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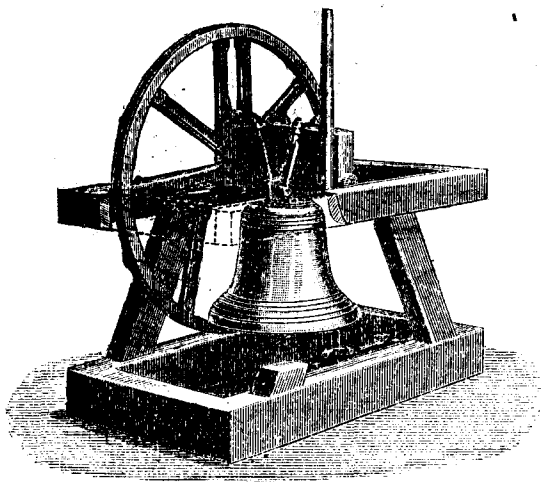
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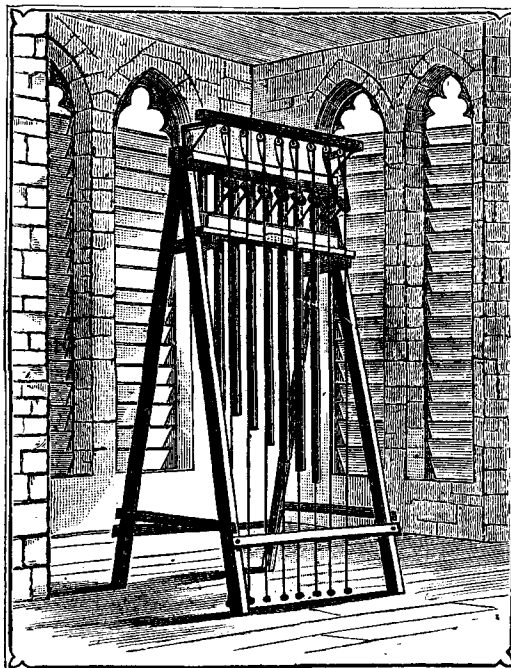
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A General Meeting of the members of this Association was held at Calverley on Saturday last, June 1st, when there was a good attendance, among the places represented being Armley, Birstall, Bolton, Bradford, Denholme, Guiseley, Holbeck, Huddersfield, Keighley, Leeds, Hunslet, Pudsey, Queensbury, Ripon, Haworth, Sheffield, York, Shipley, Rothwell, Ossett, Tong, etc.

At four o'clock the usual Committee-meeting was held in one of the class-rooms of the National School, when amongst the business twenty-six new members were admitted.

At five o'clock the visitors, numbering close upon 200, sat down to a very substantial meat tea in the large schoolroom, on the tables being a most liberal supply of tasteful viands, as well as a choice array of beautiful plants, ferns, etc., which gave a very pretty aspect to the surroundings.

Immediately after tea, the general meeting was held in the same room, Mr. W. Snowdon presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and passed,

The PRESIDENT referred to the satisfactory progress made by the Association, and in kindly terms spoke of the recent loss to the Exercise by the deaths of Mr. J. Whiteley Yates, of Birstall, and Mr. William Sottanstill, the venerable parish clerk of Sowerby.

Invitations to hold the Annual Meeting were then given by the Pudsey and Guiseley branches, and on the two places being put to the vote, a majority was found in favor of Pudsey.

On the motion of Mr. W. STAINTHORPE, seconded by Mr. G. BOLLAND, Messrs. W. Elliott of Birstall, and W. Habbishaw of Rothwell, were unanimously appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

In accordance with rule the PRESIDENT announced the names of the retiring officers, these being Mr. W. Howard, senior vice-president; Mr. W. Whitaker, hon. sec.; Mr. T. Hattersley, steward; and Messrs. T. Haigh, C. Jackson, and J. T. Hollis, Committeemen.

Mr. C. H. HATTERSLEY next proposed a motion expressing the concurrence of the Association with the proposal made by the Birmingham Conference respecting the formation of a National Council.

Mr. W. WHITAKER warmly seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously amid loud applause.

Mr. W. HOWARD in a few well-chosen terms proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Calverley for the use of the bells and school.

Mr. B. T. COPLELEY seconded; and it having been agreed to in a very hearty manner,

The Rev. J. W. HATTON, M.A., Vicar, in responding, said he was highly pleased in being able to welcome the Association to Calverley, and although the Wardens had been unable to be present, he could say the same of them. The president, he said, had spoken of the increased readiness which the clergy were now showing to give support to the ringers and their associations. From a perusal of the report, he was convinced of the good which these associations were calculated to do. By such means ringers of various places became not isolated units, but members of one large united body, there was therefore through this fact a very strong inducement to them so to conduct themselves and perform their duties as to be a credit to the general body: These Associations also engendered a brotherly feeling among the members, made them more alive to their duties, and infused that *esprit de corps* which was desirable in bodies of men engaged for a good purpose. He was thankful to think that the day had gone by when the ringers considered that their duty was finished when they left the belfry, that there was no connection between the belfry door and the church porch; and that now ringers were to be seen joining in those services to which they had summoned others. For this very satisfactory improvement, these associations were much to thank, and he was certain they deserved and would receive a much greater meed of support and encouragement from the clergy in the future. A short time ago, on visiting Ilkley, he entered the ancient parish church, and was greatly pleased to inspect the beautiful stained window which had been placed there by the ringers in token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon. The very existence of this window demonstrated this better state of things, and showed the greater harmony which existed now between ringers and the Church than in days

gone by. Coming home to his own parish of Calverley, the sound of the bells in the venerable tower was dear to them, and the work of the ringers much valued. Many of their friends, too, who had been compelled to leave them for homes far away, remembered with the warmest feelings the sound of the bells of their native place, many letters which he had received from time to time bearing this out most strongly; they could not now hear these bells Sunday after Sunday, but still they bore in their minds the fond remembrance of their loved sound. In concluding, Mr. Hatton expressed his warmest desire to assist and encourage the Association by every means in his power; he was getting rather too advanced in years to commence learning in order to qualify as a ringing member, but would be glad to be admitted as an honorary member. The rev. gentleman's remarks were greeted throughout with tokens of warm approval, and at the close of the meeting he was duly enrolled on the list of honorary members.

The PRESIDENT then read a note which he had received from the Vicar of Liversedge, acknowledging receipt of *Rope-Sight* (which he thought was the very book for the purpose) a desire to become a honorary member, and hoping that most if not all of his ringers would before long become ringing members.

Mr. W. WHITAKER proposed, and Mr. THOS. HATTERSLEY seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Calverley branch for the generous arrangements they had made for the comfort and convenience of the Association, and to the ladies who had so kindly and efficiently prepared the tea, and presided over the tables; which was agreed to in a befitting manner.

A vote of thanks to the president concluded the proceedings.

After the meeting ringing was recommenced by various members, while others strolled through the lanes and fields so bright with verdure, or in the adjoining gardens and bowling green, where sundry games at bowls, handbell ringing and friendly conversation was indulged in until the various times of departure drew near, which brought to a close a very pleasant gathering.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, a Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held in the Chantry of St. Mary's church, Kidderminster, the Rev. S. Phillips, Vicar, presiding. The usual business was transacted, and several new members added to the list. In the course of the miscellaneous business the Master of the Association (Mr. S. Spittle) congratulated the Kidderminster company on the achievement of the two peals of Stedman Triples, especially being the first by members of the Association, and hoped other societies would soon accomplish peals in the same and other intricate methods. A vote of thanks to the rev. Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

During the afternoon touches of Grandsire, Treble Bob, and Stedman were rung upon the church bells. The members afterwards met at the "Royal George" inn, where the new peal of handbells, the property of the Association, was brought into requisition, when courses and touches of Grandsire Triples, and courses of Grandsire Major and Royal, were rung upon them.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

Another step towards the complete restoration of the parish church of Hailsham is about to be taken. It is proposed to re-roof the nave and rebuild the clerestory, also to reseat the body of the church and open out the west arch, throwing the fine large west window into full view. It is to be hoped that this may be followed by the re-hanging of the peal of five bells and the long-talked-of addition of another treble. The bells were cast by John Hodgson, 1663. The tenor, a nice-toned bell in A flat, weighs 12½ cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Next District Meeting will be held at Mitcham to-day, 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.*

THE BELLS OF PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL.

