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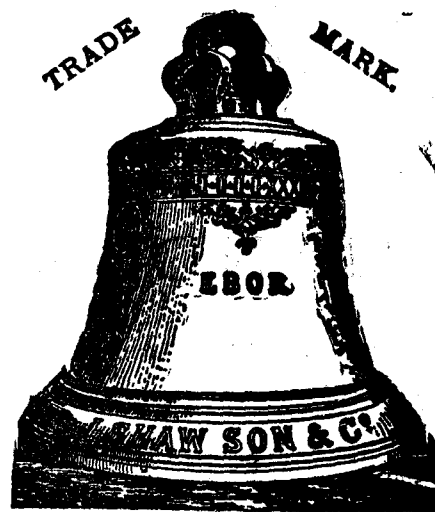
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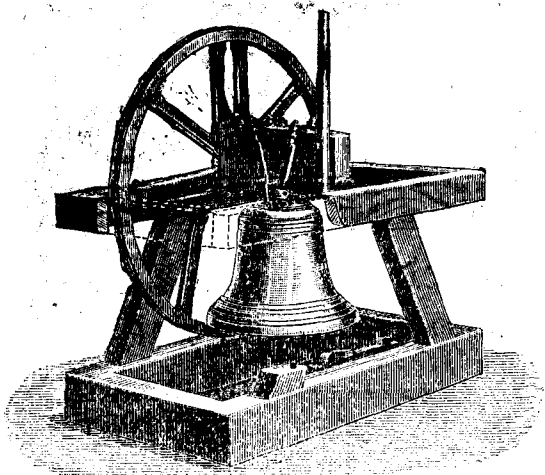
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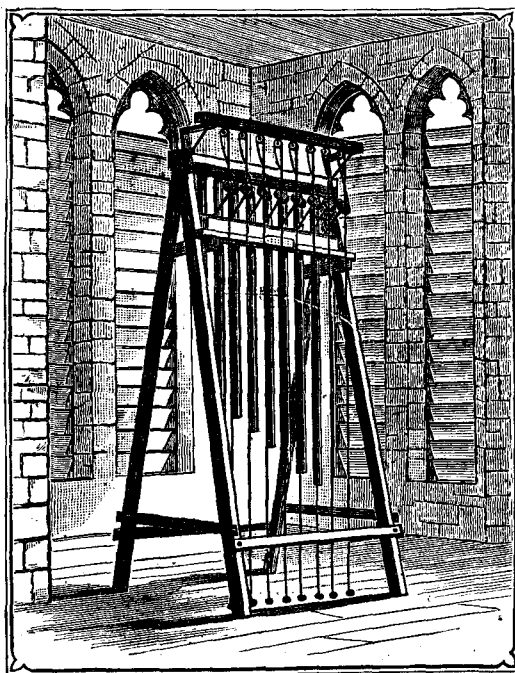
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MR. JAMES DWIGHT, OF LONDON.

[Vide Portrait.]

In joining together a few sentences which are to form a brief sketch of the ringing career of Mr. DWIGHT, there is a strong inclination to write down by way of introduction (*à la* "Free Lance") a line or two from those poetical effusions with which, before age and infirmity prevented him, he was wont to amuse his friends on "dinner-day" and other festive occasions. There are very few London ringers, at any rate among the College Youths, who have not been highly entertained by hearing Mr. DWIGHT carol forth the lines on "The Peal of Stedman Cinques," which was rung by that Society at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 27th, 1861, and in which we are told that

"Henry Haley was the leader of this enterprising band."

"He so steadily the treble rung and called with just precision
To him also the honour's due for his able composition."

George Ferris rung the eighth,
A bright and shining star;
And the glory of his famous peals,
Shine out both near and far.

The inclination of the writer is to proceed in full with this historical ballad, but that cannot be. A little more however may be given.

Having quaintly mentioned all the performers (but one) by name, he goes on:—

Now I've told the names of all who rang the changes in this peal,
And before my ditty's done I will the tenor-man reveal.
But the revelation is not so near. The suspense is kept up during the following verse:—

Now this peal it was a long one,
And the metal it was weighty;
The changes were eight thousand
Five hundred and eighty.
And when they'd rung them all complete,
And their task was truly done,
It occupied just hours six,
And minutes forty-one.

Yet another verse before the promise of revealing the tenor-man is fulfilled, which however is eventually done in the following characteristic manner:—

I think I've spun out pretty well, and have little to relate,
Excepting that the tenor is two tons one hundred weight.
A wheelwright rang her without help,
You may let the whole world know it,
'Tis he who chimes these doggerel rhymes,
James Dwight the poet.

This last stanza informs us that our old friend is by trade a wheelwright, and if rumour be correct, he was when a young man something of a prodigy at his business, so far as speed and effective workmanship was concerned. Like other celebrated London ringers he was born in the district of Bethnal Green, on the 27th of January, 1816. His first introduction to bells was at the church of St. Dunstan, Stepney, where one Sunday afternoon he was asked to go by some boys of his acquaintance to see them chime for service. He became enamoured of the process, and in a very short time was able himself to ring a bell in call-changes. And at this punctilio (as the authors of the *Clavis* have it) here he stopped. Not permanently though, as the record of his performances testify. Continuing to ring at Stepney the classical "method" just named, he nevertheless yearned after something better, and chance at last brought him into contact with Messrs. COOTER and M. A. WOOD. Hearing a rumour that the Bethnal Green ringers were coming to Shadwell (St. Paul's) on a particular evening, he wended his way thither, and by the aid of a little dictation from Mr. COOTER, rang the treble in a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. This feat, though very pleasing to the ambition of our friend, did not satisfy him. Like Dickens' famous hero he asked for more, but unlike him he obtained it. Visits to Bethnal Green and Bow (Essex),

soon gave him confidence, and he rang the treble in Grandsire Triples repeatedly, though he appears to have found some difficulty in ringing a bob-bell. About this time—1846—Mr. COOTER was at the head of a band who bade fair to do some good work, but one or two of them seceding, an opening was made both for FERRIS and DWIGHT, and with this party he proved himself efficient both in Grandsire and Stedman. He rang his first peal (Stedman Triples) with the St. James' Society on the 4th of September, 1847, and on the 10th of December he rang with the College Youths a peal in the same method at St. John, Waterloo. From this his progress was, for that time, rapid. A peal of Grandsire Major followed, and on the 10th day of April 1848—the day of the great Chartist demonstration—he also rang the variation of Reeves' 8448 of Treble Bob Major by Austin, and shortly afterwards a peal each of Double Norwich and Superlative. London Surprise was next essayed, but the incumbent put a veto on the performances, and thus this method became a sealed book to the St. James' society who at that time rung these intricate methods.

All this time he was very busy with the College Youths, practising on ten and twelve bells, and in the June of 1849 he rang a peal of Treble Bob Royal at St. James's, Bermondsey, and soon after one of Double Norwich at Holy Trinity, Newington, Surrey. In February, 1849, his first peal of Treble Bob Maximus was rung, followed by a peal of Stedman Cinques. Being now fairly launched into the science, he rang peals in rapid succession, among them being a £5 prize peal at Christ Church, Spitalfields, a 6000 of Treble Ten at Bermondsey, and on January 6th, 1851, at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, 7524 of Stedman Cinques, the greatest number then on record. Almost simultaneously he, with Messrs. COOTER, FERRIS, and WOOD, were hard at work with the handbells, and took the ringing world by surprise by ringing Stedman Triples with as much ease as though they were in the tower, Mr. COOTER calling the first peal. Mr. H. W. HALEY now joined the College Youths, and the result of his co-operation was the performance of peals of Caters and Cinques.

The number of peals rung by Mr. DWIGHT is 131. They are as follows: Grandsire Triples, 17; Grandsire Major, 2; Grandsire Caters, 10; Grandsire Cinques, 2; Stedman Triples, 27; Stedman Caters, 27; Stedman Cinques, 13; Treble Bob Major, 5; Treble Bob Royal, 17; Treble Bob Maximus, 8; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 1. In the Stedman peals are included seven rung upon handbells, viz.: Triples, 1; Caters, 4; Cinques, 2.

In the majority of these performances Mr. Dwight has taken his place among the heavy metal, the most noteworthy being the two peals of Treble Twelve at St. Saviour's Southwark, in both of which he rang the tenor (52 cwt.); and the tenor at St. Michael's, Cornhill (when far from going well) in the peal of Stedman Cinques before alluded to. He also rang St. Saviour's tenor in an attempt for another peal, which came to grief after six hours' good ringing through lighted candles being unskilfully introduced into the ringing-chamber. At a time when several well-known heavy-bell ringers had attempted and failed to ring this tenor through a peal, the subject of this memoir essayed the task and succeeded. Two peals with that bell in Treble Twelve must rate him as a heavy bell ringer of no mean order, and fit to take high rank among the worthies of the past. With the exception of Mr. J. M. HAYES, Mr. DWIGHT is the only one living who has rung this bell in a peal of Treble Bob Maximus. His name has been mentioned in the columns of *The Engineer* as a manipulator of heavy bells. Yet even when in the prime of manhood he did not appear to be a heavy or powerful man, his general weight being never more than 10 stone 4 lbs. It was however, his remarkable powers of endurance, or as he himself puts it, his "lasting qualities, which carried him through many a tough job." When a young man he was an adept at swimming, and in several natatory contests came off the victor.

The last peal in which Mr. DWIGHT took part was rung at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on the 12th of May, 1879. Though still in fair health he is getting very infirm, rapidity of locomotion being entirely out of the question.

