for accomplishing scientific change-ringing. Taking it altogether, this little book is one which deserves a large circulation.

Obituary.

JAMES ROBINSON.

We are sorry to have to record the death of Mr. Robinson, postmaster and parish clerk of Walton-le-Dale, which took place at his house shortly after 10 o'clock on Friday, April 12th. Within three minutes of his death deceased appeared in his usual health. The cause of death was apoplexy. Mr. Robinson had been connected with both the post office and church for a period of forty years. His kind, genial manner endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. Deceased was about 66 years of age. He had been a ringer for about the same number of years as he was sexton, and had taken part in many prize-ringing contests years ago. He was one of the company who rung seven Minor peals at St. Leonard's church, Walton-le-Dale, in October, 1882. During the moving of the funeral from the house to the church, the ringers rang the whole pull and stand, with the bells deeply muffled, and after the burial the following rang 720 Plain Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled: R. Davenport (conductor), 1; P. Gregson, 2; J. Mathon, 3; W. Walmsley, 4; E. Birtshaw, 5; C. Eccles, 6. In the evening the ringers of All Saints church, Higher Walton, met at St. Leonard's church, and rang a 720 of London New Bob, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for a brother-ringer.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

On Easter Sunday morning, April 21st, the St. Margaret's (King's Lynn) company, rang 720 changes of Bob Royal for the early commnnion service, assisted by Mr. W. Lee, late captain of St. Nicholas Company, Yarmouth, the men standing as follows:—W, Lee (conductor), 1; W. J. Sedgley, 2; W. G. Cross (Captain), 3; T. Giles, 4; W. Brooke (Secretary), 5; R. Croome, 6; J. Dodman, 7; W. Curston, 8; D. D. Greeves, 9; G. Holland, 10. Tenor 30 cwt in C. The two jubilee bells given by W. Burkitt, Esq. and his wife were heard to perfection in this touch. On Bank Holiday, eight members of the above-named Guild, attempted a date touch of 1889 changes of Bob Major, at St. Nicholas' church, composed by Mr. Lee, to commemorate his visit, but after ringing nearly 1300 changes it came to grief, and had to be abandoned. The members next tried an 800 of Bob Major, by the same composer, which was successfully brought round in 40 mins. W. Lee, 1; W. G. Cross, 2; W. Curston, 3; W. Mallett, 4; F. Easton, 5; Dr. Seccombe, 6; G. Holland, 7; D. D. Greeves, 8. Tenor 21 cwt in F. Visitors from Terrington, Walpole, St. Peter's &c. came to meet the late Yarmouth captain, who, it is to be hoped, will shortly take up his abode in Lynn. He will be heartily welcomed by the company. On Tuesday, at 5 o'clock, at the request of the mayor, G. G. Sadler, Esq., the St. Margaret's bells were rung in honor of Her Most Gracious Majesty's visit to Lynn station, in order to receive an address of welcome from the corporation, which was presented to her by the mayor. The bells were started to the tune of Bob Royal, and after bringing them round were well fired. The bells were distinctly heard at Wolferton station, a distance of seven miles from Lynn. After ringing again in the evening the company adjourned to their meeting-house, where touches of Treble Bob Royal, Bob Royal, Grandsire Triples, &c., were rung on the handbells, and a very pleasant evening was spent and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. —. Falwasser, eight members of the above Guild visited Privett, Hants, to enjoy a good day's ringing on the beautiful peal of eight bells in that tower. Soon after ten o'clock a start was made for a peal of Plain Bob Triples, but after about half an hour's ringing, the bells were brought to a standstill owing to a shift-course. It being too late to start again before dinner, an adjournment was made to the "Sun" Inn, where they refreshed the inner man, and here again they soon came to a standstill, as it was found the meat had shifted course with the bone. Proceeding to the church another start was made, and this time proved successful, the time being 2 hrs. 50 mins. After two plain courses of Stedman Triples, the Vicar appeared, and after congratulating them on the peal, kindly invited them to tea at the Vicarage. Here a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung double-handed. Again ascending the tower, a touch of Kent Treble Bob was rung, and several touches of Grandsire Triples, one or two or the local band standing in. A move was now made for home, but having to wait some time for the train at Petersfield station, a few touches of Grandsire Triples was rung on the platform, double-handed, much to the surprise and astonishment of the waiting passengers. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicar for his kindness for use of the bells, tea, etc., and also the steeple-keeper for his attention. The following were the band; G. Williams (Midhurst, conductor), W. Selby (Midhurst), C. Tribe (Midhurst), G. Batts (Hambleden), W. Hewitt (Gosport), —. Staples (Havant), T. Instrell (Havant), W. Irish (Havant).

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COUNTRY CHURCH RESTORATION.