The work of re-hanging the ring of five bells in the north west tower of Peterborough Cathedral has been completed at an outlay of over £500, the bulk of which money was given by Mr. H. P. Gates, of "The Vineyard," Peterborough. The very responsible work, says the *Peterborough Advertiser*, connected both with the bells and internal fittings, has been admirably carried out by Mr. John Thompson, and Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. Every beam in the tower has been taken out, and where necessary, re-placed with new. The cumbersome and partially rotten bell-frames have been re-placed by a judicious framing of oak and iron work: all the fittings, wheels, stays, slides, rollers, are new; the bells have been quartered or turned, and the crown has been pierced, by which they are now fixed to the stock by bolts, instead of the primitive method just abandoned. The framing is made to receive another five smaller bells to complete the original number. The bells were last rung in 1824, three-quarters of a century ago. After that they were merely chimed, and the hand chiming continued until six years ago, the chimers being Messrs. Willerton, Cook, Plowman, Readshaw, P. Parsons, R. Parsons, and R. Pope. Their services, however, were dispensed with on the purchase of the present chiming apparatus. The bell-founders, however, are of opinion from the wear of the bells that even in the old times they could not have been rung properly, so as to give out the fulness of their music. If the ringing now comes to pass, the citizens of Peterborough will hear the music of their Minster peal brought out with all the melody that modern science can suggest, and in a manner their forefathers never experienced or enjoyed. We say if the ringing comes to pass, because there seems after all a diversity of opinion as to the advisability of risking the stability, or instability, of the west front (which it is commonly known is now only braced up by timbers with stays let through both the western towers), by the oscillation the ringing would cause. A day was recently arranged that the peal should be rung, and the St. John's and St. Mary's ringers were anticipating the pleasure, but on the day previous Mr. J. L. Pearson, hearing of the decision, sent an urgent telegram to the Chapter not on any account to let the bells be rung.

Canon Argles has made the following statement:—"When Sir Gilbert Scott was nominated architect for the Cathedral I with him all over the tower and the parts of the west front connected with that tower. He said that he found the west front was bound to that tower by a great number of massive beams to prevent its swaying forwards, and he most strongly recommended that the bells should never be rung or lifted. Subsequently to that, as is generally known, Mr. H. P. Gates gave a handsome donation to have the bells re-hung. That work having been completed an idea was expressed that the bells should be rung again. The Dean was absent, and Canon Clayton and myself were in charge, and we felt it was desirable to ascertain the opinion of Mr. Pearson upon the subject, because his foreman, Mr. Codd, had advanced an opinion at the last committee meeting that Mr. Pearson would not allow the peal. Mr. Pearson replied to our letter that it would be improper to risk the ringing of a peal. The Dean, who came home for a short time, consulted with us, and it has been agreed that the ringing for the present shall be delayed, at any rate until Mr. Pearson can come down and make a thorough survey of the west front. The real truth is that though we are not impressed with the idea that the west front is any real danger, yet when small pieces suddenly fall—as they have done—remembering that the west front is practically the whole of the cathedral, as you might say; a national and European feature, the glory of England in architecture—we feel extremely jealous about it, and do not wish to do anything that will have the slightest appearance of risk. I put it: Supposing we had a peal, and a little piece of stone came down, whether it went on the head of anyone or not, it would soon get about that the Dean and Chapter were going to bring down the west front." "Why was this prohibition not given before all the expense had been gone to?" the Canon was respectfully asked, to which he replied: "We feel most strongly that Mr. Pearson, as our architect, should have told us before Mr. Gates and the committee had gone to the outlay they have." The bells will be chimed as usual.

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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 1.45 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. The following towers will be open to members during the day: St. Mary's, Chelmsford (ten bells); Widford, eight bells (1½ miles distant); Writtle, eight bells (two miles); Galleywood, eight bells (three miles); Springfield, six bells (1¼ miles). By a resolution of the Association, passed on October 8th, 1887, 20 peals 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.

The following notices of motion are placed upon the paper:—
The HON. SECRETARY will move:—

- (1). In Rule XIII., for the words "The expense of such entry shall be borne by the Association" to substitute the words "A proportion (not less than two-thirds) of the expense of such entry shall be borne by the band ringing the peal; and no peal shall be entered until this has been paid to the Secretary."
- (2). That a "Peal Committee;" be appointed for each year at the Annual Meeting. The duties of such Committee shall be to satisfy themselves, before sanctioning the entry of any peal in the peal book—(1) that the peal is genuine; (2) that all the ringers are members of the Association whose subscriptions for the current year have been paid; and (3) to report to the Association the reasons which in their judgment render any peal inadmissible. The Committee to consist of the Secretary and (six) other members, at least one of whom shall be chosen as a representative of non-resident Members.

Mr. A. J. PERKINS will move—

That the peal of Bob Triples rung at Southgate on March 4th, 1889, upon seven bells (omitting the 2nd), be not entered in the peal-book of this Association.

Mr. H. RANDALL will move—

That in Rule VI., the last clause should read as follows:

"Probationers and Non-resident Members shall have no power to vote, or take part in the Business Meetings of the Association."

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

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting will be held at Hitchin, on Saturday, June 22nd, when, by kind permission, the tower of St. Mary's church will be open for ringing from two p.m. At five o'clock there will be tea provided at the coffee tavern (charge to members sixpence each), followed by the business meeting. The usual arrangements will be made for the issue of cheap tickets to members travelling by the Great Northern Railway. The secretary will be glad to receive on or before Wednesday, June 19th, the names of those who intend to be present at the tea, and to know the stations from which they propose to travel. Members are reminded that the subscriptions for the current year are now due.

St. Albans, June 5th, 1889.

E. B. DEBENHAM, 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 Houghenden, at 2.30 p.m. Business (if any), at High Wycombe at 4.30 p.m.

R. P. NEWHOUSE, Branch Sec.

THE PROPOSED LONG PEAL.—The attempt for the long peal of Grandsire Caters announced last week is put off until further notice.

News from Abroad.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

We have received the following from a correspondent at Melbourne, Australia:—

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—I beg to send you a short account of the doings of the Victorian society of bell-ringers for this last week or two here, in these parts of Her Majesty's dominions.

On Tuesday, April 9th, the venerable Dean of Melbourne, the Rev. H. B. Macartney (who can still preach a good sermon), completed his ninetyeth year. A special service was held in the church of St James, where our bells are hung; so we could do no other than give him a welcome on the occasion. Some said why not go for the peal (as the hot weather was about over), but being in Lent we said we would not go for the full peal, but wait a week or two, and so it was agreed to ring the first half of Holt's ten-part, which I am happy to say we accomplished without the slightest hitch or blunder in 89 mins. C. Crang, 1; W. Shenton, 2; J. Murray, 3; J. Clark, 4; J. Guest (conductor), 5; J. B. Hall, 6; H. Adams, 7; W. Pearson, 8.

On Easter Sunday morning we were ringing a touch before service, when the clapper of the third bell fell out, having broke right out from the crown of the bell, an awkward job to get right again; however we hope to have it repaired soon.

Easter Monday was devoted to a trip to Ballarat, the chief gold field township in the colony, one hundred miles from Melbourne by rail, where there is a splendid peal of eight in the Town Hall tower; so fifteen of us left Melbourne by train at half-past six in the morning, under the captaincy of Mr. J. Guest, and arrived at Ballarat about ten, where we were warmly welcomed by the Ballarat ringers under the command of Captain Kilburn, the Mayor of the city (Mr. J. G. McDonald), and other prominent citizens. After a short touch upon the bells, conducted by Mr. Clark, an adjournment was made to the Mayor's room, where the usual toasts were proposed and responded to. Then we rang two more touches of 350 and 504, conducted by Mr. Murray (Colonial), and Mr. Albinson, respectively. As many had expressed a wish to see a little of the town, the gold mines, lake, botanic gardens, etc., we obtained leave of absence from our captain until three o'clock, with orders to man the ropes at that hour. Accordingly at three o'clock found the following band (as below) at their post, when we rang our longest touch for the day—the first four parts of Holt's ten-part peal; then letting the bells run out, in all 2072 changes, in 1 hr. 17 mins., and letting the bells down afterwards, as dinner was announced for half-past four. The band in this last touch were—S. Wilkinson (Midland Counties), 1; W. Shenton (Hillingdon, Middlesex), 2; J. Heather (Colonial), 3; W. Albinson, sen. (Stockport), 4; J. Guest (conductor, Stafford), 5; J. Murray (Colonial), 6; H. Adams (Worcestershire), 7; W. Pearson (Colonial), 8. The following also took part in the shorter touches: J. Clark (Nottingham), T. B. Hall (London), A. Barnes (Hertfordshire), R. Hine, J. Durrant, W. Woolard, and J. Jones. The ringing altogether was of a very high order, and was much commented on by the townspeople in the streets below.

About thirty sat down to dinner in a large room adjoining the tower, Captain Kilburn occupying the chair, and Captain Guest the vice-chair. After doing justice to the good things provided, Captain Kilburn proposed the health of the visiting band, and complimented them on the splendid manner in which they had handled the bells that day, and regretted that he had not the men in his town to do likewise.

Mr. GUEST responded for the visitors, and spoke in high terms

of the hospitality of the Ballarat people to all visitors, no matter who. He also complimented them on being the happy possessors of the best peal of bells in the colony of Victoria as yet.

After a song or two, and a course of Caters on the handbells, we had to make tracks for the train for our 100 miles' ride home, where I am glad to say we all arrived just about midnight, being pretty well tired out, but well pleased with our Easter outing.

Such, Mr. Editor, is a brief account of our trip, and I am sorry to say our esteemed secretary, Mr. Beechey, is ill, and did not accompany us, and it has devolved upon me to write this rather imperfect account.

With kind regards to all brother-strings at home,

I remain, Yours &c.,

WM. SHENTON.

NOLA IN CAMPANIA, ITALY.

We have great pleasure in giving the "foreign" intelligence below. Though not placing this contribution among the peals, we have no doubt our dear and valued friend will be satisfied.