For the years 1850–51–52–53, Mr. DWIGHT was Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths; and also in 1858–59. He is a well-informed and intelligent old gentleman, and his conversation, interspersed as it is with so many reminiscences of the art, is enjoyable.



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The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held on Monday, May 13th, when the interesting old town of Bisley was the selected rendezvous. A three-horse brake and waggone met the early trains, and representatives attended from Stroud, Bisley, Prestbury, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Cranham, Swindon, Bristol, Painswick, Bitton, and other places. The company altogether numbered about thirty-six, including the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Oldland Vicarage, Bristol, the Master; Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Magor Vicarage, Newport, Monmouth, Hon. Sec.; Rev. G. C. Keble, Bisley, local Secretary; Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, local secretary at Bristol; and Mr. G. H. Phillott, Cheltenham. The start was made from Stroud at a quarter to ten, and an hour later a shortened service was conducted in Bisley church by the Rev. G. C. Keble, who based an appropriate discourse on a part of the fifteenth verse of the second chapter of the second Epistle to Timothy: "A workman that needeth not to be ashamed." He said:—

"This was what St. Paul told Timothy, that he was to study to be a workman who needeth not to be ashamed, and if this could be the true verdict on our lives when we were called to lay them down, he supposed there could be no greater meed of praise. Applying these words to their own work, he said the fact of their belonging to the Diocesan Association of Ringers, and beginning with service, showed that they recognised that it was something more than a mere recreation, such as cricket, and had a higher claim upon them. The first point they should observe was that they recognised that they were workmen for God, that the work of church bell ringers was a work definitely done for God. This was a lesson which many of their old bells would teach them, that they were not cast for the honour and glory of men, but for the honour and glory of Almighty God. The bells were the voice of the tower of God's House, and one of the purposes of their society was that they might all learn to make those bells speak more truly and more perfectly and harmoniously for the honour and glory of God. If they realised that it was a work for God it would help them in many ways. They would see that it was not a work to pick up or lay down at their own caprice or fancy as they might any other work. There must be a higher motive, and some sufficient reason for laying down the work beyond any petty annoyance, by which they were often tempted. Realising the nature of the work they would be led to perseverance, and to say 'I can afford to put up with these little annoyances.' Then, again, the mutual dependence of ringers on one another should teach them the lesson of unselfishness. They should sink their own individual likes and dislikes, in order that they might be able to bring about a greater harmony, a harmony which would otherwise be impossible. A recognition of these two points would do an enormous amount for themselves. The thought that they were working for God would raise them up higher and elevate their character; and the thought that they were working for others as well as themselves would extend their sympathies and widen their minds and hearts, so that they themselves would be doing the best for themselves; so at the last, when God's great peal, as it were, should ring at the last day, they would be amongst those of whom it should be said that they were workmen 'that needeth not to be ashamed.'"

The Rev. G. C. KEBLE subsequently presided at the business meeting in the Guild Room. It was decided, after some discussion as to the best date, to hold the next annual meeting at Gloucester, on Thursday, August 26th.

Mr. BOUTFLOWER introduced the subject of the desirability of a Central Council for the whole of the district Associations, of which he believed there were about thirty-eight. At a great meeting held at Birmingham recently it was unanimously resolved that such a council would be for the benefit of the Exercise generally, and he would submit the same resolution for adoption as follows: "That this meeting is of opinion that great benefits would accrue to the Exercise if a committee, consisting of one or more selected members from each Association, could meet from time to time to consider and decide such ringing matters as are cause of perplexity."

Mr. PHILLOTT seconded, and it was carried unanimously, the Hon. Sec. being asked to send the resolution to Mr. Heywood, who, it was remarked, seemed to be the leading spirit in the matter.

Mr. Ward, of Newport, the late Master, was elected provisional treasurer in the place of Mr. Hatherly, of Gloucester, resigned.

The Rev. PITT EYKYN announced that the Rev. G. C. Keble

had become local secretary for the deaneries of Bisley and Stonehouse (South).

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman. A considerable number of new members were elected, including representatives from Frampton-on-Severn, St. James's, Bristol; St. Michael's, Gloucester; Stapleton, Westbury-on-Severn; two life members from Birmingham; St. Nicholas', Bristol; St. Philip's, Bristol; Cranham and Stroud.

The Master, the Rev. H. A. COCKEY, of Oldland Vicarage, Bristol, presided at the dinner, which was admirably served by Host Skinner, of the New Inn. A short toast list followed. The Chairman proposed "Church and Queen." He said they knew that the Church was passing through rather a trying time. Many enemies would be glad to see it upset and disestablished, and he was sure all ringers would be sorry to see that day come round. He hoped they all knew what it would mean to the country to lose the Church as it now was; it never could be the same thing when once disestablished, and it could never do the same work as it did now, and ringers would feel it most keenly, because in many country places where they had peals of bells the bands of ringers would find themselves left in the lurch, with no one to look after the church, and no one to carry on the work. Therefore he thought they ought all to show their loyalty to the Church, and prove that they were no half-hearted members, but those who would stick to it through thick and thin. With regard to the Queen they all revered and loved her. They knew what a peaceful time they had enjoyed under her reign, and hoped it would be the same when her successor came to the throne; but they did not know what might come, and therefore ought to make the most of their present peace and prosperity.

The Rev. PITT EYKYN submitted "The Clergy and Churchwardens of Bisley," under whose wing they were now enjoying this hospitality. He thought they owed a debt of gratitude to the Rev. G. C. Keble for the very admirable discourse he had given them in the church; there were several points he was sure which came home to them all, and which he hoped might bear good fruit. He knew that in his own parish there were those petty jealousies of which they had heard, and which they ought to avoid. He was very sorry his old friend the Vicar of the parish was not present; he served under him nearly six years as curate, and he was sure he was thoroughly well represented by his son in the vice-chair.

The Rev. G. C. KEBLE briefly responded, and expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of his father. He said they felt it to be a great privilege to be allowed to entertain the Association, and he welcomed them in the name of Bisley. He also remarked that they owed a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Restall for kindly allowing them to make use of that room for their dinner.

Mr. PHILLOTT proposed "Success to the Association." He said they now had a very excellent Master and very distinguished ringer; he was one of the first band of clergymen who had rung a peal of Stedman at Prestbury.

The CHAIRMAN returned thanks, and hoped to be able to carry out the duties to the satisfaction of all, and the prosperity and welfare of the Association. He alluded to his past experience, and said as a ringer since the age of thirteen, he knew and appreciated good ringing. He hoped the Association would not be content with big rings and big places, but send out their men to the most insignificant villages in the county, as this was the way in which the Association gathered strength. The Association only wanted to be known in order to be thoroughly appreciated. In Essex he was secretary of the Association for several years, and the numbers increased from 150 to over 300, and the total number was now about 400. He hoped the time would soon come when this Association would eclipse that number.

The Rev. PITT EYKYN proposed "The Ringers of Bisley Deanery." He said they had lately divided the Diocese into deaneries, nearly all of which had a local secretary; and Mr. Iles, who was present, would soon become secretary for the deanery in which Swindon was situated. The deanery they were now in was a very remarkable one; it had been in the past, and no doubt would be again in the future. He referred to the deeds done in Painswick and Stroud in bygone years, and he was sure they would all think of one who had lately passed to his rest,

with feelings of great respect, Giles Mansfield; they were in the same deanery where he achieved such wonders, he thought he might say, in bygone years, and they knew that he had lately passed to his rest. Many present were personally acquainted with the deceased, as he was, and if he had known the date of his funeral he should like to have been present to show his respect for him. Talking of Giles Mansfield's death also remained one of something else rather sad, which perhaps might not be known to all of them, that Mr. Drinkwater, their first master, passed to his rest last February. He only heard of it lately, and he immediately wrote off to the widow to say how much they, as an Association, sympathised with her in her loss.

Mr. EVERETT responded, and said he should like these meetings to be held in different deaneries successively, as it would promote more unity. He hoped that when they met in Bisley again the bells would be in proper order; they could get no ringing whatever there that day because the sixth bell wanted looking to.

The CHAIRMAN briefly mentioned that at the annual meeting he should propose that persons who were not qualified be admitted as probationers at the usual subscription for a period not exceeding two years, such members not to have the power of voting. In Essex this provision brought them in ten or twelve towers of six-bell companies who knew nothing of change-ringing, but who were now good change-ringing companies; and he had been asked the same thing at Bristol.

Mr. W. HALE (Painswick), referring to the death of Giles Mansfield, suggested that a subscription should be made to enable a tombstone to be erected over his grave. An appeal in the paper, he believed, ensured sufficient to inter him respectably, and he should very much like to see a stone erected.

The CHAIRMAN said he should be very glad to give his mite. He thought that when one of their brethren passed away in such poor circumstances they should do all they could to perpetuate his memory, when he was such a good ringer.

The Rev. PITT EYKYN said he had been asked to furnish a memoir to "THE BELL NEWS," but he had not had sufficient material.