Old-fashioned country churches are now being so rapidly changed and modernised that it is not surprising that lovers of "things as they are" sometimes raise a protesting voice against the acts of the "restorer."

The typical village church is a purely rural creation; there is nothing approaching it in a town. It is usually an ancient edifice, often dating back to the early days of the Norman Conquest, rarely later than the thirteenth or fourteenth centuries. Small in size, it is built after a solid fashion unknown in these times, and has its legends of days when it served as an efficient fortress against Saxon rovers, or Danish invaders; a memento of whose visits may be preserved in a fragment of dry substance nailed to the church door, which local tradition affirms to be a portion of the cuticle of some sacrilegious foe. If the original founder of the church was either a very good or a very bad man (it is to the very saintly or the very sinful that we are indebted for most of our old ecclesiastical buildings and charitable foundations), the little edifice may contain many a gem of architectural beauty unlooked for in so obscure a place. But to an antiquarian the great charm of the old village church is that it contains a kind of chronicle of English history. Each succeeding century has left its mark on the little edifice, and the practised eye can date each alteration and addition to the strncture. As an act of piety, or an act of expiation, the long-forgotten founder reared its solid walls, and heavy Norman pillars. A later century benefactor inserted the graceful east window, with its wealth of delicate tracery in stone. The blank white glass, or crudely coloured panes, which now fill the windows, tell of the havoc wrought by Cromwell's soldiery when they dashed their pikes through the jewelled glories of the glass which once shone there—glories which the village congregation has never been able to replace. The heavy gallery and, perchance, a stray square pew, tell of the "beautifying" of the church in Georgian times.

Sometimes, alas! the trace of the modern "restorer" is painfully evident by the attempted, and often successful, effacement of these consecutive links in the church's history. When the antique pavement, with its quaint inscriptions, has been replaced by modern tiles, when the old wall tablets have been banished to the belfry, when the Tudor tombs have been removed from the chancel, and highly-polished, light coloured seats substituted for the antique oak benches and pews, the pious nineteenth century restorer is satisfied that he has accomplished a good work. Possibly his ecclesiastical taste is correct, and yet many a village church-goer misses the time-honoured surroundings which have been so ruthlessy swept away. The old village church, which had grown into its present condition through the slow progress of the centuries, was a thing apart; in its restored condition it is but a copy of the ordinary suburban "district church." It is easy to remove galleries and scrape whitewash off pillars. But who can replace the ancient pavement which has been carted away to make room for the modern tiles, or fix the exact place where the quaint wall tablets once stood, or restore the oak carvings, which, as belonging to the old "hideous high pews" have been ruthlessly cast away?

In his day, the "restorer" has, doubtless, done good work. Some forty or fifty years ago there was need of his services. Middle-aged people must remember a time when the average country church was rarely a model of good management. The interior was frequently defaced by a stove, which the old sexton poked up noisily on winter days. The congregation sat buried in high square pews, where the elders could slumber sweetly amid the inner cushions, and the younger members of the family play unobserved. A tall "three-decker" pulpit cut off the view of the chancel. The less said of the singing the better. Then awoke the "restoring" mania, and for awhile our rural churches profited by the movement. Architectural beauties were drawn into view again, ugly lumber removed, services made brighter and more reverent. But too many a zealous reformer, not content with removing deformities, has proceeded to sweep away many interesting relics of a bygone time. The tombs, the brasses, the wall tablets, the old pavements, are all portions of the church's history; yet how often are all these banished to remote nooks and corners, if not removed altogether from the sacred edifice?

A. S.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Harlow, on Saturday, April 27th. The tower of St. Mary's church (eight bells) will be open to members from 2.0 till 8 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea (price 6d. each to members) after the meeting. Return tickets to Harlow at reduced fares will be granted by the Great Eastern Railway to members who inform the Secretary on or before *Wednesday, April 24th*, from what station they propose to travel, and exhibit at the booking office their receipt for the current year's subscription. It is particularly requested that subscriptions still due for the year ending at Whitsuntide next will be paid at once. T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at All Saints church, Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, May 4th. The nearest station is Wardlesworth, near the church. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom near the church at 5 p.m. F. BIRTWISTLE, *Branch Sec.*

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The above society's next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Todmorden, on Saturday, May 4th, in the schoolroom. Meeting at five. Bells will be at the disposal of ringers from 3. All subscriptions are now due.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 27th. Tea will be provided at one shilling each (free to members) in the Guild Court, at the foot of the steep hill, at 5 p.m., after which the General Meeting will be held. Permission has kindly been granted for the use of the bells of the Cathedral, 8; St. Peter-at-Arches, 8; St. Peter-at-Gowts, 6; and St. Botolph's, 5. Those intending being present at the tea are requested to inform me as early as possible.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING will be held on Easter Saturday, April 27th, at St. Peter's church, Swinton, near Manchester. Ringing from 2 p.m. Meeting in the schools at 6 p.m.