"NOLA IN CAMPANIA, ITALY, June 2nd, 1889. Mr. Editor,—Sir,—I am aware that it is not your custom to insert in your 'page of honour' anything less than a 5000, but under the exceptional circumstances of locality in which the performance took place, of which I enclose the details, I venture to ask your indulgence for this occasion, although unable to give you weight of tenor (of which however I will give you some notes in a future letter) or number of changes; I can only give an approximation of the time, about ten minutes.

"CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAULINUS, NOLA IN CAMPANIA.

On Sunday, June 2, 1889,

AT NOON, FOR DIVINE SERVICE,

A PEAL ON THE FOUR BELLS.

GIOVANNI CANFORA (steeple-keeper)	1-2.
DOMENICO GIUFRE	3.
*GEORGE P. CROSSMAN	4."

*College Youth.

In another note our correspondent grows somewhat facetious:

"NOLA IN CAMPANIA.—I send you note of a peal which I hope you will think worthy of your large type and middle page, although only a touch of tongue-clashing bells not even swung. I took a journey of about twenty miles from Naples on purpose to get some information on which to base an article, which I will write as soon as I have time, and as a curiosity I send you the letter from here. I think even the envelope with its post-mark worthy of ornamenting the editorial sanctum, say in a cheap frame, for from Nola to "THE BELL NEWS" is one direct line of many centuries."

The energy of our friend is proverbial, and our readers must not be surprised to hear of him establishing a Guild or Association of ringers somewhere about the neighbourhood of Vesuvius. We have heard of him, with two other friends, ringing a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles while navigating the sea of Azov. If he can but establish himself in that region, and become our regular correspondent, perhaps it may be the means of bringing both Russians and Turks into the Exercise, thus leading to a complete solution of the much vexed Eastern question.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at St. Andrew's, Leyland, on Whit-Saturday, June 15th. The tower will be open for ringing from one o'clock. Business Meeting will be held in the Grammar School at five o'clock. At six o'clock there will be a tea provided at the "Roebuck" hotel. All members are requested to attend.

57 Chorley Road, Blackrod.

JAMES HIGSON, Sec.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL.

We announced the decease, last week, of Mr. William Sottanstill, a gentleman connected with Sowerby since the beginning of the present century. He was born on July 9th, 1800, and had therefore nearly attained his 89th year. Sowerby was his native place, and in fact he never lived out of the village. He had a strong recollection of events which happened in the early part of his career, and prior to his death he was the only person in the village who could remember the time when the Rev. J. Ogden was vicar of Sowerby. He could also recall the time before the establishment of a Sunday school at Sowerby, when children received their instruction on Sundays at the homes of certain people before they marched to the church to be present at the services. In his youth he was connected with a Bible Society, formed for the purpose of enabling the members to obtain Bibles of their own on payment of one penny per week. Throughout his life he was connected with St. Peter's Church. When a Sunday school was established at Sowerby, in 1806, he was the first scholar enrolled, and since then he had been honourably connected with it as scholar and teacher. He was a member of the choir for a long period, and also a ringer. In fact, in his day he was one of the best known ringers in the county. Besides being a ringer he was also a composer, and there are now three volumes associated with his name. The last composition which he produced was rung on the anniversary of his 88th birthday by the Liversedge company. For over fifty years he was the parish clerk of Sowerby, and in that office he showed tact and ability in the discharge of his duties. Possessing a retentive memory, he was able to speak with clearness of events which happened long ago, and which other persons of advancing years could only dimly recollect themselves. Mr. Sottanstill had been married four times, and the widow he has left is about ten years his junior. The old man's health began to fail a few months ago, but he was confined to his bed only three days. As has already been related, he passed peacefully away on the Sunday, just as the bells of St. Peter's Church finished ringing for evening service. The funeral, which took place on Wednesday afternoon week, in St. Peter's burial ground, was largely attended, many of the villagers being present to show their respect. Before the funeral a muffled peal was rung by the Sowerby ringers, and afterwards by the Liversedge ringers. The was a choral service in the church, the officiating clergymen being the Rev. A. L. W. Bean, vicar of St. Peter's, and his son, the Rev. A. H. S. Bean, of Maltby, formerly curate of Sowerby. Mr. J. Naylor and Mr. B. Horsfall, churchwardens, and other officials of the church, and a number of the deceased gentleman's friends were present. The coffin was borne to the grave by seven of Mr. Sottanstill's grandchildren, the service being performed by the two clergymen above named.

Mr. Sottanstill received one of the first Bibles that were sent to Sowerby by the Bible Society. In 1812 an account was taken of the families in Sowerby who possessed Bibles and those who did not, when it was found that it was so scarce that a club was formed for purchasing copies. Some time elapsed before the Bibles were obtained, for Mr. Sottanstill's is dated March 5th, 1815. A couple of verses are appended from a poem by Mr. Sottanstill on the bells at Sowerby:—

Sweet Sowerby bells my cares control
In these sequestered hours,
And in mine ear, and on my soul,
A flood of music pours.
So let my few remaining sands
In tranquil quiet run,
Enough, if innocent these hands,
What else I miss or shun.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above branch was held at the church of St. Thomas', Newhey, on Saturday, June 1st. Members attended from Newhey, Moorside, Shaw, Oldham, Rochdale, Heywood, Milnrow, Ramsbottom, and Bacup. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by mixed bands, and also a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, being the first attempt of some of those who took part in it. The next meeting is to be held at Heywood. The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

A FIVE-PART PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

No. 3. 5040.									
2	3	1	4	5	6	3-4	5-6	7-8	12-13
5	3	6	4	2	1			--	--
2	4	6	3	5	1			--	--
5	4	1	3	2	6			--	--
6	3	1	5	4	2			--	--
4	3	2	5	6	1			--	--
6	5	2	3	4	1			--	--
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3	1	5	4	2	6	82			
(5	1	2	4	6	3)	--	--	--	514
3	4	2	5	1	6	--	--	--	--

The whole twice repeated.

Composed May 18th, 1889, and first rung at Birmingham by the St. Martin's Guild, June 1st, 1889, conducted by Mr. Henry Bastable.

The course containing the single at 2 consists of only two sixes. The S at 14 causes the bells to drop into the 3rd 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 five-part peal ever composed in the method having the 7th undisturbed by bobs. It may of course be rung as a ten-part peal with only two singles; but, as the singles do not occur at the beginning or end of a part, it is hardly suited for this treatment.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

In 1887 the new church of St. Thomas the Martyr, Brentwood, was completed in so far as the building is concerned, by the addition of a tower and spire. At the same time the church was supplied with a very musical ring of eight bells from the foundry of Mears and Stainbank. The bells were formally opened for ringing on Oct. 3rd, 1888, by the members of the Essex Association, and a society of Brentwood ringers was formed. As the old church possessed but two bells, the local band was formed chiefly of new hands. These however have made considerable progress of late under the tuition of Mr. A. J. Perkins, of Romford, and on Thursday, May 23rd, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the tower bells, first by J. Burgess, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; H. J. Nixon, 3; T. Fudge, 4; W. J. Pegram, 5; D. Crow, 6. The second by J. Burgess, 1; Rev. H. B. Woolley, 2; H. J. Nixon, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; W. J. Pegram, 5; J. Herbert, 6. Tenor 19½ cwt. Also on handbells a plain course of Grandsire Triples and several 6-scores of Doubles in which Messrs. J. Baker, C. Baker, and A. Searle took part. All these touches were conducted by Mr. Perkins, and there seems to be every probability that under his guidance the Brentwood ringers will soon be able to do full justice to their fine bells. It should be stated that Messrs. Nixon and Pegram have already shown themselves capable of ringing the treble in touches of Grandsire Triples.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR BIRMINGHAM, ASTON, AND THE SURROUNDING DISTRICT.

The usual weekly practices at the tower of Aston parish church will be resumed on Thursday, June 13th.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

THE RINGERS' HATTER.—For Hats of every description, send to JAMES WILDE, Great Norbury Street, Hyde, near Manchester. See large advt.