Mr. Hale was authorised to collect subscriptions for the purpose mentioned. The company then dispersed. During the day touches were rung on the Bisley, Chalford, and Stroud bells. From the report for 1888, just published, we learn that there is a balance in hand of £26 12s. 4d.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The Next Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held in the chantry of St. Mary's church, Kidderminster, on Saturday, June 1st, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Vicar, if possible, will preside. The Hon. Sec. hopes to meet a representative from each company in union, as the reports, etc., for the past year will be ready for distribution. The tower and bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting is fixed to be held at Canterbury on Monday, June 17th. The Dean of Canterbury will preside at the dinner, and the address will be given by the Archdeacon of Maidstone. The allowance to members attending is one shilling, besides the dinner ticket. All who wish to receive tickets must communicate with the Secretary not later than Monday, June 10th. R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN, Hon. Sec.
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THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

The First Annual General Meeting of the above Society will be held at St. Mary's church, Lewisham, on Monday, June 17th (Trinity Monday), at 8 p.m., when subscriptions for the ensuing year become due. Officers will be elected, and the Report and Balance Sheet for the past year presented. The tower will be open for ringing from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., and after the meeting.
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The whole twice repeated.

First rung at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, May 23rd, 1889, conducted by Mr. William Wakley.

The course containing the S at 2 consists of only two sixes. The S at 14 causes the bells to drop into the third six of the next course; the natural course-end, therefore, from which the work of this course is pricked is given in brackets. The following bobs at 5-6 are, as usual, at the two half turns of the 7th.

This is the first three-part peal ever composed in the method. It may be rung as a six-part peal with only two singles by, after the first single, twice repeating the work between the singles and then calling a second single. The rest of the peal can now be proceeded with, omitting in the 2nd and 3rd parts the singles and the courses between them. The peal may be reversed by transposing the 3-4's and 7-8's as explained in reference to No. 1 peal in last week's issue.

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday last the local ringers, assisted by Mr. J. Hern, of Newnham, rang for practice a 720 Bob Minor, the ringers being placed as follows:—F. Allen, 1; J. Gleed, 2; J. Hern (conductor), 3; H. Grindon, 4; W. Gleed, 5; T. Hart, 6. Afterwards a 720 of Kent Treble Bob as follows: H. Grindon, 1; J. Gleed, 2; J. Hern (conductor), 3; W. Gleed, 4; F. Trigg, 5; T. Hart, 6. This is the first touch in a Treble Bob method which the local ringers have obtained, and their ability to ring it is largely owing to the able tutoring of Mr. J. Hern, who, out of love for the art, has been instrumental in raising the standard of the ringing in Westbury far above that of any previous years.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL DISTRICT.—It having been impossible up to the present to arrange for a tower on Tuesday evening next, members are requested to meet at the Exchange on that evening at 7.15.

CHAS. E. S. BOUTFLOWER, Local Secretary.

NOTICE.—On Whit-Monday, ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will attempt a long peal of Grandsire Caters. The time and place will be forthcoming next week.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"No sound excels
The fine-toned bells.
When merrily they ring."

I was glad to see the announcement respecting the future issues of our "portrait gallery," for more than one reason. But principally I am pleased to know that in future something like system and regularity will be observed, so that every fourth week we may with confidence look for the next "likeness." If these ink-photos maintain their present standard of excellence (as I have no doubt they will do) we shall thus be able in the course of time to boast of the possession of a valuable gallery of notabilities; one also which will have cost us so little. And the monetary value of a portfolio filled with fifty or one hundred of these portraits will in course of time be one hundred per cent. greater than their original cost. An instance in point is the early volumes of "THE BELL NEWS," which at the present time fetch more than double their first value. And looking to the future, there can be no doubt that the next and coming generations will value this system of portraiture even more than ourselves, for by that means they will be able to know the features and learn some of the history of the prominent men of the Exercise in years gone by. Which of us is there, did we possess the same, who would not place a very high value on the portraits of our eminent predecessors now at rest—Holt, Shipway, Annable, Reeves, Tebbs, Hubbard, Thurstans, Lates, and in fact a host of others who have made their mark, and whom we know now but in history? So it will be in the future, and even for that reason alone, I should consider it a very great mistake were this project not persevered with.

I am at a loss what to think of those who are said to object to this on account of the extra cost. What! grumble at a shilling a year for a dozen such portraits? Why it is only the cost of a single photo. I can't think this grumbling is in earnest.

Mr. Barratt appears to be surprised because I have made no reference to the meritorious performances of the young band at Worsley. I am sorry to have caused any disappointment in this respect, but I must plead not guilty nevertheless. I did note this circumstance with pleasure at the time, but (fortunately for the readers), my weekly jottings were crowded out by the pressure of other and more interesting matter, and so, among other things, it got passed over. However, "good comes out of evil" is an old saying, and this omission on my part has—through Mr. Barratt's very interesting letter—resulted in us gaining information respecting this persevering young company which we otherwise might not have done. I need hardly assure Mr. Ridyard and his band of my heartiest congratulations on their progress; I hope the projected peal of Stedman Triples will ere long reward their efforts.

Young Cavill, of Stanstead, and young Hollis, of Bourn, appear to be following well in the footsteps of their fathers in the way of ringing. That is a good sign, and one which we are fortunately able to see from time to time. It is a homely old saying that "there is none to beat the old ones but the young ones," so when we see this spirit of emulation animating the rising generation, we may look with confidence to the future. And while on this point, I would not omit to mention the 6-score of Grandsire Doubles at Dalton-in-Furness, the treble of which was rung by A. Shepperd, a lad of eleven years. Well done, my boy!

The Warnham band were busy on the 19th last, if two peals of Triples and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 10,800 in all are anything to judge by. There are some who have objections to Sunday peal-ringing, but scruples of this sort do not appear to have any weight at Warnham, for they seem to have gone into it with a will last 19th, and—what is more—have accomplished their desires, which is very creditable to them. Without desiring to enter upon the debatable question of Sunday peal-ringing, I would just observe that while I disagree with Sunday hand-bell performances of this kind, I do think that the sound of the tower bells is peculiarly one relating to the Sabbath, and thus peal-ringing on that day—when done with a good motive—is not reprehensible but commendable. Anyhow, from a scientific point of view, I think our Warnham friends have acquitted themselves well on this occasion.

In the foregoing paragraph I referred to hand-bell performances; that calls to one's mind the increasing number of such which we see now. Never a week passes but we read reports of peals or long touches rung two-in-hand. From the modest course of Grandsire Triples to the peal of Stedman Caters, or Treble Bob Royal, we have unmistakable signs that our friends are progressing in this direction as well as on the tower bells. I am glad to note this as a mark of progress, for if a man can pilot his two bells through a peal or touch, it is only reasonable to suppose that he will be fully qualified to ring his one bell creditably in the tower. For this reason alone I am pleased that this feature of our art is becoming more general amongst us.

Mr. Attree once more gives us his ever-welcome monthly analysis of peals rung. The total number of peals successfully brought round, and the list of methods in which they have been rung, are very satisfactory, but the feature which strikes me most this month in his return is that with reference to independent societies. Some time ago I had occasion to refer to this, when Lancashire was far away on the top of the list with "independent" peals. Now we find Staffordshire at the head with eight, with Yorkshire closely following behind with six, while the Lancashire total is down at three. I can quite understand the county palatine pulling down its non-association peals, seeing the work of organisation which has been so industriously carried on there of late; Staffordshire also I am not much surprised at, but what is Yorkshire doing to shew this increase? Is the Association of that county losing its hold, or not keeping pace with the times? How is it?

That review of the neighbouring Midland Counties' annual report was very interesting reading. As "Scrutator" remarks, no one need have any misgivings on taking up this report. It has been hitherto one unbroken record of progress and its attendant success, and my warmest wish is to echo that writer's hope that this Association will maintain its present standard of excellence, and that while they do this we shall "see other Associations competing with them strongly for pre-eminence in the march of progress."

"A Son of the Church" has once more told us what he is about to do. I should have been only too glad had I been able to compliment him on his second appearance; unfortunately I am unable to do so, for by it he has placed himself in a position the very reverse of what any skilled controversialist would desire. To tell the truth, it was with intermingled feelings of

disappointment and amusement that I read his last effusion. I was disappointed at his absence of argument, while I could not help being amused at his imaginary points. How he could conceive my being in a fix with his previous letter I am at a loss to imagine; for in view of his promised epistle, I did not trouble myself to enter into the subject at all. As to his query with reference to non-peal-ringing-during-Lent clergymen, I simply reply as I inferred before, that as the Church has laid down no definite rule on the subject, the one is as consistent as the other. But apart from this, if "A Son of the Church" is as anxious to cross quills with me on the subject, as he assumes to be, why does he not get to business, instead of contenting himself with telling us what he *means* to do? My friend, come to the point; let us have your arguments; leave personalities alone; I am open to discuss the question with you fairly and straight, as becomes two "Sons of the Church;" if you can convince me to your way of thinking, I will openly confess it, and become a convert; but until then you must allow me and others the same liberty of thought and action as what you claim for yourself. Meanwhile I await your arguments.

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"Dodger" has done a kindly action to the memory of the old Painswick veteran, Mr. Giles Mansfield, in collecting that very interesting account which appears last Saturday. In spite of his lack of technical education (there were no School Boards in his day) and his "Double Gloucester," there can be no mistake about it that he was a fine old fellow, and an enthusiastic ringer. Painswick has not missed making its mark as a ringing centre, and, it is to be hoped, will remember the exploits of old Mansfield and let its future be not unworthy of its past.

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Speaking of old ringers, I cannot help noticing a modest little paragraph in the top corner of page 90, which reports the honouring of the 86th birthday of an old veteran at Liversedge, Mr. Joshua Midgley, "the oldest ringer in the district." You did well, my friends of the Spen Valley, in thus doing honour to "the oldest man at tea," and I have no doubt the venerable gentleman would appreciate your action accordingly. In the words of the well-known Madrigal, "Carnovale's passing away," we should remember that our old friends will not be with us long, so we ought to brighten their declining years by such graceful acts of recognition as this; and not leave it until they are laid to their last resting-place in "God's Acre" ere we demonstrate our appreciation of their many and past services. Eighty-six years is a long span of life, and the man who has spent a good life for that length of time is truly venerable. I am unable to shake hands with Mr. Midgley on the attainment of his last birthday, but will be glad if some of my friends in Liversedge will perform that kindly action for me and wish him every joy and comfort on my behalf.