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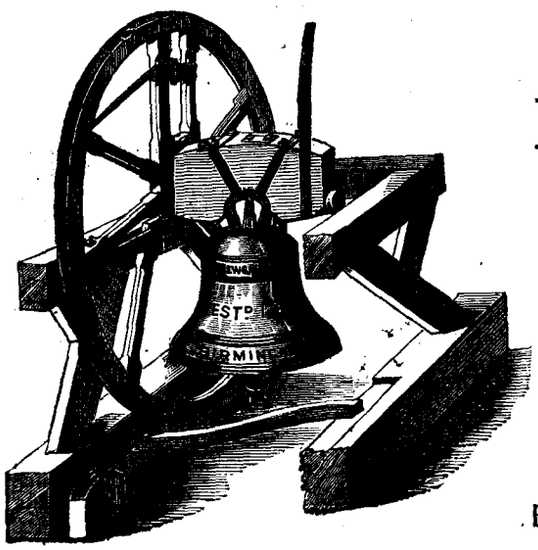
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley (new peal of eight) on Saturday, April 27th. Belfry open at 2.30, meeting in the belfry at 5 o'clock.

J. HORROCKS, *Sec.*



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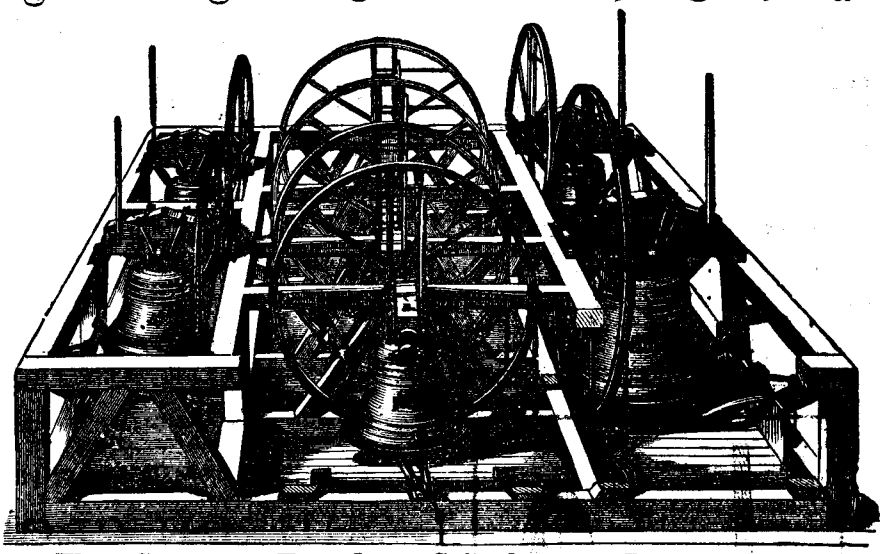

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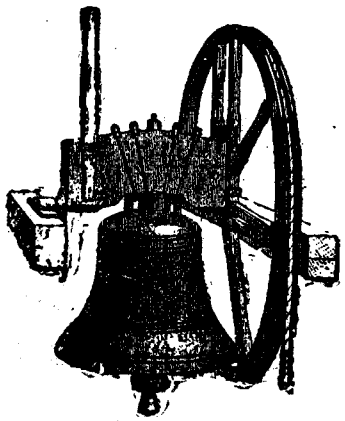

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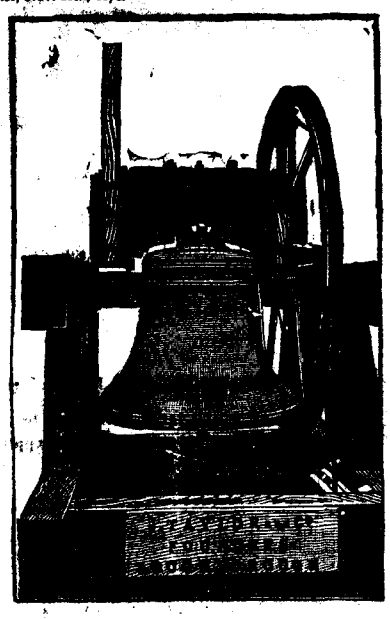

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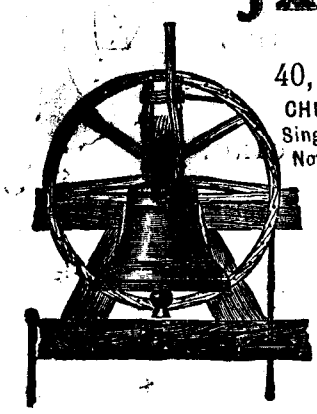

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