Reviews.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT.—This is a great improvement on past reports issued by this Association. Till last year the annual statement of the Committee was merely in the form of an ordinary business circular, so that it is pleasing to note the change into pamphlet shape. It is a fairly well got-up book, printed upon a kind of buff-colored paper, which however does not appear to be so good for the purpose as white. The contents include—a short office for belfry use, which it is hoped is well observed; a list of past meetings with dates, thus affording facilities for easy reference; officers for 1888 and 1889; rules of the Association; suggested rules for belfry management, many of them commendable; the list of members of the Association, honorary and otherwise, with a tabular statement of those among them who have rung peals; an analysis of the various peals rung by the Association since its formation; the Committee's Report for the past year; the balance-sheet, a very important and satisfactory document; and lastly a complete and detailed list of peals rung by members of the Association during the past year. The members certainly cannot complain that every available item of interest to them, and every detail of importance to the Association is not made use of in the compilation of this Report. In fact it may be regarded as an admirable *vade mecum* for those in union with the Association. It would be entrenching too much on the space granted to the writer of this review to deal at length with the foregoing details of which this annual report is composed, though the greater part of them merit some sort of notice. The "short office for belfry use" is very good, and peculiarly appropriate when those using it do so with the spirit and understanding. In other case it tends to confusion. It is of course never to be lost sight of that the belfry is part of the Church, and the work its occupants are engaged in is an important branch of Church work. But is this sufficiently realised? If so, then the use of this office is right and proper. To ask in deep sincerity that what is about to be effected with the bells may be accompanied by the "most gracious favour" of God, is an act worthy of the devout Christian, a pious forethought that must eventually be followed by a blessing. But if the words are only to be a lip-service, or what is worse, their use become material for irreverence, they had better be left unsaid. It may be that these remarks concerning this "short office" may be thought out of place in a critique of the Report. But the inference to be drawn is that though the usage of this office may be strongly recommended, there sometimes may be occasions when in the judgment of the person in authority in the ringing chamber it may be wise to dispense with it. The "Rules for Belfry Management" are borrowed from the Oxford Guild. Would it not have been better had our Gloucester brethren been original in this particular? It is not always well to blindly follow one's neighbour, even if he is strong and influential. And however extensive the satisfaction of the Oxford Guild may be in the possession of such a formula, it must be conceded that improvements could with safety be effected therein. The lists of members, both those who have rung peals and those who have not, are admirably set forth. The county has been divided into Deaneries—an admirable arrangement in more ways than one—and the members are located under the names of their respective deaneries. The balance-sheet presents a satisfactory financial condition; after an expenditure of more than £40 there is a balance of £26 12s. 4d. Out of this the entries in the peal-book absorb £7 10s. 0d. Twenty-five peals have been rung during the year, but very few of these possess any extraordinary merit, being chiefly peals of Grandsire or Plain Bob. The honour and renown of Gloucestershire has however been maintained by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies calling peals of Stedman Triples at Gloucester and Prestbury; a peal in the same method at Tewkesbury, conducted by Mr. Josiah Wathen; and greater than all, 13,054 of Stedman Caters at Cheltenham, called by Mr. W. T. Pates. This last peal is now a matter of history; and one that cannot be referred to without expressions of admiration at the quiet intrepidity of its conductor, who has since "beat the record" in another method. The report of the Committee is a very modest and unpretending portion of the book under treatment. There is the gratifying circumstance announced that the Association has made progress financially, scientifically, and numerically. Three hundred and eighty-eight persons comprise the Association, the majority of whom are performing members. There is a vitality in this Association which is daily becoming stronger, and it cannot be doubted that in the course of a year or two the "Gloucester and Bristol" will be second to none among our ringing Associations.

THE REPORT OF THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—This is a modest production, but a most hopeful one. It only consists of eight pages, though they are a little too large to be handy, while the balance-sheet seems to be printed the wrong way about. These however are matters of mere detail. There are lists of officers and

members, rules, report, and balance-sheet. The report of the energetic secretary, Mr. E. P. Debenham, is frank and ingenuous. Since his election to office twenty-eight peals have been rung by the Association, eighteen on church bells, and ten on handbells, all the last-named being rung at St. Albans. He recognises what some secretaries do not, and that is the value and appropriateness of extending the influence of the Association into all parts of the County, and his words to this effect may be quoted: "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." There is no elaborate record of peals rung, as is usual in annual reports, though every performance is mentioned in the Secretary's remarks. Perhaps there are good reasons for this. Before we take leave of this report may we ask—could not a construction favourable to ringing peals on seven bells only be placed upon Rule ix.?

Obituary.

WILLIAM BROOKS.

We regret to announce the death of the above Liverpool ringer, which took place on Tuesday, May 28th, at the Royal Infirmary, in that city. Deceased, who was in his fifty-eighth year, had been ill for several months from a complication of diseases. Although only a tenor ringer, he was much esteemed by his brother-ringers, and altogether he took part in about thirty peals, made up as follows: Grandsire Triples, 10; Grandsire Caters, 12; Stedman Triples, 4; Stedman Caters, 3; Treble Bob Caters, 1. He was interred at Anfield Cemetery on Thursday, May 30th. On Monday evening, June 3rd, several touches of Grandsire Caters were rung on the bells of the cathedral church of St. Peter (where the deceased was a ringer) with the bells half-muffled, the following ringers taking part: Messrs. Richard Williams, Henry Meadows, Robert Williams, Chas. Williams, E. Booth, J. Moore, J. Brown, T. Hammond, and W. Booth of St. Peter's Society; W. Woodhead, J. Egerton, J. Welch and W. Davies of St. Nicholas; and J. R. Pritchard and W. G. Mann of St. Luke's Society.

ARTHUR EVAN GREENWOOD.

We regret to announce the death, on May 29th, of Mr. Arthur Evan Greenwood, of the Lichfield Cathedral company. The deceased, who was only 37 years of age, died from consumption, and leaves a widow and two children. His demise is sincerely regretted by a large number of friends, and is keenly felt by his brother-ringers. He had attained a high reputation as a bellringer, and his services were frequently called into requisition in the locality. He superintended the rehanging of the bells at Lichfield Cathedral, St. Michael's, St. Chad's, Longdon, and Farewell parish churches. Mr. Greenwood was a very good change-ringer, having taken part in seven peals of Grandsire Triples, and was well up in several other methods, being practically acquainted with Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman. He was also an artist of no mean order, and had executed some very good paintings of Lichfield Cathedral, St. Chad's church, and other picturesque scenes around the city; and he could also from memory draw an outline of every cathedral in England. The interment took place at the Cathedral on Saturday, June 1st. The Right Rev. Bishop Abraham, assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Scott, kindly took the funeral service, six of his brother-ringers carrying him to his last resting place. Muffled peals were rung at the Cathedral and the three other parish churches on the evenings of Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and an attempt to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, was made at the Cathedral, on Monday, June 3rd, but owing to a shift-course had to be called home half-way. E. Gallimore, 1; F. Sedgwick, 2; H. Meacham, 3; J. Key, 4; A. Whitby, 5; W. Fearneyhough, 6; F. J. Cope (conductor), 7; J. H. Gallimore, 8.

RINGING CHURCH BELLS FOR SUCCESSFUL RACE-HORSES.—From the accounts of St. Edmund's Church, Salisbury, is this item:—"1646 Ringing the race-day, that the Earle of Pembroke his horse winne the Cuppe Vs." Ringing church bells when horses won races was not confined to Salisbury. In the olden days the practice was common in many parts of the country.

JASPER W. SNOWDON'S WORKS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD'S WORK.

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

All Subscriptions and Orders for papers must be sent direct to the Publisher E. W. ALLEN, Ave Maria Lane, London.

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.

J.E.W.—Your request shall be granted if convenient. All such matters are under the Editor's control.

W. HENSHALL.—Your communication is an advertisement. Write to the office for terms.

ALBERT E. PARSONS (and others).—We are grateful for your kind communications, and hope to hear from you again. Any efforts made to extend our circulation is appreciated.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1889.

A business paper which has been circulated by the Honorary Secretary of the Essex Association (Rev. T. L. PAPILLON) to the members is significant. The motions which will be brought forward by the reverend gentleman himself at the annual meeting at Chelmsford, on Monday next, points to the supposition that very good grounds exist for a departure from the existing state of affairs relative to the booking of peals. Hitherto it would seem that performances have been inserted in the peal-book

free to those achieving them; an attempt however is to be made to improve such arrangement by requiring that each band ringing a peal shall pay not less than two-thirds of the cost of booking it. A very reasonable demand, as we take it. There is also to be a proposal from the same gentleman that a peal Committee be appointed who really are to act as censors of all performances, and give a certificate of their worth before they can be recorded. This is certainly a "new departure," but one in the right direction nevertheless. There may not be, and very likely is not a worthless performance recorded in the peal-book of this Association, but this measure if carried into effect will greatly minimise the chances of such accident happening. We suppose that the members of this Committee will have to be made aware of all attempts for peals in any part of the county.

Another resolution is that a peal of Triples rung some time ago upon seven bells when eight bells were available in the tower shall not be recorded at all in the peal-book. We have no desire to allude to a former occurrence of this sort, only to point out that the one in question is similar in many respects. The resolution will no doubt be dealt with in a much calmer atmosphere than before, and without any outrage to the susceptibilities of those concerned. It is not advisable to offer a premium for peals of this description; rather let us discourage their execution than otherwise. No doubt there are those who will feel when this motion is made that as the peal was rung—certainly under circumstances of some difficulty—it will be hard upon the performers if it is not recorded. The meeting may however meet the views of the proposer of the resolution in amending his proposition to the effect that in future no seven-bell peal shall be recognised by the Association. While satisfying the ringers of this particular peal by giving permission for its entry, and thus obviating any unpleasantness that may accrue from its total rejection, an embargo upon future performances of the kind will be absolutely placed.

The Provinces.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes, AT THE "HALBERD INN," NORTHGATE STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

WILLIAM MOTTS 1-2.	JAS. MOTTS 5-6.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 3-4.	WM. L. CATCHPOLE .. 7-8.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 9-10.	

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

Umpire—Mr. S. Tillett. The above was rung to commemorate the birthday of I. S. Alexander.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, May 31, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. C. TRUSS, JUN. Treble.	FRED BIGGS 5.
J. W. WASHBROOK 2.	RALPH BIGGS 6.
J. EVANS 3.	HARRY STRATFORD 7.
S. GOODCHILD 4.	JOSEPH EVANS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, and first peal by tenor man Mr. Washbrook hails from Oxford; J. C. Truss, jun., from Marlow; the rest are local men.