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I am considerably overstepping my usual bounds this week, but I cannot refrain from noticing the new method (or rather combination of methods), which Mr. Batchelor has furnished us with. It is an old saying, that one thing naturally leads to another, so from Mr. Heywood's original production we have already two others. And there is no telling what may follow! I have not yet had sufficient time to examine this "new departure" critically; but this much I have observed, that it appears to possess musical qualities of no mean order. Our scope for scientific change-ringing is extending, and no mistake; what it will be in another century is a matter of bewilderment. Anyhow, we are leaving our successors something to work upon; there is no mistake about that.

FREE LANCE.

CELEBRATING A SEPTUAGENARIAN RINGER'S BIRTHDAY.

On Saturday, May 18th, the members of the St. Peter's society of Wolverhampton invited the ringers from the surrounding districts to ring at the collegiate church of St. Peter to commemorate the seventieth birthday of Mr. John Fowler, a prominent member of the old St. Peter's society. During the afternoon ringers arrived from Birmingham, Darlaston, Stourbridge, Tettenhall, Bushbury, Willenhall, Bilston, Sedgley, Codsall, Wednesbury, and Wombourn. The bells were rung at intervals up to six o'clock by the visitors, when short touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung fairly well, considering the hot weather and the unsatisfactory state of the bells. The Rector (Rev. J. T. Jeffcock) accompanied by the Misses Jeffcock, went up the tower, and a plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung upon handbells by B. Dalton, 1-2; J. Jones, 3-4; J. Carter, 5-6; J. T. Perry, 7-8; R. Cartwright, 9-10. At 6.30 dinner was held at the "Duke of York" inn, Princess-street, to which about fifty ringers sat down. The Rev. J. T. Jeffcock presided, supported by the Rev. G. Bird. After the repast,

The Rector gave the toast—"Church and Queen," and in the course of his remarks said that some thousands of pounds had been spent upon the parish church, and he thought the time was not far distant when the bells would be put into good ringing order. The cost would not much exceed £100. He hoped the ringers would then take more interest in their work, and from the number present that evening he could see that ringing must be a very interesting science.

Mr. J. Carter proposed "Ringing Associations," and said that since Diocesan Guilds and Archdeaconry Associations had been formed, ringing had made more progress, and places where belfries had been treated as lumber-rooms and dust-bins were now made clean and neat, and the bells rung in a manner worthy of the house they adorned.

Mr. Bruerton suitably responded.

The toast of the evening, "The Health of Mr. John Fowler," was proposed by Mr. R. Cartwright, who congratulated that gentleman on looking quite young at the age of seventy, and said he was sure ringing was conducive to long life. It was very tedious to learn, but when once mastered was seldom left off even by old men. There were many who rang peals of three and four hours' duration at the age of seventy and upwards. He hoped to see Mr. Fowler ring in a few more peals, and asked all to join in wishing him many happy returns of the day. The toast was drunk with musical honours.

Mr. Fowler, in responding, gave a brief history of ringing since his first attempt at Worfield, Salop, where he was born. He came to Wolverhampton fifty years ago, and rang in the first peal of Grandsire Caters, 7290 changes, in 4 hrs. 57 mins.

This peal was composed in the year 1843, and conducted by the late Mr. Joseph Butcher, who died in January last, at the age of eighty-three. He also rang in the last peal upon the old church bells some fifteen years ago, and had rung in many peals at different towns and villages around Wolverhampton. In conclusion he thanked his brother-ringers for attending to honour his birthday, and said he felt quite able now to take part in a peal.

Mr. R. Cartwright proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and the Rev. G. Bird for their attendance, and in the course of his remarks, said it was necessary for the clergy and ringers to be closely allied. When it was so, the ringing was conducted in a proper manner.

Mr. Bruerton seconded the vote, which was carried unanimously, and acknowledged by the Rector, who intimated that he should be pleased at all times to do what he could for ringers and ringing. The Rev. G. Bird said he had never met such a large number of ringers before. He had made up his mind to learn to ring, and then he should be better able to talk about ringing matters.

The remainder of the evening was spent in singing and hand-bell ringing.

THE RINGERS' GUIDE TO THE CHURCH BELLS OF DEVON. By C. PEARSON, M.A. Price One Shilling, or bound in cloth, 1s. 6d. Postage Threepence.

HOW TO LEARN CHANGE-RINGING WITHOUT AN INSTRUCTOR.—By the same Author. Price Threepence: by post Fourpence, or six copies for 1s. 3d.—WILLIAM POLLARD AND CO., Printers, Exeter.

JASPER W. SNOWDON'S WORKS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MR. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD'S WORK.

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

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

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1889.

At the recent meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association—a full report of which will be found elsewhere—the Master, in responding to a toast, made some observations which just now are of peculiar significance. He said "he hoped the Association would not be content with big rings and big places, but send out their men to the most insignificant villages in the county, as this was the way in which the Association gathered strength." It would not be right to say that the worthy Master had been educated to this belief by his constant perusal of our comments, though the fact remains that on several occasions we have pointed out the great value of beating-up what may be designated as the more neglected

localities of the diocese or county in which the Guild or Association is supposed to obtain some kind of supervision.

Of course it cannot be urged that the *only* objects of the Guild is to awaken up these benighted places, because such work alone would have a tendency to discourage many ringers, who would soon be of opinion that their connection with the Guild only entailed duties not of the most pleasant character. There must be occasions when Guild meetings will afford relaxation and enjoyment to those attending, as well as when some hard if not unpleasant work has to be done. But the members should be led to see that if they take part in the former, they should also cheerfully lend their hand to the latter, trusting in the belief that sooner or later their reward will come not only in the reformation of belfries but also in the addition of members to the Guild. The Rev. H. A. COCKEY's remarks we are therefore glad to read, and it is to be hoped that other gentlemen who in the various Associations hold a similar position to his, will in season and out of season impress upon those who listen to them the great desirability of endeavouring by every means in their power to bring within the Guild every church tower within the district through which its ramifications operate.

The Provinces.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 16, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

H. BANISTER Treble.	J. HARRIS 5.
J. W. WASHBROOK 2.	A. GOODALL 6.
R. DAVIES 3.	H. COBB 7.
A. HAWES 4.	J. CARTER Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 17, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES.

A. P. GODDARD Treble.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 5.
WILLIAM ADKIN 2.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 3.	THOMAS SHORT 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON 4.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1889, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS BAKER Treble.	YORK GREEN 5.
HENRY SPRINGALL 2.	EMANUEL HALL 6.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 3.	SAMUEL HAYES 7.
JOHN CARMICHAEL 4.	EDWARD A. DAVIES Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Messrs. Baker and Hall were elected members of the above association previous to starting for the peal. This peal was rung from the floor of the church, the old ringing floor having been pulled down, and the tower arches and the beautiful new west window in its original form having been thrown open to the church. This is supposed to be the first peal ever rung from that floor, as it is about one hundred years since the arches were closed, and the West End Gallery now pulled down was built.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 23, 1889 (no time mentioned),

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

ARTHUR BURGESS Treble.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 5.
EDWARD ALDWORTH 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
WILLIAM ADKIN 3.	THOMAS SHORT 7.
ALBERT J. KIMBREY 4.	HARRY HYDE Tenor.

Arranged and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 23, 1889, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A THREE-PART COMPOSITION. Tenor 26 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	THOMAS HOLMES 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	GEORGE ROBINSON Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

This peal, which was achieved at the first attempt, is the first three-part peal ever composed in the method. The calling appears on another page.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 24, 1889, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM WARD Treble.	CHARLES WARD 5.
WILLIAM A. ARNOTT 2.	ALFRED WARD 6.
HENRY BURCH 3.	PETO MEADOWS 7.
WILLIAM BURCH 4.	EDGAR COLLINS Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by WILLIAM WARD.

The above was rung in honour of Her Majesty's Birthday.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1889, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

5040 CHANGES IN TWO METHODS ON SIX BELLS;
Being three 720's of Bob Minor and four 720's of Grandsire Minor
Each called differently.

Tenor 16 cwt., 2 qrs., 14 lbs. in F.

EDWARD J. NORMAN .. Treble.	JOSEPH BONSALE 4.
WILLIAM E. WHITE 2.	RICHARD T. PARKINS .. 5.
JOSEPH HALL 3.	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

First 5040 by all, also first 5040 on the bells. W. E. White hails from Cotgrave, Notts.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 25, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

W. CORLETT* Treble.	*C. J. A. CUSHING 5.
B. M. BROWN 2.	*J. CORLETT 6.
A. H. HILL 3.	†J. MERCER 7.
R. G. HINDLE 4.	E. BEACH Tenor.

Composed by JOHN MILLETT and Conducted by J. MERCER.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal. Mr. Hardy of Barrow-in-Furness ticked off every lead as the peal was rung. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's 70th birthday.

GLOUCESTER.—THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S
JUNIORS' SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 25, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-LODE,

SEVEN 720's OF BOB MINOR, EACH CALLED
DIFFERENTLY.

Tenor about 15 cwt.