CHARLTON KINGS, NEAR CHELTENHAM.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIOR SOCIETY, GLOUCESTER.)
On Saturday, June 1, 1889, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
SEVEN 720's OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

E. B. JAMES Treble.	R. J. WILKINS 4.
F. E. HART 2.	H. MITCHELL 5.
S. E. ROMANS 3.	W. J. SEVIER Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. SEVIER.

This is the first 5040 of Minor on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt, also the first peal of Minor on the weight of metal. Great credit is due to the firm of Barwell, Birmingham, for the excellent way they are hung. The Juniors were congratulated for the excellent striking throughout by the local band of this parish, Charlton Kings. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar through the medium of this paper for the use of the bells, also Mr. Midwinter the steeple-keeper for getting everything ready.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE
THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES WRIGLEY Treble.	*ARTHUR W. HOLDEN 5.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE 2.	EDGAR BUCKLEY 6.
JOHN HOLDEN 3.	JAMES H. SHAW 7.
HERBERT MAYALL 4.	EDWARD WOOD Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by JOHN HOLDEN.

*First peal at first attempt. Messrs. Holden (father and son) and Mayall hail from Mossley; the rest belong to the local company.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF BISHOP RYDER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A FIVE-PART COMPOSITION. Tenor 12 cwt in G.

BERNARD WITCHELL Treble.	WILLIAM E. SMITH 5.
WILLIAM MUNDY 2.	HENRY BASTABLE 6.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 3.	WILLIAM KENT 7.
JOHN W. CARTWRIGHT 4.	JOSEPH JOHNSON Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD and Conducted by
HENRY BASTABLE.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, is the first five-part composition ever achieved in the method having the 7th undisturbed by bobs. The calling will be found on another page.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1889, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F♯.

J. R. WOOD Treble.	G. C. TUNNICLIFF 5.
H. HOLLINGWORTH 2.	JOHN VICKERS 6.
J. W. WARREN 3.	†THOS. HOLLINGWORTH 7.
H. C. WOODWARD 4.	*M. E. FRYER Tenor.

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES and Conducted by
HY. HOLLINGWORTH.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. This peal was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Geo. A. Fish, a member of the above society, with Miss E. Parnill, of Ruddington, Notts.

A CORRECTION.—Mr. Dwight writes to say that in the six hours' attempt which was lost through introducing the lights into the tower, he rang the eighth, not the tenor on that occasion.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE BRIGHTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven and ½ Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY N. MILES Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT 5.
ARTHUR A. FULLER* 2.	JOHN JAY 6.
WILLIAM ALFREY 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
JAMES SEARLE 4.	†JAMES BATTS Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR A. FULLER.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal of Triples.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 3, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

WILLIAM ADKINS Treble.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	FREDERICK FIELD 6.
CHARLES TRINDER 3.	THOMAS SHORT 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place. G. Williams belongs to Midhurst, and it is his first attempt at Superlative.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 3, 1889, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MICHAEL,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE ORIGINAL BOB-AND-SINGLE.

WALTER CROSS 1-2.	ALFRED CROSS 5-6.
JAMES MOULTON 3-4.	WILLIAM POVEY 7-8.

Conducted by JAMES MOULTON.

Umpire—Mr. H. Gibson.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.)

On Tuesday, June 4, 1889, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

G. STADON Treble.	G. DALTRY 5.
E. DUCKHAM 2.	W. PARSONS 6.
G. COLSTON 3.	J. HINTON 7.
F. ELLIS 4.	F. PRICE Tenor.

Conducted by J. HINTON.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells, which have been rehung in new iron frame, &c., by Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough; and is believed to be the first peal ever rang in South Wales.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—On Thursday, May 23rd, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. Smith, 1; Charles Herbert, 2; Cyril Herbert (first attempt), 3; W. Mynard, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. Also at the same time and place a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. E. Norman, 1; Charles Herbert, 2; Cyril Herbert (first attempt), 3; W. Mynard, 4; W. Chibnall, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, May 29th, being the sixth anniversary of the opening of the new peal, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). Sir R. Wells, 1; W. Smith, 2; E. Norman, 3; W. Mynard, 4; M. Lane (conductor), 5; W. Costin, 6.

WOBBURN (Beds).—On Saturday, June 1st, for special practice at the parish church, 800 Bob Major in 29 mins. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman,

2; Cyril Herbert, 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; W. Mynard, 5; M. Lane, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall (conductor), 8. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major. *W. Smith, 1; *E. Norman, 2; *Cyril Herbert, 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; W. Mynard, 5; W. Chibnall, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; M. Lane, 8. *First course in the method on the tower bells.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Thursday, May 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins. T. Elliss, 1; *W. H. George (conductor), 2; W. Court, 3; C. Tribe, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. *First 720 as conductor. And on Sunday evening, May 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins., standing as above.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, May 28th, after Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Brooker, 1; H. Blissett, 2; S. Paice, 3; C. Chapman, 4; F. Hopgood (conductor), 5; J. Swain, 6; R. Swain, 7; G. Whatmore, 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, May 28th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, being six 6-scores, each called differently. H. Druce, 1; W. Fisher, 2; J. Fisher, 3; J. H. Fisher, 4; H. Fisher, 5-6. First 720 by all, and first attempt. And on Monday evening, June 3rd, 360 Grandsire Doubles, being three 6-scores, each called differently. H. Druce, 1; H. Room, 2; H. Fisher, 3; J. H. Fisher, 4; J. Monk (conductor), 5; J. Fisher, 6. H. Room and J. Monk hail from Witney.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BEESTON.—On Saturday, May 25th, at St. John's church, a mixed band of the above association attempted Taylor's bob and single peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2 hrs., and 25 mins., came to grief through a change-course which brought the bells round. S. Burton, 1; A. Lambert, 2; G. Oldham, 3; W. Clifford, 4; J. Woolley, 5; W. Fox (conductor), 6; J. Hickman, 7; J. Paling, 8.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, May 26th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. R. Wood, 1; G. A. Fish, 2; F. W. Cook, 3; H. Hollingworth, 4; G. C. Tunnickliff, 5; *J. Vickers (conductor), 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; M. E. Fryer, 8. *First time as conductor. Also on Tuesday, May 28th, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. *M. E. Eryer, 1; H. Hollingworth, 2; J. R. Wood, 3; J. W. Warren, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnickliff (conductor), 6. *First 720. The above was rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. G. A. Fish, a member of the St. Michael's society, which took place that day at Ruddington, Notts.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CHEAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 21st, the Epsom branch of the above Association paid a visit to this place and rang some Grandsire Doubles, 120 Stedman Doubles, and 720 Grandsire Minor at the parish church. A. E. Bassett, 1; W. Sanders, 2; H. Pederick, 3; J. Easton, 4; J. Hawkins, 5; T. Miles (conductor), 6.

BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 2nd, for monthly practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. *J. Bashford, jun., 1; *T. Boniface, 2; *F. Smith, 3; *W. Mayne, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Burkin, 6; *N. Hawkins (conductor), 7; J. Bashford, sen., 8. Also some short touches of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, in which Messrs. A. S. Wightman and T. Verrall took part. *Longest touch of Stedman Triples.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, May 21st, the ringers of St. Paul's church met for practice and rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins., it being the first 720 in the method by local ringers alone. Jos. Potter, 1; J. Worthington (first 720), 2; J. Potter (first 720 as conductor), 3; J. Williamson (first 720), 4; J. Brookes, 5; A. Potter, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITLEY (Surrey).—On Wednesday, May 29th, eight members of the above Guild visited this place, to try for a peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells of the parish church, which have lately been increased to eight, but when upwards of 2600 changes had been rung, the tenor proved to be unpealable. E. Heathorn, 1; T. H. Colburn, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; H. Garfath, 5; F. W. J. Rees, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; A. White, 8. Tenor about 14 cwt.

GODALMING (Surrey).—On Friday, May 31st, at the parish church, eight members of the above Guild attempted to ring Holt's Original, but when five leads from home one of the men became exhausted, and so the peal was lost. The 4970 changes were rung in 3 hrs. G.

Williams (conductor), 1; F. W. J. Rees, 2; T. H. Colburn, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; F. Bennett, 5; G. Manfield, 6; W. Grove, 7; —. Turner, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, May 26th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, 720 Oxford Bob in 24 mins. C. Eagles, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; R. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, May 26th, after Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Akehurst, 1; R. Jordan, 2; C. Weeden, 3; E. Jordan, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford. M. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; C. Weeden, 3; E. Jordan, 4; D. Jordan, 5; J. Akehurst, 6. Also on Friday, May 31st, 720 College Pleasure. J. Akehurst, 1; R. Jordan, 2; *F. Rice, 3; *F. Wickens, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 120 in the same method, with A. Elliss, 3. Messrs. Wickens and Elliss hail from Charlwood; Rice from Worth. *First 720 in the method.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Sunday evening, May 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. E. Jacobs (first 720), 1; H. Griffin, 2; F. Hewlett, 3; J. Osman (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; R. Linter, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. Tenor 8½ cwt. F. Hewlett hails from Twyford.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, June 2nd, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary, Stoke Newington, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. T. Ringrose, 1; H. Scarlett, 2; J. Hannington, 3; T. Titchener, 4; J. Barber, 5; J. Smith, 6. And after service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. H. Scarlett (conductor), 1; J. Edridge, 2; J. Hannington, 3; T. Titchener, 4; J. Barber, 5; J. Smith, 6. J. Edridge hails from Aylsham, Norfolk; Hannington, Titchener, and Barber, from Hornsey; Smith from Hackney; Scarlett and Ringrose belong to the local company. This is believed to be the first in the methods on the bells.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT.—On Saturday, May 25th, at the parish church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 30 mins. H. Bough, 1; W. Rea, 2; H. Martin, 3; W. James, 4; W. Hemming, 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Broad, 7; W. Horne, 8. The above was rung in honour of the fiftieth birthday of Mr. H. Bough, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. It was intended to attempt the whole peal, but owing to the ringers of the 6th and 7th being detained till a late hour in repairing the damage done to the glass houses and windows of the neighbourhood by a most destructive hail-storm the previous day, the first half was only accomplished. Messrs. Rea and James hail from Bromsgrove; Martin from Belbroughton; the rest belong to the local company.

OLDSWINFORD (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 2nd, after evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25½ mins. F. Molineux, 1; A. Orford, 2; T. Lees (conductor), 3; C. Barratt, 4; W. F. Hartshorne, 5; H. Hartshorne, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Molineux, 1; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 2; T. Lees, 3; H. Harris, 4; A. Orford, 5; J. Smith, 6.

THE NORTH MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, June 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. C. Tucker, 1; C. Martin, 2; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 3; J. Barrett, 4; J. Edmonds, 5; F. Kirby, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. H. Martin, 1; F. Spark, 2; C. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; T. Card, 5; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. C. Tucker, 1; T. Card, 2; C. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 5; J. Edmonds, 6. Also for Divine Service in the evening, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. C. Tucker, 1; F. Pratt (conductor), 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; J. Barrett, 4; J. Edmonds, 5; F. Kirby, 6. And after service 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 27 mins. H. Martin, 1; F. Spark, 2; C. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; T. Card (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Sunday morning, June 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 448 Grandsire Triples. T. Webb (conductor), 1; E. Bray, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Craft, 4; G. T. Spicer, 5; A. Thurgood, 6; R. Jackson, 7; W. Bidnell, sen., 8. Also 336 in the same method, with J. Cawdell (conductor); Rt. Jackson, 5; Rd. Jackson, 6; G. T. Spicer, 7; the rest as before.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER.—On Tuesday, May 28th, for practice at St. Margaret's

church, 720 Plain Bob in 25 mins. W. Oxford (first 720), 1; J. P. Kidd, 2; G. Chantler, 3; J. Rayner, 4; A. Osborne, 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6. And on Sunday evening, June 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins. E. Rayner, 1; J. Rayner, 2; A. Osborne, 3; O. Sullivan, 4; G. Chantler, 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday evening, April 23rd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 27 mins. H. Barnes, 1; W. Peglar, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; J. Yeates, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Forward Minor. J. Yeates, 1; W. Peglar, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; H. Barnes, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. A. A. Waite (conductor), 1; W. Peglar, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; J. Yeates, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; H. Barnes, 6. Also 120 of St. Dunstan's Doubles. J. Yeates, 1; D. J. Aston, 2; W. Peglar, 3; H. Barnes, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; G. Tidman, 6. And on Tuesday, April 30th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 26½ mins. H. Barnes, 1; T. Beacall, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, May 7th, 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. A. A. Waite, 1; E. B. James (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; D. J. Aston, 3; H. Barnes, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; J. Yeates, 6. And 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (three bobs). H. Barnes, 1; E. B. James (first 360), 2; D. J. Aston, 3; J. Yeates, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; A. A. Waite, 6. Also on Sunday, May 19th, prior to evening service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 26½ mins. H. Barnes, 1; H. Gardener, 2; G. Miles, 3; J. Yeates, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; A. A. Waite, 6. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. J. Yeates (conductor), 1; A. A. Waite, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; H. Gardener, 4; G. Miles, 5; H. Barnes, 6. Also on Tuesday, May 21st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26½ mins. H. Barnes, 1; E. B. James (first 720 and first attempt in the method), 2; D. J. Aston, 3; J. Yeates, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; A. A. Waite, 6. And 120 of Canterbury Pleasure Doubles. H. Barnes, 1; J. Yeates, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; A. A. Waite, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; T. Tidman, 6. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles. H. Mitchell, 1; E. B. James (conductor), 2; F. Gillett, 3; J. Yeates, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; T. Tidman, 6. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. H. Mitchell, 1; E. B. James, 2; A. A. Waite (conductor), 3; J. Yeates, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; T. Tidman, 6. Also on Tuesday, May 28th, 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 26½ mins. J. W. Sevier, 1; A. A. Waite, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; W. Peglar, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; D. J. Aston, 6. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles. A. A. Waite (conductor), 1; J. W. Sevier, 2; E. B. James, 3; D. J. Aston, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; T. Tidman, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GUISELEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, June 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 832 Kent Treble Bob Major. O. Frankland, 1; F. W. Dixon, 2; J. Strodder, 3; T. Thompson, 4; H. Demaine, 5; J. Yeaton, 6; D. E. Rhodes, 7; J. Baldwin, 8. Also for evening service, 960 in the same method. O. Frankland, 1; J. Strodder, 2; J. Sunderland, 3; S. Brown, 4; H. Demaine, 5; J. Yeaton, 6; W. Kitson, 7; J. Baldwin, 8. Mr. Strodder hails from Ripon, and he is a respected friend of the local company. F. W. Dixon was made a member of the Yorkshire Association on Saturday last. Messrs. Sunderland, Thompson, and Kitson now have qualified themselves, and will become members shortly; they commenced to ring in September last.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, May 26th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 720 of Woodbine. W. Ormerod, 1; Z. Lord, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; A. Chew, 4; A. White, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday afternoon, June 2nd, at St. James's Waterfoot, for the anniversary sermons, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. Z. Lord, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; A. Chew, 4; A. White, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6.

BELGRAVE (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, June 1st, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2730 changes in 1 hr. 42 mins., the bells came round, the second and sixth having changed courses. J. Smith, 1; J. Jarvis, 2; G. Burrows (conductor), 3; J. Bennett, 4; W. Clayton, 5; J. Pole, 6; S. Pole, 7; W. Bennett, 8.

CHALFORD (Gloucestershire).—On Friday, May 24th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 50 mins. G. Pincott (conductor), 1; A. A. Cook, 2; G. Cook, 3; A. Chambers, 4; A. F. Cook, 5; J. Hawkes, 6.

CRADLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, May 28th, at the parish church, 252 Bob Triples. T. Edmonds, 1; H. Mason, 2; R. Beasley,

3; G. Raybould, 4; W. Woodall, 5; W. Short, 6; C. Daniel (conductor), 7; G. Dukes, 8. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. R. Beasley (first 120 in the method), 1; C. Daniel (first 120 in the method), 2; W. Short (first 120 in the method), 3; H. Mason, 4; A. H. Bassano, Esq., 5; G. Raybould, 6. And 224 Bob Major. G. Dukes, 1; C. Daniel, 2; R. Beasley, 3; H. Woodall, 4; G. Raybould, 5; W. Short, 6; H. Mason, 7; A. H. Bassano, Esq. (conductor), 8. Messrs. Mason, Raybould, and A. H. Bassano, Esq., hail from Old Hill; Short from Clent.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Friday, May 24th, Her Majesty's Birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. A. H. Cocks, Esq., 1; W. H. Theobald, 2; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 3; W. E. Yates, 4; Rev. E. J. Norris, 5; J. C. Truss, sen., 6; H. Collins, jun., 7; A. W. Truss, 8.

HORSLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, May 25th, the Chalford company, paid a visit to this place, and rang ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 55 mins. G. Pincott (conductor), 1; A. A. Cook, 2; G. Cook, 3; A. Chambers, 4; A. F. Cook, 5; J. Hawkes, 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

LIVERSEDGE (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, June 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a touch of Cumberland Exercise; and for Divine Service in the evening a touch of Violet Major. Both of the above touches were rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. William Sottanstell, of Sowerby, near Halifax, Yorkshire, who died on Sunday, May 26th, aged eighty-eight years; also for Mr. J. Whitley Yates, one of the Birstall company, and a member of the Yorkshire Association, who died on Tuesday, May 28th, aged fifty years. And on Monday, June 3rd, with the bells deeply muffled, 1008 of Violet Major. J. Wilson Lang, 1; J. Knott, 2; A. Briggs, 3; S. Goodall, 4; H. Brooke, 5; M. Ramsden, 6; L. Illingworth (conductor), 7; W. Collins, 8.

LEDGBURY (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, May 26th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Thomas, 1; C. Hall, 2; C. Layton, 3; J. Thomas, 4; A. Layton, 5; H. Jeans, 6; D. Greening (conductor), 7; C. Ellesmore, 8. Messrs. A. and C. Layton hail from Mathon, Worcestershire; D. Greening from Malvern; C. Ellesmore belongs to the local company; the rest are members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild and hail from Coddington.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday evening, June 1st, for Divine Service at St. Mark's church, 700 Grandsire Triples. A. Bindley, 1; J. Jarvis, 2; J. Bennett, 3; G. Burrows (conductor), 4; A. Wilson, 5; T. Bennett, 6; J. Cooper, 7; *F. Tustin, 8. *First touch.