A. ROBERTS* Treble.	F. E. HART 4.
S. E. ROMANS 2.	H. MITCHELL 5.
R. J. WILKINS 3.	W. J. SEVIER Tenor.

Conducted by W. JOHN SEVIER.

*First 5040. The above is the first on the bells and was rung in honour of the Queen's Birthday which was celebrated in this City. The ringers take this opportunity through the medium of this paper in thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY HARTSHORNE .. Treble.	WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE 5.
HARRY HARRIS 2.	*WILLIAM SHORT 6.
ALFRED ORFORD* 3.	†GEORGE H. PAGETT .. 7.
GEORGE B. RAYBOULD* .. 4.	‡OLIVER HOOPER Tenor.

Composed by the late C. RAVENSCROFT of Bromsgrove, and Conducted by GEORGE H. PAGETT.

Rung to commemorate the birthdays of Messrs. A. Orford and G. H. Pagett*
*First peal in the method. †First peal. ‡First as conductor. The Messrs. Hartshorne and Hooper hail from Brierley Hill; Harris, Orford and Pagett from Stourbridge; Short from Clent; Raybould belongs to Halesowen.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CROYDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 25, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. CHAMBERS .. Treble.	ROBERT E. PEARSON .. 5.
HENRY BROOKER 2.	WILLIAM STATES 6.
GEORGE BURT* 3.	ALFRED BRUCE 7.
WILLIAM C. PALMER* .. 4.	THOMAS VERRALL Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BROOKER.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell.

ERITH, KENT.—THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 25, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE CULLUM .. Treble.	†EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 5.
FREDERICK CULLUM 2.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 6.
CHARLES CHOOETT* 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
GEORGE CONYARD 4.	DAVID BARNES Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD E. RICHARDS.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

GUILDFORD.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1889, in Three Hours and Half a Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ERNEST J. HEATHORN* .. Treble.	*JOHN J. JONES 5.
WILLIAM GROVE 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
JOHN HEATHORN* 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
THOMAS H. COLBURN† .. 4.	‡MICHAEL BROWN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal on eight bells. Mr. William hai s from Midhurst; the others are local men. The peal was well struck through out

Date Touches.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Friday, May 10th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1889 changes), in 1 hr. and 6 mins. W. Orme, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; R. Logie, 3; J. Hicklin, 4; J. Jagger, 5; L. Bullock (conductor), 6; J. Walker, 7; J. Carvell, 8. This touch was rung in honour of the conductor's 21st birthday, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. On Wednesday, May 22nd, in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. Jagger with Miss H. Eden—a prominent member of the above association, and a worthy instructor in the Burton district—an attempt was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief through the 6th rope slipping wheel. Time not allowing another start, a quarter-peal was rung in 43 mins. W. Orme, 1; W. J. Smith (conductor), 2; R. Logie, 3; W. Potts, 4; J. Hicklin, 5; J. Walker, 6; L. Bullock, J. Carvell, 8.

OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, May 26th, it being the anniversary of the church of St. Thomas, Moorside, the local ringers, with two friends, met and rang for evening service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1889 changes), in 1 hr. and 8 mins. A. Butterworth, 1; T. Greenwood, 2; J. Taylor, 3; S. Stott, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Crossland, 6; L. Hampson, 7; J. Crossley, 8. Messrs. Stott and Crossland hail from Oldham and Lees respectively, the rest are of the local company. Composed by C. Jackson of Hull, and conducted by A. Butterworth, of Moorside. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, May 20th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Sholicar (composer), 1; W. J. Taylor (conductor), 2; Rev. D. Jones, 3; W. Ellis, 4; J. Pilkington, 5; W. B. Lloyd, 6; G. Prescott, 7; P. H. Harvey, 8. The Rev. Donald Jones hails from Aughton, the rest belong to the local company.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Tuesday, May 21st, for practice at the parish, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 11 mins. E. Pitstow, 1; *J. T. Rickman, 2; *A. James, 3; C. Freeman, 4; G. Martin, 5; G. Taylor, 6; F. Pitstow (conductor), 7; N. J. Pitstow, 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq. *Longest length in Stedman. Messrs. Rickman and Taylor hail from Cambridge.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP.—On Sunday morning, May 12th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; Z. Lord, 3; A. Chew, 4; A. White, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Smith, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; A. Chew, 4; A. White, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6. And on Sunday evening, May 19th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. Z. Lord, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; A. Chew, 4; A. White, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6.

ECCLES.—On Saturday, May 18th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. T. Yates, 1; J. H. Ridyard (Worsley, conductor), 2; J. Grimshaw, 3; J. Barratt, 4; W. Hingham, 5; H. Chapman (Manchester), 6. And on Monday, May 20th, seven of the Worsley company, with H. Chapman, attempted the late W. Royle's peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (5088 changes), but after ringing 1008 changes in 38 mins, it came to grief. H. Derbyshire, 1; H. Chapman, 2; J. Ridyard, 3; J. H. Ridyard, 4; F. Derbyshire, 5; T. Derbyshire, 6; J. Baguley, 7; R. Ridyard (conductor), 8. Also 840 in the same method with T. Yates (Eccles), 1; the others standing as before. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SCOTHERNE (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, May 18th, at the parish church, 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. J. R. Fenton, 1; H. Hoyes, 2; H. Maidens, 3; D. W. Brown, 4; C. Wells, 5; I. Vickers (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in this method by the above Association. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells. All the above hail from Lincoln.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DURHAM.—On Monday, April 29th, at St. Oswald's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. *T. Wheatley, 1; *W. H. Craggs, 2; *W. G. Newton, 3; F. London (conductor), 4; *J. E. Avery, 5; L. Newton, 6. *First 720 of Oxford. F. London hails from Shipley, Yorks.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Tuesday, April 30th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Wheatley, 1; *W. Brown, 2; W. G. Newton, 3; J. E. Avery, 4; F. London (conductor), 5; *J. Swinburne, 6. *First 720 of Oxford.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—On Friday, May 17th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Canon Moore, vicar of Spalding, and President of the above Guild. J. Brett, 1; W. Day (conductor), 2; Hy. Hill, 3; Hy. Allen, 4; Hy. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Afterwards 360 Grandsire Minor by the same band, and a short touch of Bob Minor with the bells open.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

WINSHILL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, May 11th, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Rice, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; J. Morley, 3; W. Wylde, 4; J. Woodward, 5; L. Bullock (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 12th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. J. Rice, 1; W. Wylde, 2; J. Morley, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; J. Woodward, 5; C. Golder (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, May 22nd, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins., each 6-score called differently. C. Golder, 1; W. Wylde (conductor), 2; J. Morley, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; J. Woodward, 5; J. Parker, 6; rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. Jagger.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN.—On Saturday, May 25th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, and 720 Kent Treble Bob. *H. Grindon, 1; *J. Gleed, 2; J. Hern (conductor), 3; *W. Gleed, 4; *F. Trigg, 5; *T. Hart, 6. *First 720 in a Treble Bob method.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Thursday, May 23rd, the local company rang 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Webb, 1; E. Bray (first touch as conductor), 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Craft, 4; J. Phillips, 5; A. Thurgood, 6; Rd. Jackson, 7; Rt. Jackson, 8. On Sunday, May 26th, for evening service, 672 in the same method. T. Webb, 1; E. Bray, 2; J. Phillips, 3; J. Craft, 4; R. Jackson, 5; A. Thurgood, 6; G. T. Spicer (conductor), 7; G. Gentle, 8. Also 112, conducted by T. Webb, with J. Cawdell, 3; W. Bidnell, sen., 8; the rest as before.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Tuesday, May 14th, on handbells, 360 Bob Minor. W. H. George, 1-2; G. Williams, 3-4; W. Selby, 5; C. Tribe, 6. This 720 was non-conducted. Also 360 in the same method, on the tower bells. T. Elliss, 1; *W. H. George (conductor), 2; W. Court, 3; C. Tribe, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. *First 360 as conductor.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Monday, May 27th, for practice at St. Thomas's church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Harriss, 1; W. A. Pugh, 2; W. Short (conductor), 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; C. Barrett, 5; A. Orford, 6. W. Short hails from Clent; the rest are locals.

CLENT.—On Sunday, May 19th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. M. Shilvock, 1; W. Boughton, 2; G. Workman, 3; W. Short, 4; W. Huxley, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, May 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Barber, 1; W. F. Hartshorne, 2; W. Short, 3; H. Harris, 4; J. Smith, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—On Thursday, May 23rd, for practice at the parish church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Fisher, 1; N. Spindlow, 2; H. Fisher, 3; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 4; J. Fisher, 5. First 120 by all, and is believed to be the first on the bells. And on Sunday morning, May 26th, for Divine Service, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles, standing as before. Also in the afternoon on handbells retained in hand, 360 Grandsire Doubles, being three 6-scores called differently. N. Spindlow, 1; W. Fisher, 2; J. Fisher, 3; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 4; H. Fisher, 5-6.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Tuesday evening, May 21st, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. *A. W. Pike, 1; *H. Simmonds, 2; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 3; G. Essex, S; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. *First in the method. Tenor 17 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ELMSTED (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, May 26th, for Divine Service at St. James's church, six 6-scores of Bob Doubles, each

called differently, in 28 mins. W. Philpott, 1; H. Hopkins, 2; R. Ansley, 3; G. Greenstreet, 4; T. Hooker (conductor), 5; J. Reeves, 6. This is supposed to be the first ever known to have been rung on these bells by a local band.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob. W. Harper, 1; L. Digweed, 2; H. Digby, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. First 720 by H. Digby with a bob bell.

ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Sunday evening, May 26th, for Divine Service, at the church of St. Clement Dains, Strand, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 50 mins. N. E. Snow, 1; F. W. Kelley, 2; T. F. Stevens, 3; J. W. Kelley (conductor), 4; W. Carter, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; J. Nicholls, jun., 7; W. H. George, 8; W. E. Garrard, 9; E. Albone, 10. Tenor 24 cwt.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday, May 26th, at the Priory Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Marshall, 1; D. Russon, 2; G. Barrowcliff, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; H. Haigh (first 720 in the method), 5; R. Beeston, 6. Messrs. D. Russon and W. Hargreaves hail from Shireoaks, and H. Haigh from Retford.

BURTON-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, May 22nd, at St. Paul's church, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. John Jagger, one of the earliest members of the St. Paul's Society, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. H. Parks, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; T. Holmes, 5; G. Robinson, 6; W. Wakley (conductor), 7; R. M. Joyce, 8. Also a 504 Stedman Triples, in which H. Wakley took part. On Sunday, May 26th, for Divine Service in the evening, a touch of 252 Stedman Triples, followed by another touch in the same method, was rung by the above company, Mr. F. J. Gamlin, of Rhyl, North Wales, ringing the 4th, this being his first attempt at Stedman Triples.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, May 26th, for Divine Service at St. James' church, 784 Bob Triples. W. Gill (longest length), 1; B. E. Howe, 2; J. Sugden, 3; G. Titterington, 4; J. Mawson, 5; B. T. Copley (conductor), 6; S. Palframan, 7; W. Titterington, 8.

CAVENDISH (Suffolk).—On Thursday, May 23rd, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor. J. Wheeler, 1; R. S. Theobald, 2; R. B. Brett, 3; A. J. Clarke, 4; D. Gridley (conductor), 5; R. Gowers, 6. And 216 in the same method, standing as above, and conducted by R. Gowers. Also a 360. A. J. Clarke, 1; D. Gridley (conductor), 2; R. S. Theobald, 3; J. Wheeler, 4; R. B. Brett, 5; R. Gowers, 6. D. Gridley hails from Clare, the rest are from Stanstead.

CROSTON.—On Wednesday evening, May 15th, at St. Michael's Church, for practice, 336 of Grandsire Triples. J. Pye, 1; J. Sholicar, 2; T. Bannister, 3; W. Nelson, 4; R. Hough, 5; J. Ashcroft, 6; W. Whalton, 7; H. Taylor, 8.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 12th, for Divine Service, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, with 6 8 covering, in 25 mins. *G. Pilling, 1; *G. Cook, 2; *A. Peill, 3; H. Gibbs, 4; R. Wilkins, 5; *W. Dartnell, 6; E. Barnett, 7; *A. Dartnell, 8. And on Friday evening, May 24th, to commemorate the Queen's birthday, 720 of Bob Minor, with 6 8 covering, in 26 mins. G. Pilling, 1; *W. McGregor, 2; G. Cook, 3; H. Gibbs, 4; G. Conyard, 5; *E. Beaumont, 6; E. Barnett, 7; A. Dartnell, 8. Both conducted by E. Barnett. *First 720.

DRONFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, May 19th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Jarvis, 1; G. Leisley, 2; T. Kitson, 3; E. Platt, 4; S. Allen, 5; G. Marsden (conductor), 6. G. Marsden hails from Eckington; T. Kitson from Ecclesfield; the rest belong to the local company. The above six bells are about to be increased by an addition of two more.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Thursday, May 23rd, for practice at All Saints' Church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. E. Garrard, 1; J. W. Kelley, 2; J. Nicholls, jun., 3; F. W. Kelley, 4; C. F. Winny (conductor), 5; H. Kenton (first 504 of Stedman), 6; J. W. Driver, 7; S. How, 8. Also on Saturday, May 25th, 540 Grandsire Caters. H. R. Newton, 1; J. G. Green, 2; G. T. McLaughlin, 3; J. W. Kelley (conductor), 4; C. F. Winny, 5; J. Nicholls, 6; A. W. Barkus, 7; W. H. George, 8; W. E. Garrard, 9; S. How, 10. A. W. Barkus hails from Salisbury; rung in honour of the 84th birthday of "Honest John Phelps."

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Thursday, May 16th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). S. Slater (conductor), 1; R. S. Theobald, 2; A. J. Clarke, 3; R. S. Breet, 4; J.

Wheeler, 5; R. Gowers, 6. Messrs. Theobald, Clarke, Breet, Wheeler, and Gowers hail from Stanstead; S. Slater belongs to the local company.

HALIFAX (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, May 18th, for morning service, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Reynolds, 1; T. Parker, 2; J. S. Ambler, 3; F. Salmon, 4; G. H. C. Copping, 5; C. E. Stewart, 6; A. F. Nicholl, 7; S. W. Stewart, 8. At noon, in honour of Messrs. Cordingley and Dobson being re-elected churchwardens for the year, an 1152 in the same method. H. Reynolds, 1; T. Parker, 2; G. H. C. Copping, 3; F. Salmon, 4; J. S. Ambler, 5; C. E. Stewart, 6; A. F. Nicholl, 7; S. W. Stewart (conductor), 8. For afternoon service, 704 in the same method, assisted by Mr. Redman, of Howarth, a very old ringer, who some years ago was a member of the Haley Hill Society. H. Reynolds, 1; J. S. Ambler, 2; —. Redman, 3; F. Salmon, 4; G. H. C. Copping, 5; C. E. Stewart, 6; T. Parker, 7; S. W. Stewart (conductor), 8. And for evening service, a 640 in the same method. H. Reynolds, 1; T. Parker (conductor), 2; J. S. Ambler, 3; F. Salmon, 4; G. H. C. Copping, 5; C. E. Stewart, 6; A. F. Nicholl, 7; S. W. Stewart, 8. Tenor 23½ cwt.

HEMPSTED.—On Sunday, April 19th, at the parish church, by the St. Michael's Juniors, assisted by Mr. A. C. Sayer, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. E. B. James, 1; F. E. Harte, 2; *E. E. Bewick, 3; R. J. Wilkins (conductor), 4; A. Roberts, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6. And 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. A. C. Sayer, 1; E. B. James, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; F. E. Harte, 4; R. J. Wilkins, 5; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob-bell. Also three 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. R. J. Wilkins (conductor), 1; E. B. James, 2; F. E. Harte, 3; A. Roberts, 4; W. J. Sevier, 5; A. C. Sayer, 6.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Easter Sunday, by the St. Nicolas' church society, 720 Grandsire Minor, with 6 8 behind. Frank Palmer, 1; R. Pountney (first 720 with a bob-bell), 2; Frederick Palmer, 3; W. Sumner, 4; F. Scrivens, 5; W. Palmer, 7; J. Betterton, 6; W. Williams, 8. And on Sunday, May 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles). R. Pountney, 1; W. H. Sumner, 2; F. Palmer, 3; F. Scrivens, 4; J. Cook, 5; W. Palmer, 7; J. Betterton, 6; W. Williams, 8. This 720 is in two parts, and was composed by R. Potter, of Bedford. Also on Sunday, May 26th, 720 of Grandsire Minor. Frank Palmer, 1; R. Pountney, 2; Fred. Palmer, 3; W. Palmer, 4; F. Scrivens, 5; W. H. Sumner, 7; J. Betterton, 6; *W. Williams, 8. All the above were conducted by William Palmer.

LIVERPOOL.—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday, May 12th, at the house of Mr. J. R. Pritchard, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins., and several courses of Forward Minor. J. Aspinwall, 1-2; J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 3-4; J. Martin, 5-6. And on Friday, May 17th, 840 Grandsire Triples, 224 Bob Major, and a course of Stedman Triples. J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 1-2; J. Aspinwall, 3-4; T. Hammond, 5-6; J. Martin, 7-8.

MOSSLEY (Lancashire).—On Thursday, May 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Greaves, 1; F. Rhodes, 2; S. Cooper, 3; H. Mayall, 4; T. B. Dickinson (conductor), 5; *H. Manns, 6. *First 720. Also on Sunday evening, May 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. J. Greaves, 1; J. Holden, 2; A. W. Holden, 3; H. Mayall, 4; T. B. Dickinson (conductor), 6. [Where's the 5th man?—Ed.]

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, May 20th, at St. John's church, 504 Stedman Triples in 18 mins. H. Ferguson, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; W. Eggleston, 3; E. Wallis, 4; W. Story, 5; J. Simm, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; R. Simm, jun., 8. Also 1008 was attempted by the same band, but broke down in the last course. A short touch of Grandsire Triples was then rung. R. Simm, jun., 1; G. Dixon, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, May 19th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor in 26 mins. W. Tabernor (first 720), 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; J. Wood (conductor), 6.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Monday, May 20th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 360 Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; N. Martin, 4; G. Kirk, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also 720 in the same method (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Podbury, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; G. Kirk, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. This is J. Podbury's first 720 in any method, and he rung it at the first attempt.

READING.—On Thursday, May 16th, for practice at St. Giles' church, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 26½ mins. H. Bonney, 1; T. Sweetzer, 2; A. Evans, 3; A. Simmonds, 4; A. E. Reeves, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6. A. Simmonds hails from Caversham. Also on Friday, May 24th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. H. Smart, 1; J. T. Tarrant, 2; H. Egby, 3; T. Sweetzer, 4; A. Evans, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, May 14th, the local company met and rang for practice a 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). R. S. Brett, 1; R. Gowers, 2; A. Papworth, 3; R. S. Theobald, 4; G. Smith, 5; J. Wheeler (conductor), 6.