MADRESFIELD (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 2nd, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 29 mins. E. Sprague, 1; J. Thomas, 2; C. Layton, 3; A. Layton, 4; D. Greening, 5; H. Jeans (conductor), 6.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 2nd, on the occasion of the choir sermons at St. Andrew's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, for morning service, in 26 mins. E. Hampton, 1; R. Round, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. E. Hampton, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, May 28th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. Tabbernor, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; *J. Ayre, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; *W. Twigg (conductor), 6. *Hails from Bucknall. Also on Sunday evening, June 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Tabbernor, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; G. Wood (first 720 with a bob bell), 5; J. Wood (conductor), 6.

RAWTENSTALL (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, May 28th, for practice at the parish church of St. Mary, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Harling, 1; J. Ramsbottom, 2; W. Haworth, 3; E. Whittaker, 4; E. Nuttall, 5; J. Smith, 6; J. Rollerson, 7; F. Nowell, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. in F. These bells were opened for ringing on December 20th, 1888.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, May 21st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Hall, 1; S. Wesley, 2; W. E. White, 3; J. Bonsall, 4; H. W. Wilde, 5; R. T. Parkins (conductor), 6. The above is the quickest 720 ever rung on the bells. And on Friday, May 24th, 449 Bob Minor (composed by C. E. Wilson, Walton, Lancashire). E. J. Norman, 1; S. Wesley, 2; J. Hall, 3; J. Bonsall, 4; R. T. Parkins, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. The above was an attempt for a date touch, but came to grief after ringing 920 changes. Also on Sunday, May 26th, before morning service, two 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure Doubles. W. J. Burton, 1; G. Carrington, 2; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 3; J. Hall, 4; R. T. Parkins, 5; M. Stevenson, 6. The above is the first attempt at this method by all. And before evening service, four 6-scores Canterbury Doubles, each called differently. W. J. Burton, 1; R. T. Parkins, 2; *H. W. Wilde (conductor), 3; *J. Bonsall, 4; J. Hall, 5; M. Steven-

son, 6. *First attempt in the method. On Tuesday, May 28th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 26 mins. (eighteen bobs and two singles). M. Stephenson (first attempt at Minor in any method), 1; W. E. White, 2; J. Hall 3; J. Bonsall, 4; R. T. Parkins, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all, also the first in the method on the bells. W. E. White hails from Cotgrave, Notts.; S. Wesley from Lenton, all the rest belong to Sandiacre.

SCOTHERNE (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, May 25th, the St. Peter-at-Gowts company, Lincoln, paid a visit to this place, and rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins., 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins., and 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, the go of the bells being all that could be desired. T. Lloyd, 1; T. Walker, 2; H. Hayes, 3; H. Palmer, 4; J. H. Lincoln, 5; W. Knowles (conductor), 6. These bells have recently been augmented and rehung by Messrs. Taylor, to whom great credit is due for the efficient manner in which the work is done. The company also wish to thank the vicar for his kind permission.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Friday, May 10th, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, to inspect the West Somerset Yeomanry Cavalry, several 168's of Grandsire Triples with 9-8-10 covering. W. Dart, 1; C. E. May, 2; G. E. Harbour, 3; T. W. Radford, 4; J. Burge, 5; J. Maddock, 6; T. Doble (conductor), 7; F. Sadd, 8; J. Summerhayes, 9; E. Wyatt, 10.

WEST MONKTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, May 4th, at the parish church, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Doble (conductor), 1; G. E. Harbour, 2; T. W. Radford, 3; C. E. May, 4; J. Burge, 5; J. Maddock, 6. Also two 6-scores in the same method. G. E. Harbour, 1; C. E. May, 2; J. Summerhayes, 3; T. W. Radford, 4; J. Maddock (conductor), 5; F. Sadd, 6. The above is the first 6-score in half-pull ringing on these bells, which are a nice peal, but not in good going order. Tenor 19 cwt.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—ROSS DISTRICT.

REPORT FOR MAY.

Llangarven.—On Friday and Saturday evenings, May 17th and 18th, the company of ringers at this church achieved their first 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles with the aid of the guild instructor. They have only been in union nine months. E. Morris (conductor and sexton), 1; H. Weale, 2; A. Weale, 3; G. Sykes, 4; J. Sykes, 5; C. Partridge, 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

Weston, near Ross.—The ringers of this parish have resigned, owing to a misunderstanding with the rector.

Foy.—This company of ringers has made fair progress, and on Saturday, May 4th, rang their first 120 Stedman Doubles. J. Phillips (foreman), 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; J. Cartwright, 3; F. Voyce, 4; R. Treherne, 5; R. Amies, 6. Tenor 10 cwt. Three young hands are coming on well for Grandsire Doubles. The son of the Rector of Foy, Mr. Wilton, has been appointed curate at Highbridge. He commenced change-ringing when at home some two years ago.

Upton Bishop.—On Monday evening, May 6th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rang with the assistance of ringers from Weston and Linton, and a member of the Midland Counties' Association (who happened to be working in the parish), from Beeston. T. Morgan, 1; J. Beacham, 2; G. Wilks, 3; H. Redding, 4; W. Davis, 3; H. Booth, 5; W. Oakley (foreman), 4; P. Davis, 6. Tenor 10 cwt. Mr. Havergal, nephew of the rector, has received an appointment in London. This company will now lose his services as a ringer.

Linton.—This company is short of its proper number of men, and can only make good practice when the son of the vicar, Mr. H. Palin, is at home.

Ross.—On Sunday evening, May 19th, for Divine Service, 700 Grandsire Triples, as a farewell touch with the instructor. H. Bird, 1; F. Turner, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; J. G. Wall (conductor), 4; H. Bussell, 5; J. Clarke, 6; A. Bird, 7; R. Clark, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. The junior members of this company are making good progress in Grandsire, viz.: Messrs. Cook, Brendon, Price, and Carradine, the latter recently being a member of St. Leonard's company, Bridgnorth.

Sutton St. Nicholas, near Hereford.—This tower has entered into union with the Hereford Diocesan Guild, the vicar, the Rev. A. D. F. Saunders, having joined as an honorary member, and the following ringers as probationers:—W. Davies (foreman), 1; W. Whiting, 2; J. Aldrich, 3; T. Philpotts, 4; R. Jenkins, 5; W. Bethell, 6; W. Dean, 8. They have had three lessons from the instructor. It is interesting to know that the Rev. A. D. F. Saunders is a direct descendant of the Rudhall family who were such eminent bellfounders a century ago.

The Ringers of Ross.—Under the conductorship of Mr. J. G. Wall,

and the assistance of the Guild instructor, this society is able to muster a half-dozen men fairly proficient in the four standard methods. New members are coming on, and good progress is being made generally. On May 5th, by permission of the Rev. F. B. Hawkshaw, rector, they paid a visit to Weston, and rang 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins.; a course and short touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor, conducted by W. H. Fussell; four 6-scores of Stedman, and one of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by E. Turner. Further touches of Minor were abandoned owing to a request to "please keep the tenor behind," many of the parishioners having a decided objection to Minor ringing. On Tuesday evening, May 14th, by permission of the rector of Foy, the Rev. C. T. Wilton, an excursion by trap was made to that tower, and ringing in four methods indulged in. The outward journey was commenced at five o'clock, a miniature set of light handbells—tenor about about two inches diameter—being handled at intervals along the drive. Two of the local ringers (Messrs. Cartwright and T. Phillips) rang some Stedman and Treble Bob with the visitors very creditably.

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."

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Will you kindly correct the mistake made in the date touch sent by me the week before last. It should read: "150 Forward Minor, 240 each of Carlisle, London Superlative, Wells, Cambridge, and Worcester, 60 Oxford Bob, and 239 Bob Minor." Whereas it reads: "120 Forward Minor, 260 Oxford Bob, and 60 Bob Minor."

Capel, Surrey.

D. JORDAN.

QUICK PEALS.

SIR,—I fail to understand "Grandsire Bob's" meaning by saying that the peal of Triples rung at Tenterden in three hours and three minutes was, as he called it, "getting over the physical part of the work easily." Supposing two men, A and B, were to walk a mile, A to walk it in five minutes, and B to walk it in seven minutes, "Grandsire Bob" would then say that A was doing away with the physical part of the work. Cannot see it. Can you?

QUICKER.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Will any reader of your esteemed journal state the exact, or as near as possible, the weight of the tenor bell at the priory church, Worksope, Notts—a peal of eight bells put in by Messrs. Warner and Sons a few years ago. The reason I ask is on account of the many different opinions of ringers.

ONE ANXIOUS TO KNOW.

THE RINGERS' PORTRAIT GALLERY.

SIR,—I highly appreciate the monthly publication of Ringers' Portraits, and, together with the biographical sketch of eminent ringers, supplies that valuable knowledge to the ringing fraternity of which we have long been in need of. I was sorry to read in the editorial column of 25th ult. a protest against the further issue of the portraits on account of the extra cost. I regret to say that in my opinion it is a meagre protest emanating from what quarter it may, and a feeling that ought not to exist. On the other hand, I maintain that "THE BELL NEWS" is doing a noble work—it enables us to see the names of our talented ringers in various parts of the country taking part in the long lists of intricate peals and achievements recorded from week to week. Although not personally acquainted with the performers, we are able to see in the pictures (as "Free Lance" truly puts it) the features, and learn some of the history of the prominent men of the Exercise, which should be a stimulus to the ringing community. I therefore think it should be the duty of all ringers to further the progress and prosperity of "THE BELL NEWS."