STRATFORD ST. MARY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 18th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Winney, 1; J. Scowen, 2; W. Ranson, 3; A. Smith, 4; J. W. Smith (conductor), 5; C. Ablitt, 6. A. Smith hails from Langham, Essex; J. Scowen from Hadleigh, Suffolk; C. Ablitt and J. W. Smith from Higham, Suffolk; Winney and Ranson belong to the local company.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, May 19th, after service, at the church of St. Paul, Fulney, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Quinton, 1; G. Ladd (Pinchbeck), 2; R. Creasey (conductor), 3; E. Quinton, 4; R. Skeef, 5; J. Croxford, 6.

STIESTED (Essex).—On Thursday, May 23rd, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Alfred Warren, late sexton of the parish, who died on Thursday, May 16th, much respected. C. Duncombe, 1; E. Chaplin, 2; W. Bearman, 3; A. Chaplin, 4; F. Saunders, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6.

SNAITH (Yorks).—On Sunday, May 26th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Lawrence, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. R. Pocklington, 1; G. Holmes (conductor), 2; J. D. Bullock, 3; *T. Bushell, 4; *H. Bullock, 5; *T. Bullock, 6. *First 720.

UPHOLLAND (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, May 19th, at the church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. H. Lea, 1; J. Nicholson, 2; T. Gaskell, 3; E. Bentham, 4; H. Gaskell, 5; R. Young (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt. E. Bentham hails from Wigan.

WINLATON (Durham).—On Tuesday, May 14th, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and two singles). W. Lockey, 1; G. J. Ross, 2; W. C. Bennett, 3; J. Pattison, 4; Z. Scott, 5; G. Atkinson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Blake, 1; J. Pattison, 2; G. Atkinson, 3; G. J. Ross, 4; Z. Scott, 5; W. C. Bennett (conductor), 6.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 19th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins. H. Hill, 1; G. Hogg, 2; H. Harman, 3; E. E. Richards, 4; R. G. Carter, 5; B. J. Sheldon, 6; H. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. C. Harvey, 8. And on Tuesday, May 21st, on the occasion of the eightieth birthday of Mr. H. Bright, the veteran steeple-keeper, an attempt to ring Holt's ten-part of Grandsire Triples proved unsuccessful after ringing over two hours. H. Bright, 1; W. Pead, 2; C. Chooett, 3; I. G. Shade, 4; E. Wells, 5; W. Bedwell, 6; E. E. Richards (conductor), 7; J. Garard, 8.

WALLASEY (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, May 21st, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Webster (first 720), 1; R. Voas, 2; G. Voas (first 720), 3; G. Rogers, 4; J. Rogers (first 720), 5; T. Rogers (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, May 25th, 720 in the same method, in 22½ mins. J. Rogers, 1; R. Voas, 2; G. Voas, 3; G. Rogers, 4; S. Woods, 5; T. Rogers (conductor), 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALWORTH (London).—On Sunday, May 19th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Flower, 1; T. G. Deal, 2; R. French (conductor), 3; W. Tyack, 4; J. Crowder, 5; W. Bedwell, 6; A. Hayward, 7; H. W. Edridge, and M. Peters, 8. Rung on the occasion of the 39th birthday of Mr. H. Flower. The bad going of the tenor necessitated its being extra manned.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

By the Angmering Branch at Angmering.—On Saturday, May 18th, 720 of Yorkshire Court Minor, in 23 mins. E. Parsons, 1; F. Fiach, 2; J. Hills, 3; C. Clear, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, May 18th, 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. F. Finch, 1; J. Hills, 2; C. Clear, 3; T. Linfield, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, May 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. F. Finch, 1; J. Hills, 2; T. Linfield, 3; C. Clear, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, May 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. F. Finch, 1; T. Linfield, 2; J. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; C. Clear, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, May 25th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 23 mins. F. Finch, 1; C. Clear, 2; T. Linfield, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, May 26th, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. E. Parsons, 1; J. Hills, 2; F. Finch, 3; C. Clear, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

By the Brighton Branch at St. Peter's.—On Sunday, May 19th, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins. J. Jay, 1; G. A. King, 2; *J. E. Worrell (conductor), 3; G. Thwaites, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; H. Weston, 7; H. Tugwell, 8. *First touch as conductor. Also a

quarter-peal (1260) Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Jay, 1; G. A. King, 2; H. Weston, 3; E. C. Merritt, 4; G. F. Attree, 5; *A. A. Fuller (conductor), 6; H. Cornwell, 7; H. Tugwell, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor. And on Monday, May 20th, 504 Stedman Triples, in 17½ mins. G. Thwaites, 1; A. A. Fuller, 2; J. Jay, 3; W. Allfrey, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; *G. A. King (conductor), 7; H. Tugwell, 8. *First touch of Stedman as conductor. Also on Monday, May 27th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. P. Allfrey, 1; H. Rann, 2; J. E. Worsell (conductor), 3; E. C. Merritt, 4; G. A. King, 5; G. Thwaites, 6; W. Allfrey, 7; J. Turner, 8. J. Turner hails from Wolverhampton.

By the Brighton Branch at St. Paul's.—The following ten members of this branch, viz., A. Bennett, W. Allfrey, P. Allfrey, H. Rann, F. Hill, G. Hill, T. Stepney, J. Salmon, H. Eves, and G. Biggarstaff (with H. P. Bennett from Eastbourne; J. Turner, from Wolverhampton; and A. Bleach, from St. Nicholas', Brighton) rang the following touches on the various dates as given below:—On May 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. Rann; on May 5th, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Allfrey; on May 9th, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by T. Stepney; on May 12th, 630 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Allfrey. Also 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. Bennett; on May 19th, 630 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Allfrey; on May 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by T. Stepney; and on Sunday, May 26th, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Allfrey. First touches as conductors by H. Rann and T. Stepney.

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."

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—It has long been known to the Exercise of the impossibility of producing a peal of Stedman Triples with single bobs. In the whole peal, as it must come together, we find there are 120 sixes which must be produced by bobs, and 120 which must be produced by plain sixes—that is if no other species of calls are allowed. This is evident by the following example—take the plain course, and one commencing with 6532147, and if we prick down the two courses we find that the 4th six of the plain course is identical with the 8th six of the other, and yet the changes each side of the repeating ones are totally different. Thus in plain course we get 3467251—4735612*—4751326, and in the other we get 7364251—3475612*—3451726. Now, if the sixes with asterisks are pricked it will be seen that each contain the same changes, and each derive from a totally different six, and both are slow sixes. To get the whole peal both 7364251 and 3467251 must be included in it. Well, it is evident that one of these must be bobbed, and the other not, to make it true. Now, as there are 120 of these pairs in the whole peal which must come, call how you will, and that one of each pair must be bobbed with double bobs, it is at once apparent that we must have 240 bobs, and cannot under any circumstances have less. Now, if we take the 7th as the plain course bell, as in Thurstans' peal (and, I may mention, you must have one), we shall find, seeing that she must not be interfered with by bobs, that there are 360 sixes which cannot be utilised, those being while she is in 4-5 up and 6-7 up and down. That leaves us only 480 sixes available for bobbing. Now, as I stated above, there are 120 repeating pairs; one of each pair must be bobbed with double bobs, and consequently one must be treated the same with plain leads, so it is at once apparent that the whole 480 sixes are absorbed—half must be plain sixes, and half bob sixes. It must be strictly noticed here that I am not treating on singles, as they may be carted in wholesale in place of plain sixes, but never in place of bobs, except in pairs as bobs. So we see that to get a peal with common bobs, we must have 240, neither more nor less. Now as two bobs are always called together, it thus takes four bobs to add every course. For example—if you call bobs at 3 4 in two consecutive courses, you get the bells back to the same position again with one course to the good. Now this is universal throughout the peal, and is a privilege enjoyed by no other method in the matter of extents. Thus, so far, everything is in favour of a peal with common bobs only, but the point which beats us is the compulsory 240 bob sixes and plain sixes. Now, just as it takes four bobs to add one course, so does it take 236 bobs to add fifty-nine courses, the number, in addition to the plain course, required; so that we get two pairs of bobs not used up, and which, consequently, are false with their sister plain sixes. So that this, in short, is the whole thing—you must have 240 bob sixes, and 240 plain sixes, for a true peal of Stedman Triples with common bobs only; and you cannot use more or less than 236 bobs to add fifty-nine courses (the number required) to the plain course. Therefore, a peal of Stedman Triples, with common bobs only, is impossible.

J. W. WASHBROOK.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

ON Saturday, May 25th, five members of the local society, assisted by W. E. White, of Cotsgrave, Notts, met at the parish church and rang 5040 changes in two Minor methods (see peal column). Perhaps it will be interesting to the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" to know the progress made by this company during the last twelve months. They succeeded in ringing their first 120 of Grandsire Doubles in September 1888, and Bob Doubles a few weeks later. It might be mentioned that Snowden's books (*Rope-Sight and Grandsire*) were the only instruction this company was able to obtain. They accomplished their first 720 of Bob Minor on Sunday, March 10th, being the first in the method ever rung by a local band. On April 16th a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung, being the first in the method by all. It is earnestly hoped by the ringers that some one will step forward with an offer to add two more trebles to the present peal, which are in very good condition.

NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The bells of St. Peter's church in this parish having for several years been unringable, and the 4th bell cracked, it has been unanimously decided at a public meeting of parishioners recently held to have the bells augmented to eight, by the addition of a new treble and tenor, and the old 4th recast into a new 5th, and the whole to be rehung in an iron frame. A Committee has been formed, including the vicar and churchwardens, to carry out the work. Subscriptions amounting to about £170 have been obtained, and at a Committee Meeting held on Friday, May 24th, it was resolved to accept the tender of Warner and Son, London, to do the work, which it is hoped will be proceeded with at once.

RINGWOULD, KENT.

ON Saturday, May 25th, some members of the Deal branch of the Kent County Association visited this place, and rang two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. T. Mockett (conductor), 1; H. Denne, 2; H. Castle, 3; G. Denne, 4; S. Parker, 5. And several plain courses, in which L. Silver rang the 4th. These are the first 6-scores on the bells, which are a light but musical ring. Tenor 5½ cwt. in C. They were recast and rehung in a new frame by Mears and Stainbank in April 1887, and space was left for a new tenor, which it is hoped will soon be added. After the ringing, the visitors and the Ringwould ringers adjourned to the "Five Bells," where a most enjoyable evening was spent, and the Deal ringers returned home pleased with their outing.

CROSSENS CHURCH, NEAR SOUTHPORT.

A large clock with Cambridge chimes has just been erected at the above church by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. It has two dials, which are illuminated for the twofold purpose of shewing the time and forming a beacon for the fishermen on the shore. The chimes will also serve as a guide when sudden sea fogs arise on the shrimping ground. The same firm have also just completed a similar clock at Kelly College, Tavistock.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL.

We have just received intelligence of the death of Mr. Sottan-stall, which sad event occurred on Sunday evening last, just as the bells of Sowerby parish church had finished ringing for evening service, at the age of 88 years. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon. We shall endeavour to give more particulars next week.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Next District Meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, June 8th. The tower of the parish church will be open at 5 p.m., and the six-bell peal at Christ Church as soon as there are enough members to ring.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

WOKCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—BROMSGROVE BRANCH.

ON Whit-Monday, the members of this branch of the above Association will unveil the tablet of the 8064 of Grandsire Caters rung on December 29th, 1888, and in connection with the ceremony a dinner, tickets 1s. 6d. each, will be provided. Any ringing friends or members of the above Association will receive a hearty welcome. A peal of Caters will be attempted in the morning, so as to give anyone else the chance to have another. Further particulars can be had on application to
Stourbridge Road. WALTER REA, *Sec.*

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A ringing meeting of the above branch took place on Saturday, May 18th, at St. James's, Waterfoot, and was attended by ringers from Kamsbottom, Bacup, Newchurch, and Waterfoot. A 720 each of Plain Bob and College Single was rung after the meeting. It was resolved that the next meeting be held at St. Thomas's, Helmshore. One new performing member was proposed, after which the ringing was resumed.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton on Whit-Monday, June 10th. Particulars of arrangements will be given next week.

GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*
JAS. E. WORSELL, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

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

A meeting of this branch will be held on Whit-Monday, June 10th. Ringing at High Wycombe, West Wycombe, and Hughenden, at 2.30 p.m. Business (if any), at High Wycombe at 4.30 p.m.
R. P. NEWHOUSE, *Branch Sec.*

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—The meeting of the above branch will be held to-day, Saturday, June 1st., at the parish church, Darwen. Belfry open at 2.30. Meeting at 5 o'clock.

JAMES HORROCKS, *Hon. Sec.*

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Paul's church, Walkden, on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock.
JOHN EACHUS, *Branch Sec.*
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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

There will be a meeting of the Bristol members of the above Association, on Tuesday next, June 4th, at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown.
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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, June 10th. Divine Service at St. Mary's church at 11 a.m., with address by the Rev. Denys N. Yonge, vicar of Boreham. Business Meeting at the Charity School at 12. Dinner (price 1s. to members who give notice of their intention to be present) at 1.30 p.m. Return tickets to Chelmsford at reduced fares will be granted by the G.E.R. to members of the Association who produce their receipt for this year's subscription. Members who wish to avail themselves of this privilege should inform the Secretary from what station they intend to travel, *not later than Wednesday, June 5th*. The following towers will by kind permission be open to members during the day: St. Mary's, Chelmsford (ten bells); Widford, eight bells ($1\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant); Writtle, eight bells (2 miles); Galleywood, eight bells (three miles); Springfield, six bells ($1\frac{1}{4}$ miles). Arrangements are being made for ringing peals at St. Mary's, Chelmsford, on Saturday evening, June 8th, and at Widford and Writtle on the morning of Whit-Monday. By a resolution of the Association, passed on October 8th, 1887, no peal of 5000 changes or upwards should be started for in any tower open to members on the day of the Annual Meeting between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the church of St. Thomas, Newhey, to-day, Sat., June 1st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the schools at 5 p.m.

F. BIRTWISTLE, Branch Sec.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The next General Meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, June 1st. All members are cordially invited. Tea will be provided at a charge of sixpence each. Those intending to be present must communicate with Mr. John Cordingley, Calverley, near Leeds, not later than Monday, May 27th, in order that due provision may be made for their comfort. The official Committee Meeting will be held in the school-room at four p.m.

I would remind all members whose subscriptions are still unpaid to pay them without further delay, as they are now nearly ten months in arrears. Members entitled to certificates may have them at the meeting by giving three days' notice of their intention to apply for them. W. WHITAKER, Hon. Sec.

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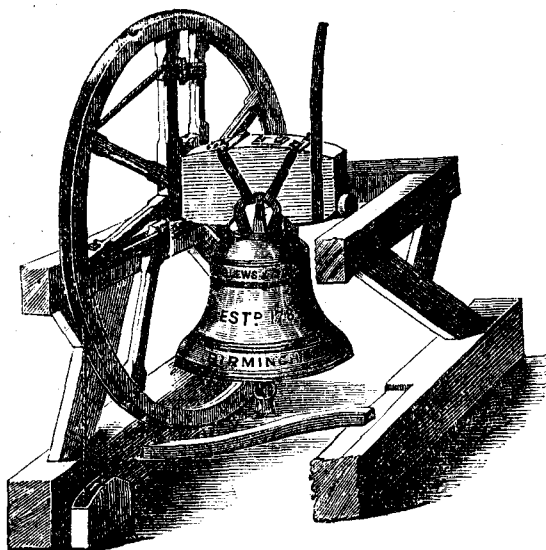
The Next General Meeting will be held at Morpeth on Whit-Monday, June 10th. A dinner will be provided at 2 o'clock at the New Phoenix Hotel, Bridge Street. Members intending to dine should apply for dinner tickets not later than Monday, June 3rd.

G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.

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THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Worksop on Whit-Monday, June 10th. The tower of the Priory church will be open at 10.30, by kind permission of the Vicar.



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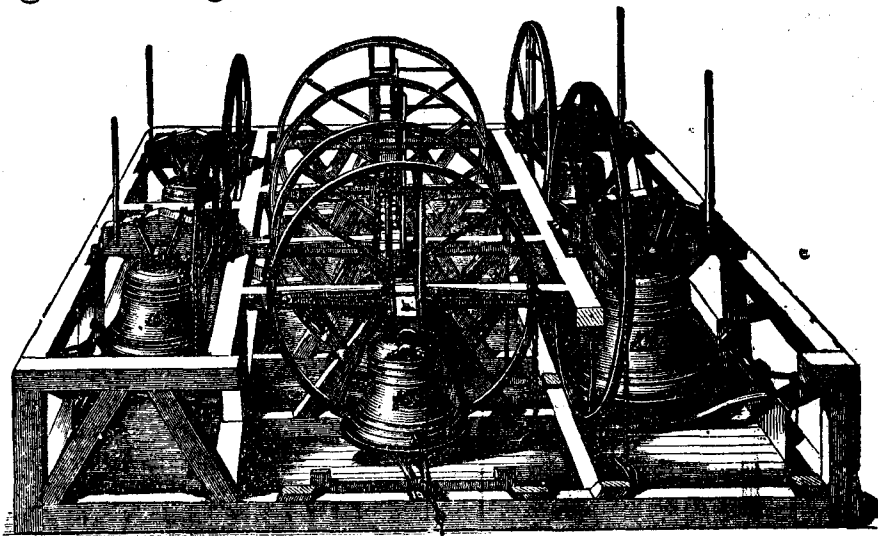
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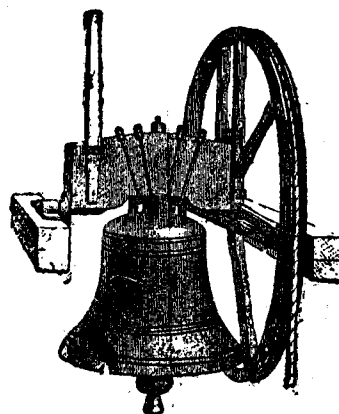
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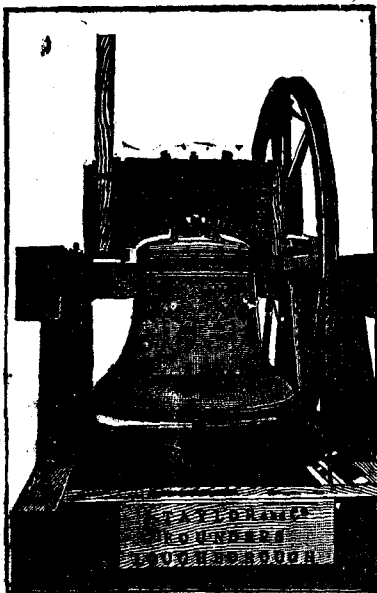
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