H. BENNETT.

Rowley Regis, Staffordshire.

[Many other letters to the same effect have been received; while three correspondents only object to the portraits, and that on the ground of cost. We thank our friends for their appreciation of the idea. It is found impossible to effect a reduction in price—the portraits being actual photographs costing us the additional sum. When the day comes that every ringer will spend a penny per week on the only paper provided expressly for him, a great reduction may take place.—Ed.]

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NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Never give up, there are chances and changes,
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"JAMES DWIGHT, the poet," I salute you; I lift my ten-and-sixpenny off my modest cranium in recognition of your joint accomplishments as ringer and versifier. I am not one of that fortunate number of individuals who have "been highly entertained" by your ballads, but—suffice it!—I have seen the semblance of your features, and am happy.

I shewed one of these portraits the other day to a friend of mine, who has made photography, lithography (and in fact several other similar "ographies") a special study for years, and who is considered no mean authority on these subjects. His opinion of it was a very favourable one indeed; and when I remarked some persons had objected to the cost of them he smiled a sort of half-incredulous half-contemptuous smile, and replied "Surely not; why, they are not only very cheap, but also very good; which two things unfortunately so seldom are found together." Here let me say that when "our" paper commenced, it was only eight pages at one penny; then it became twelve pages at one penny; we have reached the respectable size of sixteen pages and still at the same penny. And if ringers were like bicyclists or cricketers—able and willing to support their own organ, no doubt we could soon have twenty-four pages and a portrait included at one penny.

As our venerable friend Mr. Dwight has been honoured by a place in the "gallery," so, although in another manner, has good old Mr. John Fowler, of Wolverhampton. In the same month as Her Majesty the Queen, he has accomplished his "three-score-and-ten;" and I am right glad to read how clergy and ringers have met together in such numbers to pay him a token of respect on this occasion.

These references to our veteran brethren brings to mind the announcement of the death of that well-known Yorkshireman, Mr. William Sottanstill. Although this event was one which might have been expected any time, considering his great age, it does not on that account lose any of its sorrowful importance. The links which connect the past and present generation of ringers are fast disappearing, and without doubt a very prominent link has thus been severed in the death of the old and respected parish clerk of Sowerby. It was also singularly in keeping with the events of his life that he should have thus passed away as the bells ceased their ringing for evening service. While they were "calling the Church to pray," their sound was also, as it were, accompanying the soul of this faithful old christian in its flight to Him who gave it. And now his body rests beneath the shadow of that ancient church within which he had assisted so long in the service of his Lord, as Sunday school scholar, teacher, chorister, ringer, and parish clerk, and where, Sunday after Sunday, in the future will

"The bells so softly
O'er his grave their music pour,
Till the dust of Saints is garnered,
And the Master comes once more."

I shall be much surprised if I do not hear before long that the ringers of Yorkshire are about to raise some permanent memorial to the memory of one who has done such good service to the Exercise.

I cannot help complimenting the young company of Sandiacre, Derbyshire, on their twelve months' progress. This is all the more creditable to them, seeing that they were compelled to rely on books for their instruction in the art, and had not the great advantage of practical instruction. Well, I hope their desire to get two more bells will be accomplished, and that their progress on the octave will be as satisfactory as that on the smaller ring which has characterised their past.

Neither would I fail to note the kind labour of love bestowed on the Westbury band by Mr. J. Hern, which has resulted in raising the standard of ringing at that place so far above what it has ever been before. No doubt Mr. Hern will feel the reward of his self-denying labours in this improved state of affairs; and his example and success should be an additional incentive to others who are endeavouring to help on the work of the Exercise, to persevere in their efforts, and inspire them with a confident anticipation that although the look-out just now might be somewhat dark, with patience and perseverance, success will inevitably result in the long run.

And so Mr. John Jaggar, our esteemed brother of Burton-on-Trent, has "been and gone and taken unto himself a wife." I wish you joy, Mr. Jaggar, likewise your good lady, and trust you will both long live and ever remember with pleasure the day when your brother-strings of St. Paul's rang their jubilant peals in honour of your "splicing."

FREE LANCE.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

The Society meet for practice at the following Churches, viz:—
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ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

RINGERS' MEETING.—On last Saturday evening a meeting was held at the "King's Arm" to consider what steps should be taken to form a bell-ringers' association for the village. Canon Goodwyn was present, and it was decided to hold another meeting during the ensuing week. It certainly seems a pity that so fine a peal of bells, as to tone, should number only five. A sixth bell would materially add to the scope of ringing display, as with five bells only 120 changes can be rung, but with six this number could be increased to 720. Rotherfield tenor is a fine big bell 52 inches in diameter. Whilst they are about it the good folk of Rotherfield town should go in for three more bells, and make a grand peal of eight.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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.

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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 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 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Paul's church, Walkden, today, Saturday, June 8th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

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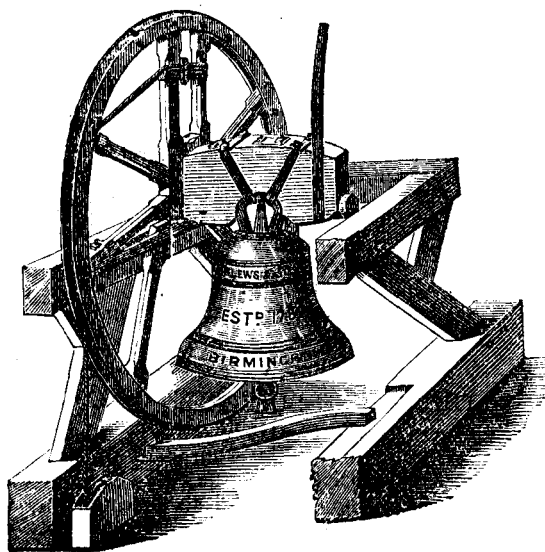
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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.
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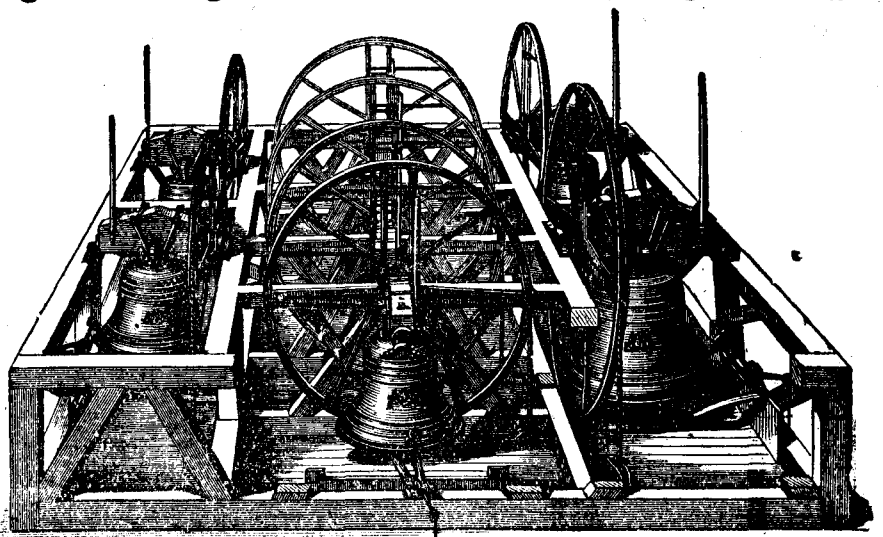
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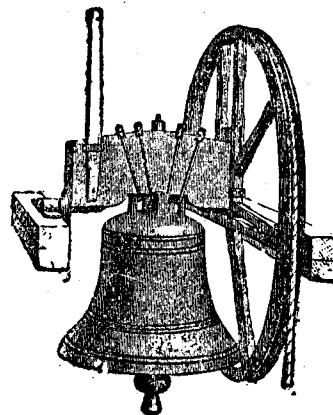
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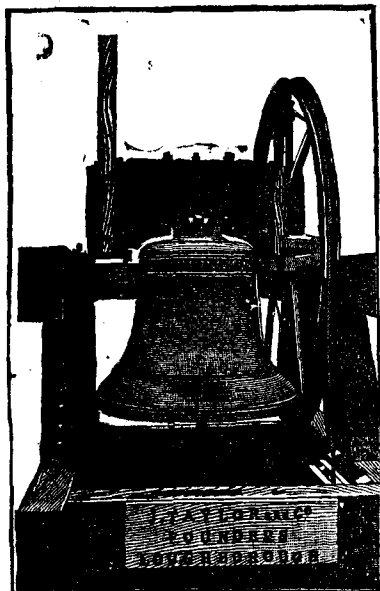
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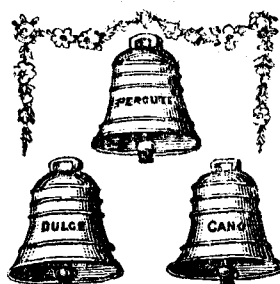
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